

Learning for Life
Friday, 4th September 2026

'Welcome Back to School' We hope that you all had great summer breaks and you are fully refreshed following the hot summer term. We really look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

School Updates for the 2026/27 academic year

We implemented a number of new initiatives/systems last year to celebrate the children and their achievements. These were really successful and we are hoping to build on these this year with the following:

- **House Points**- we will be continuing to issue house points following the successful implementation of the system last year. At the end of last year, we discussed with the school council and House Captains/Vice Captains implementing a reward for the winning house at the end of each half-term and the children came up with some great ideas - we can't wait to see which house wins and which reward they choose!

- **Achievement Assembly** - to capitalise on the success of the weekly Willand Wonder assemblies, we are going to introduce a termly achievement assembly. Each phase (Rec&KS1, LKS2 and UKS2) will decide on the winner of a number of awards (to be decided but to include things like reading, writing, maths, creative arts, sportsperson etc.) Parents will be invited (without your child(ren) knowing). We want to continue to celebrate our pupils and promote both progress/achievement and values. The first one of these will be on Friday, 18th December.

- **Birthdays** - children are encouraged to wear their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls on the weekend or during a school holiday, they can wear it on the final school day before their birthday or the first school day after. Please be mindful of days when children will be expected to wear school uniform on school trip days and when the school photographer and change the birthday non-uniform day accordingly. We look forward to celebrating their birthdays with them! Just a reminder that we do not bring gifts/treats in to share with the class on these days due to allergies.

Please note: This is voluntary and birthday children can wear their uniform if they wish.

- **Willand Wonder** - we will continue with our Willand Wonder assemblies on Fridays. Just a reminder that we love to celebrate the children's achievements out of school during these assemblies, no matter what they are, so please encourage your child(ren) to bring any trophies, medals, certificates or photos in to share with the school on this day.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

Please find information below regarding arrangements for the start of the new school year.

Drop off – Reception children, with their older siblings, will drop off at the park gate by the Jubilee playground at 8:50am. However, children from Years 1 to 6 will be able to be dropped off at any of the other school gates between 8:50 and 8:55am. Staff will be present at each of these entrances and children will be directed to make their way to their classrooms.

Pick up – collection will continue to be organised as it was last year, with specific year groups being released through set gates at set times.

If you have more than one child attending school, they will continue to **leave through your youngest child's pick-up** gate at the designated time for their own year group.

Time	Silver St	Park	Drive	Somerlea
3.25pm		Reception	Year1	Year 2
3.30pm	Year 5 & Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	

Parent Parking

The Village Hall Trustees have kindly agreed to parent parking in the hall car park for 30 minutes at both the start and end of the school day. Please can we also remind parents not to use the staff car park. Many thanks for your support.



Year 3 Parents ...

...on Monday, please look out for an email informing you about Bromcom school lunch payments. This will be shortly followed by another email giving you all of your login details which will need to be actioned asap!

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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PE Timetable – September 2026

Please find below the PE timetable for the first half of the autumn term. The PE timetable changes every half-term due to the change of the class who swims. Children should wear their PE kit from the first day if that is their timetabled slot however, please note that PE lessons may not begin during the first week of term. Individual teachers will decide whether to timetable PE during this period depending on their class routines and settling-in activities.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RMB		X			X
RT		X		X	
Y1G	X				X
Y1HP	X		X		
Year 2			X	X	
Y3P	X				X
Y3WL	X		X		
Y4MC		X			swimming
Y4W	X	X			
Y5C				X	X
Y5S		X			X
Year 6			X		X

Medicine Administered during the School Day

If you wish for your child to have medicine in school, including inhalers, would you please complete a Medical Form which can be downloaded from the Information Section of the website, or a copy can be obtained from the school office. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires medication such as antibiotics, you will need to bring this into the school office each morning and collect it from the office at the end of the day. Please provide a medicine spoon.

Children with asthma – Schools are now required to have on file an up to date copy of everyone's 'My Asthma Plan' and would be grateful if parents could attach a copy of this to their newly completed medication forms.

A reminder to those parents of children whose medication is still in school from before the holidays – this may need renewing and please complete a new form for this year and bring the medicine(s) into the school office.

Mealtime Assistant Vacancy

We are looking for friendly, reliable and caring Mealtime Assistants to join our school team. You will play a vital role in supporting pupils during the lunchtime period, ensuring a safe, positive and enjoyable mealtime experience.

About the Role

Your main focus will be to help supervise children during lunch and support the smooth running of the dining environment.

Key responsibilities include:

- Setting up and clearing the dining room before and after service
- Supervising pupils to ensure safe, positive behaviour
- Encouraging good table manners and cleanliness
- Assisting children with cutlery where needed

Hours 11:45 to 1:15 5 days a week Term time only.
(7.5 hours a week)

Pay: £13.28 an hour

Deadline for applications: Monday 14th September 9am.

If you are interested in this role please collect an application form from the school office or email admin@willand.devon.sch.uk.

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**Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing
Monday, 7th September**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Oven baked Pork meatballs <i>GF/DF</i>	Homemade lasagne <i>GF</i>	Gammon and pineapple <i>GF/DF</i>	Oven baked Sausages <i>GF/DF</i>	Oven baked Salmon Fingers <i>GF/DF</i>
Oven baked Vegan balls in homemade tomato sauce <i>DF</i>	Veg pasta bake <i>GF/DF</i>	Homemade Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages <i>DF</i>	Cheese & onion omelette <i>GF</i>
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Garlic bread Mixed veg Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/peas Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Rice pudding 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 Autumn 2026 Menu Allergen List				

D	A	T	E	S	<i>To remember...</i>
Monday 7th September	Start of Autumn Term				
Friday 23 rd October	Non-Pupil Day				
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October	Half Term				
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term				
Monday 4 th January	Non-Pupil Day				
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term				
Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th February	Half Term				
Thurs 25 th March	Last Day of Spring Term				
Fri 26 th & Mon 29 th March	Easter Bank Holidays				
Tuesday 30 th March	Start of Easter Holiday				
Monday 12 th April	Start of Summer Term				
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday				
Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June	Half Term				
Thursday 22 nd July	Last Day of Summer Term				



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