

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

- 4.12.23 Christmas Fair
- 11.12.23 Special Santa visit!
- 12.12.23 Christmas Dinner Day
- 13.12.23 Rec and Y1 Nativity 10am / 2pm
- 14.12.23 SNHS Roadshow for Y6 parents
Details below
- 18.12.23 Christmas jumper week
- 19.12.23 Y2 to Y6 Carols by Candlelight 2pm
- 20.12.23 Christmas Party Rec/Yr1
- 21.12.23 Christmas Party Y2/Y3
- 22.12.23 Christmas Party Y4/Y5/Y6
- 22.12.23 Last day of term
- 08.01.24 School re-opens for Spring Term

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

Where has this term gone? It has been an action packed time at Willaston School with so many fantastic 🌟 learning opportunities and community events. With a list as long as this, I don't know where to start, but some big highlights include our fantastic community events such as PJ Day for Children In Need and supporting World Diabetes Day; representing Willaston at the Douglas City Remembrance event; trips out and visitors in, including the Road Safety Team, Isle Listen and Manx Care's Smile of Mann team; staff training on our curriculum and the teaching of handwriting; and sporting success - our Girls football team being a standout example of that! Just wow! 🌟 I am so proud to be associated and involved with a school and a community as excellent as Willaston. On a different note, Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat. On Monday we officially begin festive season 🎄 with the return of our Christmas Fair. We would love to see you there - in the hall straight after school! Bring some pennies, pick up a bargain or too and support your school! Rumour has it we may be visited by a certain someone in a red suit too 🧑🏻‍🎅. Finally, it just remains for me to wish each and every one of you a restful, peaceful and happy Christmas; a prosperous and positive new year and a well-earned break. With best wishes, *Max Kelly, Headteacher*

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.

If you have a child due to start with us at Willaston School in September, please get in touch asap to register their place! If you know of any families in and around Willaston with children who will be school age in September, please encourage them to get in touch with us so they can register a place too!

Christmas Concerts

The festive season at Willaston brings a sleigh-load of joy with our much-anticipated concerts! Get into the festive mood with the Reception and Year 1 Nativity on December 13th at 10 am and 2 pm in the school hall, and the heartwarming Y2 to Y6 Carols by Candlelight on December 19th at 2 pm at St Ninian's Church. These are cherished moments not to be missed as we celebrate this joyous season together. We know the children will appreciate a good audience, so simply turn up at the concerts of your choice and support our fabulous children.

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<https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/what-will-care-cost-you/>
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Carol Cup

Willaston School will be taking part in this year's 3FM Carol Cup Competition! Keep an eye out for it on the 3FM Facebook Page this December!



Christmas Fair

The magic begins at our Christmas Fair on Dec 4th, straight after school in the school hall. Save the date for this winter wonderland of fun, games, and treats! Can't wait to see you there!

St. Ninian's High School Roadshow

St. Ninian's High School will be in Willaston School on 14th December at 4pm to meet with parents and children in Y6 about the transition for those pupils into secondary school. It's a great opportunity to meet with the team from SNHS and ask any questions that you may have. Please do come along and head up to the Y6 classroom at the end of the school day where we'll be all set up for you.

Role-modelling Respect

A polite reminder 🙏 that our staff should not be subject to verbal (or physical) abuse, and this includes being spoken to aggressively or in a way that is intimidating - so please remember that shouting, swearing, or approaching en masse can sometimes feel like this. In return, you can always expect our staff to be calm, friendly and approachable. A key 🗝 part of our school values is "respect" and as adults we all have a duty to role-model this to the children.

Social Media and Website

There is SO much going on over December - it's always one of our busiest months in school - so plans and dates are subject to change and to be added to! Please remember that our website has a live calendar of events, and our Facebook Page is a must for all the latest information!

Christmas Jumpers

Add some sparkle to the last week of term with Christmas Jumper Week! Pupils can swap their school jumpers for a festive knit. Let's spread the cheer with reindeer, snowflakes, and all things merry and bright!



Christmas Dinner Day

Tuck in to a delicious Christmas Lunch on December 12th! All pupils who usually enjoy school dinners will be served a festive meal. If your child doesn't usually partake but would like to join in, please email us by December 4th. Payments of £2.40 for this yuletide treat can be made via ParentPay or by cash/cheque before the term ends.

Co-Op Fundraising

Willaston School has been selected as a beneficiary of the Local Community Fund! Get a Co-Op membership card, select Willaston School as your choice, and raise money for us every time you spend in the Co-Op!

