

**Congratulations to this weeks winner –
Somerset with 234 points**



Running total for the term:

Devon	Dorset	Somerset	Cornwall
1189	1237	1325	1290

Keep up the great work, one more week to go!



As we start to prepare for the end of term, we also start to get ready to say goodbye to a number of staff members;

After over 28 years in the school Office Mrs Parr will be retiring. We wish her all the very best of luck in her retirement and thank her for her dedicated service.

Mrs Hawkins has been a mealtime assistant for over 20 years; she will also be retiring. We thank her for all her hard work over the years.

Mr Haddon will be moving to work in a school in Exeter.

Miss Catton will be moving to work in a school in Cullompton.

We thank them both for their hard work and wish them all the very best of luck in their new ventures.

Strong Plastic Bags Urgently Required

Please could children bring to school, a strong plastic bag to take home their books next Tuesday.

Lost Property

The lost property mountain has returned! Over the next few days we will be bringing out the lost property containers for people to have a look through. All uncollected items will be disposed of over the summer break.

Moving forward, please ...

- ensure that all their children's belongings are named as it helps us to return misplaced items to the rightful owner!

- remind children not to bring in to school, items that are precious to them.

- can parents return any items that may have been misplaced in their children's bags to return them to school.

Many thanks for your support with this.

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

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	96.03	3	96.98
1	96.36	4	94.44
2	94.11	5	94.35
		6	94.76

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.84%



Year 6 End of Term Celebrations

Parents will have received a letter informing them we will be holding a **leaver's party** for our Year 6 children on Monday, 20th July between 4:30pm-6:30pm and would be grateful if the reply slip could be returned to school as soon as possible.

The **Year 6 leavers assembly** will be in the school hall on Tuesday, 21st July @ 2pm. All Year 6 parents are welcome to join us.

Year 6 SATs Results

SATs results are currently due on Thursday 16th July, we will inform pupils on the day and send out the official results letter by Friday.

Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We currently are recruiting for a permanent General TA from September 2026. 28.75 hours a week. [General teaching assistant - Willand School - Teaching Vacancies - GOV.UK](#) Deadline this Friday, 17th July.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



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

'Tech-free Summer for Teens'

For many 11-16 year olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socializing, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5-18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

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

SUMMER Savings

Families can make the most of the new **Great British Summer Savings** scheme this summer, helping to make days out and family activities more affordable.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, VAT has been temporarily reduced from **20% to 5%** on children's meals in restaurants, family and children's tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to many attractions. In addition, children aged **5-15** can travel on buses for free throughout August in England.

The scheme aims to help families enjoy enriching cultural, educational and leisure experiences during the school holidays while easing financial pressures. Families can find participating attractions near them by using the attraction finder at <https://summersavings.gov.uk>, where they can search by postcode and discover local offers and discounts.



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PTFA NEWS...

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Friday 17th July
3:15pm - 4:00pm

Variety of crisps, sweets & drinks on sale!
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(Full list of items on sale and prices will be advertised on the PTFA Facebook page)

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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 20th July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	Start of the Summer Holidays
Pork meatballs	Chicken Nuggets	Sausages	
<i>Vegan balls</i>	<i>Quorn Dippers</i>	<i>Quorn sausages</i>	
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/ waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Ice cream and fruit 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

[Summer 2026 Menu](#)

Diary	To remember...
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 SCHOOL PTFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE
📅 **THURSDAY 16th JULY 2026**

TIME
🕒 **6:30 PM**

VENUE
🏠 **THE SCHOOL HALL**

All parents, teachers, and staff are warmly invited to attend and participate in shaping the PTFA's future.

Join us to find out how you can support our school.

The agenda will include a review of last year, the financial report, the election/re-election of the committee, planning future events and AOB.

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EVENTS

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



**KEY STAGE 1 & 2
AGE 5 - 11**

**INTRODUCTORY
SUMMER HOCKEY
SESSIONS**

4 WEEK TRIAL
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

- Monday or Tuesday afternoons from 4 pm - 5 pm
- £10 per child for all 4 sessions (places are limited to 12 children)
- No experience needed
- Sessions will be held indoors
- Bring your **energy and shin pads** - we'll provide the hockey sticks and the fun!

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Please let us know which school year your child is in.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

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1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE

Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT

Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES

Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS

A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL

For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE

Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES

Rather than simply saying, "Put your phone away", turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY

Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE

If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS

Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

Meet Our Expert

The National College provides expert-led training and resources to support schools, trusts and education settings worldwide. Its guidance helps parents and educators understand the issues affecting children and young people today, covering topics such as safeguarding, wellbeing, digital safety, and healthy development.

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