



Reception Classes Christmas Celebration

Both **Reception** classes are holding their Christmas Celebration on **Friday** at 9.30am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day

– **Thursday, 12th December**

We are asking children to join in with Christmas Jumper Day and would love to see everyone wearing a Christmas jumper along with non-school uniform tomorrow.

If you would like to donate towards this worthwhile charity, it will be most welcome on the day.



Final Week – Christmas Celebrations

We are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities next week and to help get into the Christmas spirit, children can wear party clothes to school for either Monday or Tuesday, depending on which day they have their party **Christmas Party:**

Monday, 16th - Reception and KS1 (Yrs1 & 2)

Tuesday, 17th - KS2 (Yrs3, 4, 5 & 6)

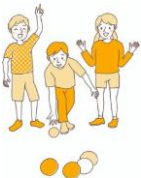
Many thanks to the PTFA for their donation towards supporting our Christmas parties.

Parents have already pre-ordered for their children's Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 18th December and children can wear something 'Christmassy'.

We would also like to thank our kitchen staff for all the hard work they have put in to making sure we have an amazing time.



Boccia



On Tuesday 26th November Mrs Telling and Mrs Roberts took our two Boccia teams to a qualifying event at Bicton College with other local primary schools. Mrs Telling was extremely proud of her team with four of the seven pupils receiving special certificates for demonstrating spirit of the games – including being kind. It was a great event, with each team playing six matches. The Willand Wizards (Sam, Izzy and Leo) came second in their heat. The Willand Wolves (Henry, Oscar, Dylan and Gracie) came sixth out of eight in their heat. The Willand Wizards have now been invited to the final in the New Year.

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, 6th December 2024.

| Year Group | %Attendance | Year Group | %Attendance |
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| Reception | 95.96 | 3 | 97.07 |
| 1 | 91.11 | 4 | 95.37 |
| 2 | 94.26 | 5 | 96.95 |
| | | 6 | 93.87 |

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Photos and Videos

Please may we remind you, that we do have children who need their identities protected and ask you **not to upload online any videos, photographs, or items such as performance programmes, listing children's names from school events.** Please be mindful of this when attending the Reception Christmas Celebration; whilst we are happy for you to take photos and videos these should only be kept by you privately.



URGENT – September Admission to School

If you have a child who you wish to start at our school in September 2025 and have not already completed an application, it's really important you submit this using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#) by **15th January 2025.**

Late applications will not be guaranteed a place, even if you have a sibling already at Willand School.

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.

Miss Tottle will be offering a school tour on Wednesday, 8th January @ 2pm for anyone who missed last term's Open Afternoon. Please contact the school office to book a place – Tel No 01884 820367.


*Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



Dear Parents

We promised to share with you some of the really useful information that Jon Galling, Strategic Lead for Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups, shared with us at his fantastic workshop on Tuesday 3rd December.

 **Dove** One resource was the Dove foundation (yes, the company that makes soap!).
<https://www.dove.com/us/en/campaigns/purpose/kids-online-safety.html>

They have produced some videos that will help parents to understand the potential harm that some aspects of social media can cause. Social media is a great resource which you are probably using yourself and your children may be starting to use. It can also be a source of pressure to look or behave in a certain way, and it's really important to discuss these pressures with your children. You may think you are already aware, but take a few minutes to look at the website and it may give you a starting point for opening up that discussion.

If you are affected by any of the issues, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss. We suggest that this website is for adults to use and then to discuss with your child as you see fit. One of the key messages that Jon gave us is the vital role that parents play in protecting your children from harm online.

Best Wishes

Pauline Maynard (Online Safety Lead)

SEND Information

Introducing the Stormbreak Program: Supporting Children's Wellbeing



We are excited to be part of the Stormbreak program — an initiative aimed at fostering mental health and emotional resilience in our pupils through movement. This innovative program combines physical activity with activities designed to nurture confidence, relationships, self-care, and emotional awareness.

Stormbreak sessions are fun, engaging, and age-appropriate. They incorporate creative movement activities that not only promote physical health but also empower children to manage feelings like anxiety, stress, or frustration. The program helps develop skills to navigate challenges, build self-esteem, and strengthen connections with peers. Research has shown that regular movement supports mental health, improves focus, and contributes to overall wellbeing.

We encourage you to ask your child about their Stormbreak sessions and share in their experiences. Together, we can build a foundation for lifelong wellbeing, equipping our children with tools to lead happy, healthy lives.

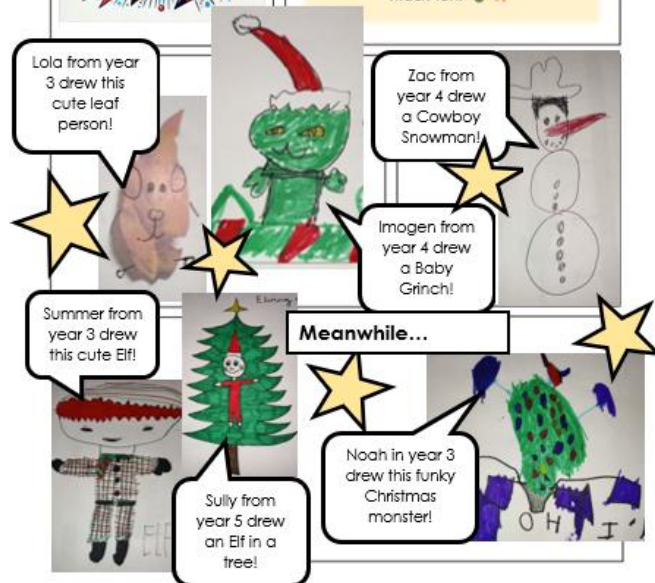
If you would like more information, please visit <https://stormbreak.org.uk/>.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 16th December

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Pepperoni pizza | Italian Bolognese |  Christmas Menu As pre-ordered | Sausage Rolls | Fish Fingers |
| Cheese pizza | Quorn chicken noodles | | Cauliflower Cheese | Vegetarian Fingers |
| Potato Wedges/Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps 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 | Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt | | Cheese and crackers or Smoothie 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 | | | | |



This week at **Comic Drawing Club**, we got into the festive spirit and started our Christmas countdown with some amazing holiday doodles! From sparkling trees to jolly snowmen, our drawings were full of Christmas cheer. Next week is sadly our last session, but what a blast we've had—it's been so much fun! 🎨🎄



Diary Dates to remember...

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| Thurs 12 th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day |
| Frid 13 th December | Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am |
| Mon 16 th December | YrR & KS1 Christmas Party |
| Tues 17 th December | KS2 Christmas Party |
| Wed 18 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 20 th December | End of Autumn Term |
| Monday 6 th January | Start of Spring Term |
| For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf | |

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