



Congratulations to this weeks winner

– **Dorset with 287 points**

Running total for the term:

Devon	Dorset	Somerset	Cornwall
1084	1314	1123	1082

Keep up the great work everyone!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Over the next few weeks Year 6 will be visiting classes with Poppies and appeal goods, which are available to purchase in class for a suitable donation.



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/>.



Book Fair

Scholastics Book Fair will soon be arriving in school, bringing hundreds of exciting books for children of all ages and interests. Whether you

love adventure, mystery, humour, facts or fantasy, there will be something for everyone. Best of all, every purchase helps our school earn free books and resources.

The Book Fair will be open on the same evenings as our Parent Consultation meetings, **Thursday 15th October** and **Tuesday 20th October**, providing a perfect opportunity to browse the selection before or after your appointment.

Start making your wish lists and get ready to discover your next great read. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for supporting reading in our school! 📖 ✨

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one/liz-pichon/tom-gates-1>

These links enable you to listen to the first chapters of a range of books.

Last year, your support for the book fair, raised almost £200 for us to spend on exciting new books for the library!

Please note that you will need your mobile phone and a payment card to complete any purchases on the night.

Thank you so much for your on-going support.

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	91.57	3	94.00
1	97.97	4	97.36
2	93.64	5	93.28
		6	95.32

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.27%

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Friday 31st October 2026 is the deadline, for Year 6 secondary school transfer in September 2027

applications. If you have not already submitted, it's really important you complete an application using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#). Late applicants will be considered but may be at a disadvantage.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, although the admissions team will need to have received the completed form by the above closing date.



Coats and Uniform

As much as possible we will continue to send pupils outside for break and lunch. As the weather gets colder, please ensure they have coats to be able to do this.

Please can we also remind parents/ carers to name all coats, uniform etc to enable us to get belongings back to the rightful owner and help prevent the piles of lost property we have growing into 'small mountains'.

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](#)

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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SEND Information

We would like to introduce you to the Lumi Nova app, a fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety.

Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children aged 7-12 years self-manage worries and build resilience.

Who is Lumi Nova for?

Lumi Nova is for 7-12 year olds facing difficulties with anxiety, including:

- **Phobias** eg Being afraid of spiders or insects, heights, being near dogs or the dark.
- **Social anxiety** eg Feeling worried about making new friends, going to social events.
- **Separation anxiety** eg Unable to sleep alone, worried about being away from parents, going to school.



🎃 HALLOWEEN DISCO 🎃

Ticket sales will close at 8pm today!

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.

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.

The infographic is a vertical strip composed of several hexagonal tiles in various colors (blue, green, orange, pink, white). At the top, it features the 'Devon Family Hubs' logo with a stylized house icon. Below the logo, the text 'devon.cc/familyhubs' is displayed. The tiles contain the following information: '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' logo, 'Devon County Council' logo, 'support available in person on the phone and online', 'call 0800 538 5458 monday - friday 10am - 4pm', 'Request support online', a QR code, and 'free app with parenting tips & advice' with another QR code. The 'easyPEASY' logo is at the bottom left.

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WILLAND SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DISCO

We are so excited to have your children join us for the Halloween Disco on Friday! To ensure everyone has a safe and brilliant time, please take a moment to read our event guidelines:

ENTRANCE & EXIT

- **Entry:** Children must enter through the Reception doors (near the office).
- **Collection:** Children **must** be collected from the Reception door, please can parents wait on the school drive for collection and not gather around this door, this provides ample space for the teachers distributing the children.
- **For safety reasons, we will not allow any child to leave the building until we have visually identified their parent/guardian.**



FOOD & DRINK

- We are a Nut-Free school. Please do not bring any outside snacks into the disco.
- Squash/Water will be provided and our Tuck Shop will have a variety of snacks to purchase (please refer to the list advertised and note any allergens)
- All tuck shop items will be charged at 50p, where possible please can you send your children in with the correct money. The school and PTFA cannot be held responsible for losses if you send your children in with more money than they require.



PHOTOGRAPHY & PHONES

- To respect the privacy of all our pupils and follow safeguarding guidelines, we kindly ask that **no photos or videos** are taken by parents during the event.
- No phones are permitted for Children, please leave mobile phones at home.



