

# Willaston Primary School

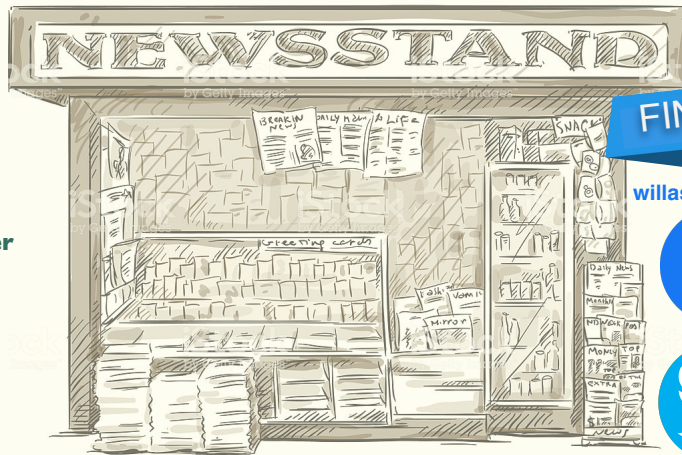
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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**NEWSLETTER**  
**JUNE 2023**

## Dates for Your Diary

- 21.06.23 Big Noise Concert (Y6) at Bemahague Rehearsal all day at Bemahague Performance in the evening (6.30pm)
- 26.06.23 New Starters Parents Meeting 3pm
- 27.06.23 Bill Dale Assembly + Litter Pick
- 28.06.23 Sound of Magic Concert at Villa Marina
- Rehearsals (PM)  
Performance (Evening)
- 28.06.23 Y5 Trip to Rushen Abbey - Life Path
- 01.07.23 Millennium Football Tournament
- 03.07.21 New Starters - Visit Day 1  
Group A 9.30am  
Group B 2pm
- 04.07.23 Y6 Taster Day at SNHS & BHS
- 04.07.23 New Starters - Visit day 2  
Group A 2pm  
Group B 9.30am
- 05.07.23 School closed for Tynwald Day
- 07.07.23 End of year reports published
- 10.07.23 Venture Centre Week for Year 6
- 19.07.23 Y6 Leavers' Assembly + BBQ  
From 1.30pm
- 21.07.23 School closes for Summer at 3.30pm

**This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school shows a live calendar of events - check it out**

## School Uniform Change

The senior leadership team together with the school governors would like to update our uniform policy from September 2023 in respect of our polo shirts. Currently any colour polo shirt can be worn, but in order to smarten up our collective appearance and instil a pride in a single uniform it has been decided that red polo shirts will form the "official" uniform. Any children new to the school in September or thereafter will be directed to wear red polo shirts. The current school population are encouraged to wear red polo shirts from September, but we recognise that some families may have existing uniform in other colours which still fits - therefore a transition period will be in place from September allowing children to get wear out of existing uniform whilst transitioning to red only from January 2024. Polo shirts can be unbranded.

## Mr Wade

We are delighted to introduce everyone to our new caretaker, Mr Dan Wade. Dan has been working with us for a number of weeks now and we're sure everybody will have noticed how smart everywhere is starting to look... have you noticed all the weeding that has taken place across the front of the building? We're sure you'll all join us in welcoming Dan to our lovely school.

## Message from Mr Kelly

With the children finishing school at the end of May, followed by just over a week off for TT, it has made the June newsletter feel quite late even though it is the first Friday of the month in term-time (and in keeping with our usual newsletter timetable!) There is plenty going on over the next five or six weeks in our school with trips, visitors, performances and treats aplenty. Alongside all of the end-of-school-year-fun the teachers will still be keeping a sharp focus on making every day count in terms of teaching and learning. With so much going on, I trust the list of "Dates for Your Diary" is useful, but do keep your eye on the calendar on the homepage of our school website which contains constantly updated information about what is going on and when. With very best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

Don't forget you can find us on Facebook & follow us on Twitter! Our website is regularly updated too: [willaston.sch.im](http://willaston.sch.im)

Beach Buddies founder Bill Dale has agreed to speak to our pupils about his charity and will lead a litter pick around the school grounds on 27th June!

## Car Park

Please could we remind parents and carers that the school car park is intended for staff use only. Whilst it is tempting to use, the car park only has limited space which is required for the staff team. There is also no "fair" way of using the limited space between the number of parents who drive; if we allow one we'd have to allow everyone and this would make the car park even more hazardous than it already is. The school caretaker will be on duty each morning between 8.45am and 9.00am to close the car park gates to help encourage parents to find an alternative parking space. Mr Michael, our lollypop man, has also asked me to remind car users to observe the speed limits on the roads around the school and to avoid parking on the zig zag yellow lines.

With the warm weather predicted to stay with us for most of next week, we have relaxed our dress code to allow comfortable non-uniform options for our pupils. We will review this at the end of next week. Don't forget to apply sunscreen before school, bring a sun hat and have a drink available.

## FREE LUNCH

## Free School Meals - Apply Now

The following are links for 2023/2024 Free School meals application forms.

<https://www.gov.im/categories/education-training-and-careers/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-free-school-travel-application-form>

<https://www.gov.im/media/34660/free-school-meals-travel-joint-application-form-2023-24.pdf>

## End-Of-Year Reports

We will be publishing our end of year reports for every pupil in the school on Friday 7th July. These will be sent home with the children at the end of the school day in sealed envelopes. If your child is absent from school on Friday 7th July their report will be posted to you that evening and should arrive at your home with the next postal delivery thereafter.

## Y6 Taster Days at SNHS and BHS

Those Y6s going to St. Ninian's Lower School will be spending the 4th July at Bemahague, and those going to BHS will be spending 4th July at Ballakermeen. There is no requirement for Y6 pupils to come to Willaston School on the taster days for their school - pupils should use the days as an opportunity to practice how they will get to and from secondary school, using the bus service if intended. We send good wishes to Y6 for these taster days and hope that they prove interesting and enjoyable.

## End Of School Year Information

Classes for September and the allocation of teachers to those classes is almost finalised and will be shared with everyone officially in the July newsletter. As usual we will run a "moving up" session before the end of the term so that children can experience what their new classroom and teacher will be like.

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will take place on **19th July 2023 at 1.30pm** in the School Hall. All Y6 parents and family members are welcome to join us for what promises to be an emotional send off to our Year Six children. The traditional leavers' BBQ will follow straight afterwards on the field.

