

Willaston Primary School

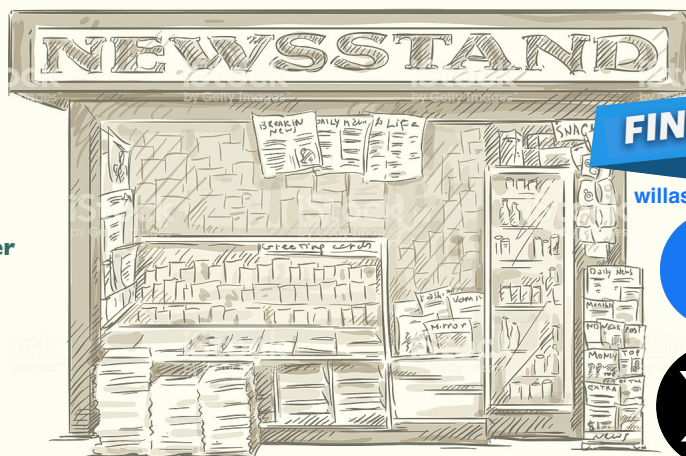
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 09.10.23 Y5 Cycling Proficiency Week
- 10.10.23 STEMFest for Y6
- 10.10.23 Skipping Day for YrR - Yr5
- 16.10.23 Parents Evening 1 (4pm - 7pm)
- 17.10.23 Parents Evening 2 (4pm - 6pm)
- 19.10.23 Parents Evening for Y6
- 20.10.23 Dress down for a bottle!
(Details below!)
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term at 3.30pm
- 30.10.23 Y6 residential deposit due date
- 02.11.23 Halloween Disco

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

Message from Mr Kelly

The start of the school year at Willaston has been truly splendid! I am tremendously pleased with how seamlessly our new pupils have transitioned into their classes and routines. Their engagement and the joy reflected in their smiles, seen as you visit the classrooms, is a tale of success in itself. The forthcoming weeks, leading us into the festive season, promise a flurry of activities making them among the most vibrant and busy times in our school calendar. While some key dates are outlined here, I urge you to keep an eye on our updated diary on the school website's homepage for all the latest happenings. Our website hosts a wealth of information including school policies, correspondence, and past newsletters. Additionally, stay connected with us on Facebook and Twitter for real-time updates! The visit from Rock Kids this week was a hit among the children, encapsulating a memorable experience. The anticipation grows as we look forward to reintroducing an off-island trip for our Y6s to an activity centre in Shropshire come May 2024. Detailed information, inclusive of a payment plan, has been shared through a separate letter sent home today. We are glad to report that the new arrangements for wet mornings have been working smoothly! Remember, children can come in from 8.45am and wait in the hall if it's raining, with teachers supervising, allowing parents to leave. The transition of Breakfast Club to its new home in the mobile building has also been successful, turning this space into a real community hub, now housing SoundStart, Mums and Tots, and other peripatetic sessions. I hope to have news of further school improvements over the coming months. With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, we wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

Halloween Disco

The spooktacular season is upon us, and what better way to celebrate than with a thrilling Halloween Disco! Join us on 2nd November from 3.30pm to 5pm for an evening filled with eerie excitement and monstrous moves on the dance floor! At a mere £3.50, each entry ticket grants you not just a passage to the most happening haunt in town, but also a hot dog, crisps, and unlimited juice to keep the ghoulish grooves going! Children are encouraged to bring their spookiest or sparkliest outfits and costumes into school, where they'll have a chance to transform into their eerie alter-egos before the disco begins. Fear not, for there will be time allocated for everyone to change into their disco disguises and get into the ghostly groove! With a cauldron full of catchy tunes and a monstrous mash of activities awaiting, it's bound to be an unBOOlievable evening! So, let's creep it real, summon all your ghostly gang, and let's make this Halloween Disco a freakishly fun festivity that will have the witches cackling and the monsters mashing! We can't wait to see all our little monsters shaking their bones on the dance floor! Save the scream date, share the ghostly invite with your fellow ghouls, and get ready to party!



DON'T FORGET

Parents' Evening

Parents Evening is scheduled for:

- Monday, 16th October (4pm - 7pm)
- Tuesday, 17th October (4pm - 5.30pm)

Due to part-time staff working patterns, Y4 parents will have the option to book their appointments from 12.15pm onwards on Monday 16th October, with no appointments offered on Tuesday. On the other hand, Y6 parents will be offered slots on Thursday in lieu of Monday appointments. Appointments can be booked via Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>), operating on a first come-first served basis. We encourage face-to-face meetings, however, if that's unfeasible, do reach out and we'll explore alternative arrangements. (Online booking opens on Monday morning!)

With a focus on revitalizing traditional and modern skipping games, we have invited Skipping Workshops to engage with our pupils from Reception to Year 5 (as Year 6 will be at STEMFest). The sessions will introduce a variety of skipping skills, bringing a burst of energy into our playground and PE curriculum. For a glimpse into the skipping adventures, visit <http://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/videos/>. High-quality skipping ropes will be available for purchase; further details have been sent home.

Dress Down Day - Bring a Bottle!

As we gear up for the Christmas Fair, we are collecting bottles for our bottle stall. We invite children to dress down on Friday, 20th October in exchange for bringing in a bottle - whether it's shampoo, water, pop, or alcohol. Let's stock up for a successful bottle stall!

Our coffee and cake afternoon was a sweet success, baking up a fantastic £258.90 for Macmillan Cancer Support! Your generous sprinkles of support have made a scrumptious difference, and for that, we're frosting over with gratitude! A HUGE thank you from all of us at Willaston School. Your generosity is the cherry on top that makes events like these a recipe for success!

