



Congratulations to

this weeks winner – Cornwall with 254 points

Running total for the term:

Devon	Dorset	Somerset	Cornwall
387	456	413	527

Keep up the great work everyone!

Class Assembly

3P class are holding their class assembly on **Friday, 28th November** 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 Wishlist

As we look to enrich the learning experiences we offer through our continuous provision in Reception, we're reaching out to our wonderful community for support. With the festive season approaching, many families begin to clear out gently used items to make space for new ones. This presents a perfect opportunity to donate pre-loved resources that could find a second life in our setting.

If you have any of the following items in good condition that you're willing to part with, we'd be incredibly grateful to receive them. Your donations will not only support our children's learning and play but also contribute to a more sustainable approach by reducing waste and promoting reuse.

We are looking for the following items:

- Puppets
- Hats
- Reading glasses
- Office equipment such as keyboards, mice, screens-
- Magnetic tiles
- Children's building blocks
- Diaries, notebooks, calendars (unused)
- Sieves-Cushions
- Baking trays
- Rolling pins
- Wooden chopping boards
- Photo frames

If you have any of these items and are willing to donate them to us, please drop them in to the school office or give them to one of the reception teachers on the gate. Thank you.

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, 14th November 2025.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	93.26	3	98.60
1	97.88	4	96.63
2	91.36	5	95.48
		6	95.93

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Christmas Lunch Order

If you haven't already done so, please **complete and return the slip whether or not your child requires a Christmas meal**



(Wednesday, 17th December). If your child is having a lunch on this day, please indicate whether they would like Christmas pudding with cream or ice cream or jelly & ice cream.

Thank you for your continued support

Naomi Tottle

Headteacher

Safeguarding Information –

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay Safe. Programme

Please find attached a letter from Miss Tottle, informing you that Willand School are participating the above programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. Is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

We would be grateful if parents and carers inform us if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

For more information about the Speak out. Stay safe. Programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



Attached are the latest top tips from the National College. This week's theme is ...

'Pokemon TCG Pocket'

According to Pokémon TCG Pocket has exploded in popularity, with over 100 million downloads worldwide 🌐. The mobile trading card game is packed with quick battles ⚡, colourful decks 🎴, and the thrill of opening booster packs 📦 – but the excitement can come at a cost 💰.

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide helps trusted adults navigate the risks – from addictive spending habits to endless new card sets. With tips on monitoring purchases, 🛒 managing play time ⌚, and encouraging fairness 🤝, our expert advice supports parents and educators in keeping young players safe while still enjoying the game.

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

SEND Information

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A DAY

10 ways to help balance your physical and mental health

visit: normalmagic.co.uk



We kicked off the new Comic Drawing Club by drawing ourselves on our front covers of our books and creating our very own characters! Everyone got creative and shared their ideas, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces. A fantastic start to the year!

Milo "The Cool Guy" from Year 3 transformed into a full-on Superhero – ready to save the day!

Meet Sparkle, created by Serenity in Year 3 – her superpower? Ice power!

Macie from Year 4 captured herself perfectly on paper – her self-portrait looked amazing!

Meet Selena, brought to life by Orla in Year 4 – her catchphrase? "Let's Play!"

Meet Super Sasha, dreamt up by Annie in Year 4 – this superhero has one big dislike: FROGS!

Meet Sienna, Sorchia's (Year 4) superhero – spreading kindness with her catchphrase: "Helping people is what I do!"

Alexander, created by Sasha in Year 4, is a superhero who always knows how to dress to impress!

Meet Wren, Imogen's (Year 3) fiery hero – superpowers and PIZZA make the perfect combo!



This week in Comic Club, we explored how to show emotions on our characters. Everyone noticed how unique each other's drawing style is – and we celebrated every single one! Creativity was in the air.

This is Bob by Jasper in Year 4 – and he's in a very happy mood!

Henry in Year 3 drew a super-happy version of himself... complete with brilliant eyebrows!

Meet Tom, created by Veni in Year 3 – he's feeling happy

Connor in Year 4 created a bright, happy picture of himself!

Ollie in Year 4 recreated his favourite cartoon style to make this fun, surprised character!

Meet Dennis, created by Year 3's Justin, who's feeling scared and excited!

Meet Joe's Year 3 creation – bursting with excitement!

Sam's (Year 3) character Dennis is enjoying a happy stroll with his dog!

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PTFA NEWS....

The ordering portal is now open on My Child's Art!. The leaflet detailing how to order your child's unique artwork should have now reached you, there is a 10% discount code that can be used on any purchases up until 1st December.

Many thanks



Diary

to remember...

Friday 21 st November	Parent Tour for Reception '26 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm
Friday 28th November	Class 3P Assembly
Tuesday 9 th December	Y1 & 2 Play Dress Rehearsal @ 1:45pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Y1 & 2 Play @ 9:30am & 1.30 pm
Thursday 11 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration @ 9:15am
Monday 15 th December	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th December	Non pupil Day
Monday 22 nd December	Start of Christmas Holiday

For full calendar of events, please click below – <https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf>

EVENTS

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

CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM
29th November to 23rd December

90 years

It's all aboard the postal train as we deliver letters to Father Christmas!

Can you find all the letters hidden around the museum, so that we can send them on their way?

See the museum transformed for the festive period and post your own letter to Father Christmas in our Christmas post box.*

Father Christmas
c/o Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life

*Part of normal admission.

VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS!
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 4 - 6pm
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 10.30am - 1.30pm

Explore the museum and make a festive decoration as part of your ticket.
Children £8.50 Normal adult admission applies.
Booking essential.

TIVERTON MUSEUM
of Mid Devon Life

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00-4:00
www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ
01884 256295
Registered charity 1181976

FOLLOW US @TivertonMuseum

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.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 24th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausage Rolls	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese & onion pasty	Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetarian Fingers
Potato Wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta/mash Baked Beans/ Peas 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	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Cocktail and Ice-cream 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

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Kids Holiday Heroes


Wrap around care at Willand School

Great news! KHH is now staying open later — Monday–Thursday until 6:00 PM and Friday until 5:30 PM. We're extending our hours to support more access and flexibility. Extended hours are starting 24th November.

For further questions, please email bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk



WILLAND
WRAP AROUND CARE



BOOK NOW

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

3:30PM - 4:30PM

- Monday: Lego Club
- Tuesday: Arts & Crafts Club
- Wednesday: Card Game Club
(Top trumps, UNO etc)
- Thursday: Hama Beads & Bracelet Making Club
- Friday: Film Club



KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers



WILLAND
WRAP AROUND CARE
AT WILLAND SCHOOL



Kids Holiday Heroes offer wrap around care for children from year 2 to year 6

Breakfast Club
8.00am - 9.00am

After School Club
3.30pm - 6.00pm*

Monday - Friday,
during school term time
*until 5.30pm on Fridays.

At Willand School



BOOK ONLINE

Choose times that suit you. Our online booking system is always open. Please book in advance as places are limited



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

AGE RESTRICTION
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Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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