

**Congratulations to this weeks winner –
Cornwall with 221 points**



Running total for the term:

Devon **Dorset** **Somerset** **Cornwall**
802 830 846 899

Well done everyone!

Class Assembly

Class RT are holding their class assembly on **Friday, 5th June** 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.

Willand School Class Lists for 2026/27

Thank you to those parents who have already completed the class list friendship form. For those who have yet to submit their child's choices, please complete by using the following link:

[Willand School Class lists for 2026/2027 – Fill out form](#)

We would like to remind parents of the following:

-Write the names of 4 friends within the same year group. Please do not just repeat a choice 4 times.

-**Return the form by 9am on Friday 5th June** so that we are able to use them in our class planning process.

-**We regret, we will not be able to consider preferences if we receive your form after the above time/date.**

-A separate form needs to be completed for each child and siblings cannot be done together.

Year 6 Girls Football Report

On Tuesday 19th May, Willand played in a girls football tournament at Uffculme Secondary School. We sent two teams, and both represented the school magnificently. There were some close matches, including a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Sampford Peverell, and we also played against teams from Kentisbeare and Duchy. Part two of the competition will be after half-term, but at this stage, both teams are well-placed, with one of our sides even winning every match and only conceding one goal!

Well done to all of the girls who took part.



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, 15th May 2026.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	97.93	3	97.06
1	94.63	4	95.65
2	93.28	5	90.97
		6	96.51

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.84%

PE Timetable

Please see below the PE timetable for the start of next term, w/c Monday 20th April.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception			X		X
Y1G	X		X		
Y1HP	X			X	
Y2R		X		X	
Y2T				X	Swimming
Y3P	X		X		
Y3WL	X			X	
Year 4		X			X
Y5C				X	X
Y5S		X		X	
Year 6			X		X

May Half Term Break

Staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to seeing to school on **Monday, 1st June.**

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



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

'Online Grooming'

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalization, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

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

SEND Information



Who we are

Parent Talk offers free advice for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 19 in the UK. We can support families with disabled and neurodivergent young people up to age 25.

Whatever your background or experiences, we're here for you. We know that everyone's challenges are unique, and we provide a welcoming and inclusive space for all.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/about/>



Self-care Information
Head lice & nits
Tips on how you can self treat head lice in adults and children
"Supporting you to look after you"

Key advice:

- Avoid head to head contact, or sharing hair brushes if you or your child have head lice.
- The 'wet combing' method can be very effective at getting rid of headlice.
- Special combs can be bought online or in pharmacies.
- If the 'wet combing' method has not worked, you may need a medicated lotion or spray. These can be bought in the supermarket or at a pharmacy. Speak to your local pharmacy for advice.

What are head lice and nits?

Head lice are small insects that live in the hair, and can be up to 3mm long. They can't jump or fly, but can walk from one head to another. They soon die when away from hair.



They can be difficult to spot, and the only way to be sure someone has head lice is to find a live louse using a special fine-toothed comb.

Nits are the empty egg cases that can be found in the hair.



Other possible signs of having head lice are:

- Having an itchy scalp.
- Having a rash on the back of your neck.
- Feeling like something is moving in your hair

How do I treat head lice?

Medicated lotions and sprays may not always be needed, and the 'wet combing' method can be very effective at getting rid of head lice.

Let your pharmacist know if you take any other medicines, or if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, as this may affect which treatments you can use safely.

The 'Wet Combing' Method

- Wash your hair with ordinary shampoo.
- Apply lots of conditioner to the hair (any conditioner will do).
- Comb the whole head of hair from the roots to the ends using a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). These can be bought online or from a pharmacy.
- It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long or curly hair.
- Use this method on days 1, 5, 9 and 13, so you can catch any newly hatched lice.
- Check everyone's hair again on day 17 to make sure they are free of lice.



If you do need medicated treatment, this can be bought from a supermarket or pharmacy. Some medicated treatments may need repeating after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Head Lice Facts and Myths

True
✓ Head lice can infect both clean and dirty hair.
✓ Head lice can infect both long and short hair.
✓ Head lice walk from head to head.
✓ Head lice only cause itching if you are allergic to the bites or poo.
✓ Head lice can be treated without using chemicals.
False
✗ Head lice can jump from one head to another.
✗ You will always have an itchy head or scalp.
✗ Head lice prefer clean hair.
✗ Head lice prefer long hair.
✗ You need to keep children off school.

Here are some useful links to further information

NHS Website	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/
Patient Websites	https://patient.info/childrens-health/head-lice-and-nits/ https://patient.info/childrens-health/head-lice-and-nits/ https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/head-lice-and-nits/



Or visit your local pharmacy for advice

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PTFA NEWS

◉ SUMMER DISCO TICKETS NOW ON SALE ◉

Please use this link to purchase your tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/summer-disco-8>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - You will be required to input the below information before being able to purchase a ticket

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

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.

