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<https://www.willand.devon.sch.uk/>

Congratulations to this weeks winner –



Cornwall with 255 points

Running total for the term:

Devon 1026	Dorset 932	Somerset 1169	Cornwall 1180
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Keep up the great work everyone!

Class Assembly

Class 4MC are holding their class assembly on **Friday** at 9.10 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Reception Messages:

Toys from Home

Staff have noticed that some children are bringing toys from home into school each day. Please could we ask that toys are not brought into school as we would like to avoid the children being upset, should the item become broken or lost.



Maths Magicians Workshop

Many thanks to all those parents who attended this weeks Reception workshop. We look forward to seeing you at our next session on Wednesday, 20th May.

School Focus Week – Zambia

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Nayamba School Meal campaign – **We raised a fantastic £747.37!**



School Milk

We would like to remind parents that they are able to order breaktime milk for next term at a cost of £7.65. Please order by following the link in the email sent out to parents last Friday.

Attendance

As part of Devon County Council's drive to improve school attendance, we will be sharing our attendance statistics with you for the week ending Friday, 20th March 2026

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	91.72	3	86.15
1	95.71	4	89.51
2	90.66	5	95.28
		6	91.90

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.88%

Car Parking in the village hall reminder



Whilst we really appreciate the support of our parents and families during school events, it is less pleasing to receive complaints from the village hall community with regards parent's behaviour towards their clients during bookings: This has a negative impact on the school's reputation!

Can we politely request that parents do not park in the village hall car park for school events as spaces are reserved for village hall clients.

Parents cars are at risk of being blocked in and hall users are not obliged to move vehicles during their booking.

Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

Included in our newsletter are the latest top tips from the National College. This week's theme is ...

'YouTube'

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

As always, if you have any questions relating to online safety, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online safety Lead)

Emails

We wanted to take a moment to remind you of the best ways to communicate with us to ensure your messages reach the right people quickly and efficiently. As first point of contact with specific questions or queries regarding your child(ren), please use the year group email addresses below:

yearr@willand.devon.sch.uk
year1@willand.devon.sch.uk
year2@willand.devon.sch.uk
year3@willand.devon.sch.uk
year4@willand.devon.sch.uk
year5@willand.devon.sch.uk
year6@willand.devon.sch.uk

Please avoid sending emails from 7 pm on Fridays to 7am on Mondays, use a schedule send if the weekend is your only opportunity to write the email.

For reporting absences: Please use our **dedicated absences email address** absences@willand.devon.sch.uk to notify us if your child will be absent from school

For requesting lunches: Please use our dedicated lunches email address lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk

To support the smooth running of our school and ensure that all pupils and staff are safe and focused on learning, we kindly ask that parents and carers avoid arriving at school wanting to have a meeting with staff immediately without booking an appointment.

Using these correct channels helps us ensure that important information doesn't get missed and that we can respond to you as quickly as possible.

If you're unsure which email address to use, please contact the school office office@willand.devon.sch.uk and we'll be happy to direct you.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain clear and effective communication.

SEND Information



Children, Young People and Families Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

We offer a free, confidential advice line for children, young people and families on the Neurodiversity Pathway in Plymouth and Devon.

Advice can include:

- Anxiety
- Diet
- Friendships
- Sleep
- Linking with other teams and services in your area
- School difficulties
- Support strategies



Contact us: 01752 435404 Monday - Friday, 09:00-17:00

Have your say:

Share feedback to help us improve our services. Use the QR code to complete the questionnaire.



We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

Join us at our online parent and carer workshop:

HELPING YOUR YOUNG PERSON STAY WELL DURING TESTS (PRIMARY)

Wednesday 25th March 2026 - 6-7pm

Joining link below!

- Learn about what worries may look and feel like for your young person.
- Explore some 'test tips' to support your young person with their wellbeing before and during tests.
- Support in exploring setting some goals with your young person around improving their mental health and any worries.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 363 824 409 580 27
Passcode: j3fn3B4c

Join us online

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PTFA NEWS

Easter Disco Tickets Sales close at 9pm TODAY

Please use this link to purchase your tickets: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q1L9RUM7>,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - You will need to add the following information when using the payment link to purchase your ticket:

- Email Address
- Emergency Contact Number
- Child's Name
- Child's Class

Without this information we may not be able to process your request.

Please note to be more environmentally friendly a physical ticket will not be issued, you will receive email confirmation of your purchase. On the night a register of all tickets purchased will be checked upon entry, therefore we regret to inform you that this event is advanced purchase only.