VOLUNTEERS & PARENTS ATTENDING

- Parents are welcome to attend, this may be the case for the children in Reception as it is their first disco and may prefer a parent/guardian with them for comfort.
- If you are a parent that wishes to attend, please note no other siblings for other disco times or children that do not attend Willand School will be permitted.
- You will not be able to escort your child to the bathroom as other children may be using these facilities at the same time.
- Please take note of the photography/phone guide above

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TIMINGS

- **KS1 Disco:** Starts at 4:30pm | Finishes at 5:30pm
- **Lower KS2 Disco (years 3 & 4):** Starts at 5:45pm | Finishes at 6:45pm
- **Upper KS2 Disco (years 5&6):** Starts at 6:15pm | Finishes at 7:15pm
- Please be prompt for collection so we can transition between groups safely.



FIRST AID & WELLBEING

- Designated First Aiders are on-site.
- If your child has a medical condition we need to be aware of, please can you ensure you have informed the school ahead of the disco.
- We have a **Quiet Zone** available if any child feels overwhelmed by the noise or lights.

Thank you for your support in making this a safe and fun event for the children!

Willand School PTFA



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

And find your next favourite read!

GO ALL IN! Buy 10 books and get a special prize!

DATE: 15 & 20 Oct TIME: 4pm – 7pm

LOCATION: The Studio

Scan to pay securely online!

Diary		To remember...
Thursday 15 th October	Parent Consultations and Book Fair	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
Tuesday 20 th October	Parent Consultations and Book Fair	
Friday 23 rd October	Non-Pupil Day	
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th October	Half Term	
Tuesday 3 rd November @ 9:30am & 1:30pm		
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		

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday,

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 Salmon Fingers <i>GF/DF</i>	Non Pupil Day
Oven baked Vegan balls in homemade tomato sauce <i>DF</i>	Veg pasta bake <i>GF/DF</i>	Homemade Cheese & Broccoli bake	Vegetarian Pizza <i>GF/DF</i>	
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Garlic bread Mixed veg Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy 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	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](#)

KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

Ofsted Registered

We provide WRAPAROUND CARE at your school

Our term time Breakfast and After School Clubs include breakfast or a snack alongside a variety of engaging activities including arts & crafts, board games, card games, sports, outside breaks, puzzles, and much more.

Run by experienced teachers!

Check dates and times online:
www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

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EVENTS

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



More than just a camp!

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

PLAY LEARN MAKE FRIENDS

A FUN AND ACTIVE HOLIDAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN, LED BY EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED COACHES!

BE ACTIVE THIS HALF TERM!

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 5-12!

FOOTBALL • DODGEBALL • NERF GUN BATTLES • LASER TAG • ARTS & CRAFTS
DANCE • GAMES • TALENT SHOWS • WATER ACTIVITIES • NINJA WARRIOR
CRICKET • TENNIS • HOCKEY • GLOW • AND MUCH MORE!

DATES: Wednesday 28th October 2026
Thursday 29th October 2026

TIMES: 8:30am – 3:30pm

LOCATION: Upplowman Village Hall
Upplowman, Tiverton, EX16 7PD

COST: £24 per day

BE ACTIVE
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
BUILD CONFIDENCE
LEARN NEW SKILLS
HAPPIER HOLIDAYS

SAFE, INCLUSIVE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

BOOK ONLINE: <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/10/28/upplowman-village-hall-october-half-term-holiday-camps-2026>

Any questions?
07415293798 | james@primary-sports.co.uk | www.primary-sports.co.uk | Follow us! [f](#) [@](#) [in](#)

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: Silly Hairstyles and Wild Hats!

This week, we got creative by designing our very own silly hairstyles and wild hats. The children let their imaginations run wild, coming up with outrageous hairstyles, wacky headwear and wonderfully bonkers designs. We explored all sorts of fun ideas, thinking carefully about shapes, patterns, colours and details to make our creations stand out. The children then brought their ideas to life through drawing, adding their own unique touches to create some truly imaginative designs. Another brilliant session full of creativity, laughter and some seriously silly hairstyles and wild hats!

Elodie from Year 3 created this crazy balloon hairstyle!



Eseld from Year 3 created this gorgeous flowery hat! Her Character loves it!



Imogen from Year 4 created this out of this world character!



Pixie from Year 3 created this hat complete with ducks! Quack! Quack!



Henry from Year 4 created this character with bonkers multicolored hair!



Ted from Year 4 created this goofy Surfer complete with big, spikey hair! Surf's up dude!!



NEXT WEEK:

Next week, we will be focusing on Funny Faces and Extreme Expressions!!! The Comic Club can't wait to see what hilarious faces and wonderfully wacky expressions the children come up with!

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