** Cash payments will be accepted via the school office alongside the required information*

What will be at the disco:

- A DJ playing a variety of music and class song requests
- Quiet Room with various activities (Included in ticket price)
- Unlimited Squash (Included in ticket price)
- Tuck Shop - Children can purchase a snack on the night (List of items on sale will be released soon, our aim is to keep cost to a minimum at around 50p per item)

We are also looking for parent Volunteers to help at the Disco, if you are able to be there to support us please email us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

🍩 TUCK SHOP 🍩

Friday 22nd May (weather permitting)

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Variety of crisps & sweets on sale!

Prices start from 50p

Cash preferred, Card payments accepted (£1 minimum spend)

If you are able to help us on 22nd, please contact us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com



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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 1st June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognaise	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				

[Summer 2026 Menu](#)

Kids Holiday Heroes

Kids Holiday Heroes are back at **Willand School** for the May half term break!

Our camp is run by experienced staff who are motivated to keep children active and engaged in curriculum linked activities during the holidays.

We have attached our leaflet and timetable and we would really appreciate if you could share these with parents at your school.

Who: Holiday Club for children aged between 5 to 12. £33 per day.

When 8:30am-4:00pm Tuesday 26th May to 29th May inclusive

What: We are running a variety of special guests, outdoor sports and craft-based programme with a range of fun and curriculum linked activities.

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

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

Diary *to remember...*

Mon 25 th – Fri 30 th May	Half Term
W/C Monday 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Friday 5 th June	Class RT Assembly
W/C Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Wednesday 10 th June	Willand Welcome
Friday 12 th June	Class 1G Assembly
Friday 19 th June	Class 1HP - Assembly
Tues 23 rd June	KS2 Sports Day – LKS2 am - UKS2 pm
Thurs 25 th June	Class & Sports Photographs
Fri 26 th June	KS1 Sports Day -am
Tues 30 th June	Year 6 Transition Days for CCC & Uffculme School
Tues 30 th June	KS1 Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3 rd July	KS2 Reserve Sports Day -LKS2 am -UKS2 pm
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)
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

For full calendar of events, please click below:

[Calendar of events 2025-26](#)

WILLAND MAY TIMETABLE			
8.30am – 4.30pm every day			
TUESDAY 26th Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal Warm up games Break Football Basketball Lunch NEW: Nerf Gun War! or Arts & Crafts/Games room Lego Building Competition or Arts & Crafts/Games room Home time 4.30pm Childcare vouchers: We also accept childcare vouchers. Please email us for more information.	Wednesday's special guest Fun Science Drama workshop led by GCJ WEDNESDAY 27th Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal Warm up games Break Tennis Cricket Lunch Slime workshop led by Fun Science Den building and knot tying workshop or Arts & Crafts/Games room Home time 4.30pm	THURSDAY 28th Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal Warm up games Break Football Dodgeball Lunch Orienteering and Scavenger Hunt Archery and Axe throwing or Arts & Crafts/Games room Home time 4.30pm Alternative activities: Each day, children can participate in a range of arts and crafts activities.	Friday's special guest Tiverton Museum Roman's Workshops FRIDAY 29th Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal Warm up games Break NEW: Nerf Gun War! Benchball Lunch Lego Building or Arts & Crafts/Games room Home time 4.30pm Romans Workshop: Making shields, viewing artefacts and practicing battle formations.
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. What we offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted registered • DBS registered staff • Fully trained first aiders • Safeguarding certificates 			

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EVENTS

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

Colyton Grammar School
Registration for Year 7 entry for 2027 is open

"A calm and inspiring haven of education"
The Good Schools Guide

Join us on our open days for
2027 Year 7 Entry

- One of England's top performing state schools
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2 Higher St, Cullompton, EX15 1AJ

OUR OFFERS

- New NHS Patients, 15 years of age and under
- A new payment plan for Private Treatment
- 0% APR Finance Plans

Register now!
01884 33700

See more information on:
<https://cullomptondental.co.uk>



Just to let you know we are running a holiday camp at Willand School this May, we are excited to welcome Fun Science for an amazing Slime Workshop, where children can get hands-on with exciting experiments and create their own slime creations to take home.

We are also thrilled to be working with Tiverton Museum, who will be delivering a fantastic interactive workshop including Shield making, Historical artefacts and Battle formations workshop.

NEW:

NERF WARS! Children will take part in fun team missions, target games, and action-packed Nerf battles in a safe and supervised environment. Safety goggles and Nerf guns provided.

Alongside these special activities, children will also enjoy a wide range of sports, games, arts & crafts, team challenges, and outdoor adventures throughout the week.

Willand - Extended hours!

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May

Willand School

8:30 - 16:30

£33

In addition to Willand, we are also running holiday clubs in the following locations:

Awliscombe

Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th May

Awliscombe School

8:30 - 16:30

£33

Feniton

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 28th May

Feniton School

8:30 - 16:30

£33

If your child would like to join us for these fantastic activities, please book today here at <https://www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk/> to secure your place. We look forward to welcoming your children for a fun-filled week

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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and reliable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



See full reference list on our website

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