WILLAND SCHOOL EASTER DISCO



We are so excited to have your children join us for the Easter Disco on Friday! To ensure everyone has a safe and brilliant time, please take a moment to read our event guidelines:

ENTRANCE & EXIT

- **Entry:** Children must enter through the Reception doors (near the office).
- **Collection:** Children **must** be collected from the Reception door, please can parents wait on the school drive for collection and not gather around this door, this provides ample space for the teachers distributing the children.
- **For safety reasons, we will not allow any child to leave the building until we have visually identified their parent/guardian.**



FOOD & DRINK

- We are a Nut-Free school. Please do not bring any outside snacks into the disco.
- Squash/Water will be provided and our Tuck Shop will have a variety of snacks to purchase (please refer to the list advertised and note any allergens)
- All tuck shop items will be charged at 50p, where possible please can you send your children in with the correct money. The school and PTFA cannot be held responsible for losses if you send your children in with more money than they require.

PHOTOGRAPHY & PHONES

- To respect the privacy of all our pupils and follow safeguarding guidelines, we kindly ask that **no photos or videos** are taken by parents during the event.
- No phones are permitted for Children, please leave mobile phones at home.

WILLAND SCHOOL PTFA
EASTER DISCO!
Friday 27th March
Tuck Shop
Pick & Mix Cups (not suitable for vegetarians)
Fruitella (Vegan) - at KS1 Disco
Fruit Mentos (Vegan) - at KS2 Disco
Walkers (may contain Dairy)
Pom Bears (Vegan & Gluten Free) - at KS1 Disco
Popchips & Proper Chips (Vegan & Gluten Free) - at KS2 Disco
*** 50p Each ***

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VOLUNTEERS & PARENTS ATTENDING

- Parents are welcome to attend, this may be the case for the children in Reception as it is their first disco and may prefer a parent/guardian with them for comfort.
- If you are a parent that wishes to attend, please note no other siblings for other disco times or children that do not attend Willand School will be permitted.
- You will not be able to escort your child to the bathroom as other children may be using these facilities at the same time.
- Please take note of the photography/phone guide above

TIMINGS

- **KS1 Disco:** Starts at 4:30pm | Finishes at 5:30pm
- **Lower KS2 Disco (years 3 &4):** Starts at 5:45pm | Finishes at 6:45pm
- **Upper KS2 Disco (years 5&6):** Starts at 6:15pm | Finishes at 7:15pm
- Please be prompt for collection so we can transition between groups safely.

FIRST AID & WELLBEING

- Designated First Aiders are on-site.
- If your child has a medical condition we need to be aware of, please can you ensure you have informed the school ahead of the disco.
- We have a **Quiet Zone** available in classroom 4MC if any child feels overwhelmed by the noise or lights.

Thank you for your support in making this a safe and fun event for the children!

Willand School PTFA

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 29th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Menu Change	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	Fish Fingers	Non-Pupil Day	Bank Holiday
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Vegetarian Fingers		
Potato Wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar		
Meringue nests, peaches and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt		
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

Diary **DATES** *to remember...*

Fri 27th March	Class 4MC Assembly (Easter)
Fri 27th March	PTFA School Disco
Thurs 2 nd April	Non-pupil Day
Friday 3rd April	Start of Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term
Fri 1st May	Class 4H Assembly
Mon 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Fri 15th May	Class RMB Assembly
Mon 25 th – Fri 30 th May	Half Term
W/C Monday 1 st June	Multiplication Check
Friday 5th June	Class RT Assembly
W/C Monday 8 th June	Phonics Check
Wednesday 10 th June	Willand Welcome
Friday 12th June	Class 1G Assembly
Friday 19th June	Class 1HP - Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th June	Class & Sports Photographs
Friday 26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Transition Days for Cullompton CC & Uffculme School
Tues 7 th July	UKS2 Play – Dress rehearsal(pm)
Wed 8 th July	UKS2 Play – Performance 1(pm)
Thurs 9 th July	UKS2 Play – Performance 2(pm) UKS2 Play – Performance 3 (eve)
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Transition Days for CCC & Uffculme School
Friday 10 th July	Pupil reports out
Monday 13 th July	Teachers available for parents
Monday 20 th July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of Summer Term

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Kids Holiday Heroes

Wrap around care at Willand School

We are thrilled to welcome back Fun Science, the RSPCA, and Tiverton Museum. We would also like to welcome Animals Southwest for the first time, giving children the chance to hold, touch, and learn about reptiles, bugs, and furry animals.

