

**Thank you** to all parents/ carers who attended parents consultations over the last week, We hope you were able to see the brilliant work children have been producing over the year.

### Recruitment

This week we have been busy interviewing for a replacement for Miss Davies (Class RD) who is leaving us at the end of this term (Easter). We will be announcing in the next Willand Word who will be joining us. For parents/ carers of pupils in class RD we will send out a separate letter after the holidays with details about the new teacher and our plans for a smooth transition including when they will meet the children and when they will be able to meet you.

### Message From Action for Children

Join our free digital sessions for families in Devon!



Devon Childrens Centres have a variety of online activities for you to enjoy. Whether you want to learn about PLAY, connect with other Dads and male carers, or celebrate the everyday tiny moments, we have something for you. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and learn new skills with your family. Click on the link below to see the upcoming sessions and book your place. Hurry, spots are filling up fast! <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/devon-digital-webinars-bite-sized-info-sessions-1462829>

### Uniform

Please can we remind parents/ carers to name uniform, small mountains of unnamed lost property are growing around the school.

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	86.30
1	90.90
2	97.40
3	91.30
4	94.60
5	93.10
6	90.70

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

### Willand Sports News



On the 29<sup>th</sup> January, Year 5 football team played at home with a result of Willand 0 - 3 Willowbank.

Year 4 Football visited The Duchy School on Monday where the outcome was, Willand 6 – 0 The Duchy.

Yesterday, the High Fives Basketball team attended the final at Uffculme School, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition – Well done!



*Just a reminder that next week is half term and that school will re-open Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.*

*Have a wonderful break, 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 ...

#### 'Persuasive Design Online'

*Apps and sites are all competing for our attention 📱👁️  
Over the years, numerous strategies have been developed  
which are intended to influence users' behaviour – making  
us more likely to remain on a site, game or platform for  
longer periods of time. These techniques are known as  
'persuasive design' and can have a particularly profound  
effect on children and young people 🧒👦*

*Despite these tactics' evident effectiveness, there are still  
plenty of ways to help prevent yourself (and your child)  
from being psychologically swayed. This  
week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the  
potential risks posed by persuasive design online – and  
offers some top tips for recognising and reducing its  
impact on young people's decision making.*

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

Registered Charity: 1053212

### Willand School PTFA are having a POP Quiz

**Saturday 24th February**

**730pm Arrival for 8pm Start**

**Teams of 4-6 people**

**£3 per player to include nibbles (cash  
only please)**

**Walk ins accepted**

**Booking available by contacting  
willandschoolptfa@gmail.com**

We will be hosting a 50/50 draw at the interval  
(cash only please)

Every member of the winning team will receive a  
"pop" prize

**You don't have to be part of the school  
community to join us but we kindly request over  
18s only**

**At Willand Rovers Football  
Club**

### SEND Information...

#### Autism Empowerment Webinar –

This one-hour lunchtime webinar is a brief exploration of  
how Autism can present, the history of Autism, diagnosis  
as well as differences in communication and social  
interaction. We will also be looking at how the  
environment can impact on someone with sensory  
processing challenges.

The main aim of this webinar is to focus on the many  
strengths autistic individuals have and how we can  
increase understanding and Neuro-inclusivity through  
education and raising awareness. Webinars are held on  
Zoom on the following dates:

**Thursday 29th February 12:30 to 13:30**

**Friday 29th March 12:30 to 13:30**

**Friday 26th April 12:30 to 13:30**

At the end of the webinar, you will receive a certificate of  
attendance that will be emailed to your given email  
address.

The cost of this one-hour webinar is only £5.50! To book  
you place on the webinar please either scan the QR code  
below or go to

[www.theau5smtrainingnetwork.com/training](http://www.theau5smtrainingnetwork.com/training)



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or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children  
have the correct police checks.*

### PTFA News...

We are excited to confirm the details of our next PTFA  
fundraiser... a "pop" quiz hosted by Willand Rovers. We  
can't thank the club enough for letting us use the venue  
and even more thankful to a very talented parent for  
volunteering to be our quiz master! We are hoping this  
event will be a great success and will lead to more fun  
events for not just the children but the Willand  
community.

Our monthly tuck shop returns on 23rd February after  
school and we are looking forward to purchasing lots of  
treats for the children to enjoy.

If you follow us on facebook, we will now be using the  
"Willand School PTFA Fundraising Community" page to  
promote events held off school grounds for the wider  
Willand community.

When posting about in school events all times/dates will  
be omitted for safeguarding purposes, please find your  
"started in" year group on Facebook to keep you up to  
date.

For those of you who don't wish to use social media, we  
will still be posting all updates and events in the Willand  
Word.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

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## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs Vegan balls	Turkey Dinosaur Quorn Dippers	Gammon and pineapple Cheese & Broccoli bake	Sausages Quorn sausages	Salmon Fingers Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/waffles Sweetcorn 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
Jam sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Pudding and caramel sauce. Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

### Mealtime Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a permanent mealtime assistant to support lunchtimes in EYFS/ KS1.

1 hour a day, 5 days per week - 12:15pm- 1:15pm

Pay scale: £11:59 per hour

Deadline for applications: 9am, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

To start as soon as possible.

Application forms are available from the front office or by emailing [admin@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willand.devon.sch.uk)

## DATES

SPRING TERM 2024	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	After-school Tuck Shop
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA Pub Quiz
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
TBC	Arts week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

### EVENTS

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

**The Reach Project**, pancake session at Willand Church Hall, Rectory Gardens on Shrove Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 10-11.30am (in half term). No charge but donations welcome. For more details contact Claire Nicholls, Tel No 07419740742 or email: [claire@squarecorner.org.uk](mailto:claire@squarecorner.org.uk)

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SUMMER TERM 2024	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3WA Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3P Assembly
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2R Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Willand Welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Both Reception Classes
W/C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	1HB Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	1MP Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term

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**Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services**