



Congratulations to this weeks winner – Devon with 250 points

Running total for the term:

Devon	Dorset	Somerset	Cornwall
821	1027	893	860

Keep up the great work everyone!

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for all of your harvest donations.

The Y6 House Captains, Vice Captains and Chair/Vice Chair of the School Council carried 23 bags and boxes of donations down to the Willand Pantry yesterday morning so that we can continue to support the local community.



Class 2R Assembly

Unfortunately, Class 2R have postponed their planned class assembly this term. It has now been scheduled for Friday, 16th April.

Parent Consultations

Thursday 15th October and Tuesday 20th October

Thank you to those parents who have already made their parent consultation appointment. If you have not yet booked a slot, it's not too late as the booking system is still open and can be accessed by clicking on the following link <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Individual and Family Photographs – This Friday!

We would like to remind parents that our photographer will be in school this coming Friday, 9th October.



Please can children who normally have PE on Friday wear school uniform rather than PE kits.

If your child has a younger sibling (not attending Willand School) and you would like a family photo taken, then please arrive from 8am. Photos will be in the new studio and the route will be signposted from the school drive. These are family photos so are for babies and up to starting school age. Siblings currently in school will have both an individual and family photo taken during the school day.

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	95.96	3	95.27
1	96.27	4	99.25
2	97.09	5	96.41
		6	94.52

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.27%

More Sporting Success for Willand School!

On Tuesday 6th October the Hi Five's Netball and Basketball teams played in a Primary Cluster tournament at Uffculme School.

The Netball team played amazingly, winning all four of their matches beating Uffculme, Hemyock and Kentisbeare.

They demonstrated excellent teamwork throughout, creating space, making accurate passes and nearly always getting the rebound. Each and every player showed strength and determination -Mrs Bosworth was extremely proud. What a team!! Well done Willand Rhinos!



The Basketball team also won all of their four matches! All of the players worked tirelessly achieving excellent results – 7-0, 3-0, 7-1 and 8-2. Fantastic teamwork was also demonstrated throughout enabling speed and accuracy. Well done Willand Wizards!



Teaching/Mealtime Assistant Vacancies

We currently are recruiting for teaching/mealtime assistants in the infant years. For further details please see the Devon Jobs website.

Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



This week's theme is ...

'How Can I Support my Child to Understand AI'

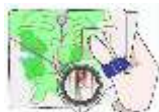
Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming a regular part of children's lives through search engines, apps, games and learning tools. Used well, AI can support creativity, curiosity and learning, but children also need help understanding that AI can make mistakes, provide inaccurate information and create content that is not always real. **Parents** can support their children by talking openly about how AI works, encouraging them to question what they see online, checking information from trusted sources, and reminding them never to share personal information with AI tools or chatbots. **For** practical advice and conversation starters, visit the Internet Matters guide for families:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/> and the NSPCC's guidance on talking to children about AI: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-to-children-about-ai/> [[internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)] [[nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)]

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

Class 4MC Swimming

Thank you to all parents who have already made a voluntary contribution towards this ongoing activity. If you have overlooked this, contributions can still be accepted online at www.schoolgateway.com or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £22.62 for all sessions (£3.77 per session). Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council. Please help us to provide this activity by continuing to support the school.



Year 4 Orienteering – Tuesday, 13th October

Thank you for the voluntary contribution already made towards the Year 4

Orienteering. If you have overlooked this, contributions can still be accepted online at www.schoolgateway.com or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £3.77. Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council.

Nasal Flu Vaccination – Thursday, 19th November

We would like to remind parents that this is an **opt-in** programme and you should sign up using the following link: [Flu Vaccination Consent Form](#)

devon.cc/familyhubs
find your nearest Family Hub

whether you need advice, support, or just someone to talk to Family Hubs help you find the right help at the right time

open to all parents and carers of children aged 0-19 (25 if you have additional needs)

BEST START IN LIFE

Devon County Council

support available in person on the phone and online

call 0800 538 5458
monday - friday
10am - 4pm

Request support online

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free app with parenting tips & advice

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🎃 ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO 🎃 Ticket

Sales will close at 8pm on Wednesday 14th October

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

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)

Children can wear fancy dress to the disco if they wish however, we kindly ask that all costumes are age appropriate and fun, not scary! and especially none that cover the face. We all need to be mindful that some children may be sensitive to certain types of costumes and hope that you can comply with the above, we have the right to refuse entry if anyone fails to comply.