Dates: Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th April
Willand School 8:30 - 16:00 cost £30

We accept childcare vouchers, UC and the tax-free childcare scheme.

Please book via our website - www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

WEEK 2: This year we are running a HAF camp during our second week from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th. This runs alongside our usual holiday camp. Please email us for booking link - bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk



HAF AT EASTER

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

13th - 16th April
9:00am - 1:00pm

This is a new addition to our usual camp that runs 8:30am - 4:00pm.

At Willand School
Gables Road, Willand,
Cullompton EX15 2QL

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE
Archery, axe throwing, den building, pool and darts, sports, arts and crafts, and much more.

Our HAF camp includes a free breakfast and cooked lunch.

The best way to book is online.
Book in advance as places are limited.

www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

Contact us by email to check eligibility and to find out more:
bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

BOOK ONLINE



FOLLOW US

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EASTER TIMETABLE			
8.30am - 4.00pm every day			
EASTER 2026 WEEK 1			
TUESDAY 7th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Football Dodgeball Lunch RSPCA Workshop LEGO MANIA (Building competition) or Arts & Crafts Home time 4.00pm Tax free childcare: Check if you are eligible for universal credit and tax credits which can contribute significantly to the cost of your childcare with us.	Tuesday's special guest RSPCA Workshop to educate children on animal welfare. RSPCA WEDNESDAY 8th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Cricket Basketball Lunch Tiverton Museum Workshop Axe throwing and Archery or Arts & Crafts Home time 4.00pm.	THURSDAY 9th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Tennis Bench ball Lunch Knot Tying & Den Building Workshop Board & Card Games or Arts & Crafts (Top Trumps, Ludo, Go, UNO and more!) Home time 4.00pm Wednesday's special guest Tiverton Museum Educational workshop	What we offer: • Ofsted registered staff • Fully trained first aiders • Safeguarding certificates Next attachment: Animals Southwest: Children will learn, touch and hold 3 different types of species. KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES Fun by teachers
FRIDAY 10th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Football Bench ball/dodgeball Lunch Outdoor Art (creating crazy creatures) Animal Southwest Workshop: Meet & learn about reptiles, bugs and furry animals. Home time 4.00pm			

EASTER TIMETABLE			
8.30am - 4.00pm every day			
EASTER 2026 WEEK 2			
MONDAY 13th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Fun Science Workshop Benchball Lunch Football or Arts & Crafts Axe throwing and Archery or Arts & Crafts Home time 4.00pm Tax free childcare: Check if you are eligible for universal credit and tax credits which can contribute significantly to the cost of your childcare with us.	Monday's special guest Fun Science: Fun science workshops led by Fun Science. Fun Science TUESDAY 14th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Tennis Basketball Lunch Model plane building using craft kits or Arts & Crafts LEGO MANIA (Building competition) or Arts & Crafts Home time 4.00pm	WEDNESDAY 15th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Cricket Arts & Crafts Lunch Den Building and knot tying workshop Tiverton Museum Workshop Home time 4.00pm Wednesday's special guest Tiverton Museum Educational workshop	What we offer: • Ofsted registered staff • Fully trained first aiders • Safeguarding certificates KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES Fun by teachers
THURSDAY 16th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Yogs Parachute Games Lunch Natural Boat building or Arts & Crafts Orienteering and Scavenger Hunt Home time 4.00pm			
FRIDAY 17th Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal) Warm up games Break Archery and Axe throwing Benchball Lunch Dodgeball K99 Bingo and Quiz with prizes Home time 4.00pm			

EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events



UPLOWMAN ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

5-12 YEARS OLD

HERP GUN BATTLES, FOOTBALL, ARTS & CRAFTS, DODGEBALL, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, EASTER ACTIVITIES, CRICKET, NIJJA WARRIOR & MUCH MORE!!

PRICES: STANDARD DAY - £24

TIMES: STANDARD - 8:30AM - 3:30PM

2026 Dates:
WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL
THURSDAY 16th APRIL
FRIDAY 17th APRIL

UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL
UPLOWMAN
TIVERTON
EX16 7DN

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/04/15/uplowman-village-hall-easter-holiday-camps-2026>

More information: james@primary-sports.co.uk / 07415293798

Please note that we are unable to check on the validity of the companies or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children have the correct police checks.

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Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

▶ YOUTUBE ▶

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction - especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic - a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember - the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and - in the worst cases - online predators. If a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm - children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' - where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin - is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from changing modes age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material - and, if applicable, with content creators - to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by 'preschool' (4 and under), 'younger' (ages 5 to 8) and 'older' (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' - so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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