

Willaston Primary School

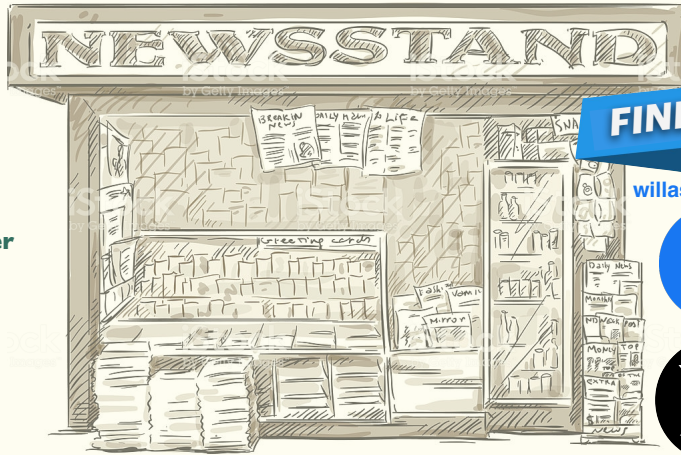
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
MAR 2024

Dates for Your Diary

- 07.03.24** World Book Day
Details below
- 04.03.24** Y6 Aspiration Fortnight starts
- 07.03.24** IOM Cross Country Championship
- 08.03.24** Daffodil Competition
- 12.03.24** Girls Football Tournament
- 14.03.24** Boys Inter School Football
- 15.03.24** Red Nose Day
- 18.03.24** Parents' Evening (1)
- 19.03.24** Parents' Evening (2)
- 28.03.24** School closes for Easter break
- 15.04.24** School reopens for Summer Term

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

Message From Mr Kelly

What a vibrant start to the new half-term we've had at Willaston School! I'm thrilled to share some developments & reflections with you.

Parent Governor: We are pleased to be able to let everyone know that Toby Smith has been re-elected - unopposed - to serve as your parent governor at Willaston School for the next two years. Congratulations to Toby, and I know that he is always happy to represent your views in our regular Governing Body meetings.

Valentines Disco: We'd like to give a HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who helped run the Valentine's Disco last half-term! The children had a great time... we couldn't have done it without you!

Mothers day: Don't forget that PAWS are looking for donations of surplus gifts you may have for their Mother's day event. Any donations can be brought to the school office.

Stay Informed: As always, I encourage you to visit our website and follow us on social media. Find newsletters, important policy information, and a real-time calendar of events to keep you in the loop. Looking ahead, let's continue to foster a nurturing and inclusive environment where every pupil thrives. Here's to more exciting times at Willaston School! *With best wishes as always, Max Kelly, Headteacher*

We wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, then they must stay home until symptom-free for 48 hours.

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

Our Kindness Challenge may have finished but we hope you all continue to be kind each & every day!

WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

World Book Day

Willaston School will be celebrating World Book Day next week. We believe the emphasis of the day should be on reading and celebrating quality literature rather than dressing up.

The children are welcome to bring in a favourite (or current) book that they can read and share on the day. In addition, the children will be given a potato to decorate as a book character in class. To continue the celebration of books and to encourage children to continue reading for pleasure, every pupil will receive a £1 book token which is redeemable in all well known bookshops across the island... keep an eye out for it!

Douglas Council Daffodil Comp

It's that time of year when you need to start thinking about your daffodil and decorated pot! Please have these ready to bring into school on Friday 8th March! Our usual advice is to bring the daffodil in a few days beforehand to 'force' it through if it hasn't yet flowered. Pots and flowers should be brought into the hall via the main entrance on the day of the competition. The Councillors will be in to judge at lunchtime and winners announced in the afternoon. Participation is entirely optional btw!

Good luck!

SAVE THE DATE

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parent's Evening appointments will take place on 18th and 19th March. We will be in touch later this month to let you know when our online booking system opens and you will be able to log into Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>) to find an available slot with your child's teacher.

Please note:

- Y2 parents Evening appointments will be with Mrs Lace.
 - Y3 will hold their Parents Evening at a later point in the year due to having had a supply teacher this term.
- We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use these an opportunity for a face-to-face appointment to discuss your child's progress and learning.

Y6 Aspiration Fortnight (4th - 15th March)

Y6 have organised an Aspiration Fortnight! This will involve visits and trips to local entrepreneurs and businesses – this includes a trip to the Wildlife Park and the Villa Gaiety to see behind the scenes. The Mayor has agreed to come into school to talk about her role as well as visits from beauticians, party planners, cake decorators, actors and musicians. Remember to follow us on socials for plenty of updates throughout the fortnight!

Most children are now wearing polo shirts! Please remember that RED is now our agreed colour for polo shirts and the transition period is over.

Breakfast Club - Reminder
Remember, adult accompaniment for a safe handover is expected for all children attending.

Be On Time for School!

A polite reminder that school starts promptly at 8.55am each day! We now have our BIG new clock outside too, so no excuses!

Red Nose Day

Willaston School will be taking part in RND on Friday 15th March! We are suggesting that children come to school in non-uniform with a "Dress In Red" theme if possible. We will collect loose change donations which as always will be optional.