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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 12th October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza <i>GF/DF</i>	Homemade Italian Bolognese <i>GF/DF</i>	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing <i>GF/DF</i>	Homemade Sausage Rolls <i>GF/DF</i>	Oven baked Fish Fingers <i>GF/DF</i>
Cheese pizza <i>GF/DF</i>	Quorn chicken noodles <i>DF</i>	Cheese & onion pasty	Cauliflower Cheese in homemade sauce	Oven baked Vegetarian Fingers <i>DF</i>
Potato wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh carrots & swede 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	Healthy fruit crumble Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Cocktail and Ice-cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade healthy flapjack 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				

Diary		to remember...	
Thursday 8 th October		Uffculme School Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 6pm-8pm	
Friday 9 th October		Family & Individual Photos	
Tuesday 13 th October		Year 4 Orienteering	
Thursday 15 th October		Parent Consultations	
Friday 16 th October		Class 2R Assembly-Postponed! Now planned for Fri 16 th April	
Tuesday 20 th October		Parent Consultations	
Friday 23 rd October		Non-Pupil Day	
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October		Half Term	
Tuesday 3 rd November @ 9:30am & 1:30pm		Parent Tours for Reception 2027 – Please phone or email Willand School office to book a slot: Tel No 01884 820367 E: office@willand.devon.sch.uk	
Thursday 5 th November @ 9:30am & 1:30pm			
Monday 9 th November @ 1:30pm			
Wednesday 11 th November @ 9:30am			
Monday 16 th November @ 9:30am			
For full calendar of events, please click below:			
Calendar of Events 2026-27			
Term Dates 2026-27			

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



Libraries Unlimited

Block Printing & Stitching Workshop

Cullompton Library | 26 October | £3/£5

Looking for a creative and meaningful half-term activity? Join us for a playful, hands-on textile workshop where families and young creatives (ages 7+) can explore the art of block printing and simple sashiko-style stitching. Your creations will become part of a larger, collaborative artwork, a patchwork 'map' of our community which is assembled and displayed in the library.

booking is required please scan the QR code or speak to a library staff member

GET CREATING

Libraries Unlimited is a registered charity (1070123). Every penny raised supports local library services. To donate, please visit librariesunlimited.org.uk

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND EXETER



SPooky FUN FOR EVERYONE!

F&WP
Friends of Willand Preschool

HALLOWEEN PARTY

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL
31st OCTOBER | 1PM - 3PM

Let's make it a spooktacular time!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE...

- Kids' arts & crafts
- Biscuit decorating
- Disco room
- Spooky stamp trail with a special UV dark room at the end!
- Every child who completes the stamp trail will get a little prize!
- Refreshments for sale
- Spooky earring and gift stall
- Kids' raffle
- Find your prize in our spooky, slimy boxes!
- Face painting

PRICING

- Under 1s - FREE
- Parents - £1.50
- Child - £5
- Face painting - £3.50 (Early bird price available to be purchased with tickets)
- £5 on the day

UP TO KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN AGE ONLY

Games ♥ Treats ♥ Music
Prizes and much more!

SCAN ME!

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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Comic Club – Week 1

Comic Club has officially begun!

This week, we got creative by designing our very own silly superheroes. The children used their imaginations to invent superheroes with unusual powers, funny costumes and wonderfully wacky personalities.

We had superheroes who could do some very unexpected things! The children then brought their ideas to life through drawing, thinking carefully about how their character's appearance could show their personality and powers.

A brilliant first session full of creativity, laughter and some seriously silly superheroes!

Milo from Year 4 created this funny clown character!

Dexter from Year 4 created Silly Billy with the special power of being a kid!

Isabella from Year 4 created this glamorous super hero with a beautiful coat

Eddie from Year 4 created this Zombified Alien! It's too scary!!

Thomas from Year 4 created this cheeky superhero!!

Joseph from Year 3 created this hero that throws slime balls!!

NEXT WEEK:
We will be focusing on Crazy Hair and Wild Hats!!! The Comic Club can not wait to see what wonderfully wacky ideas they come up with!

Iustin from Year 4 created this dangerous TNT carrying character! CAREFUL!!

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