

Willaston Primary School

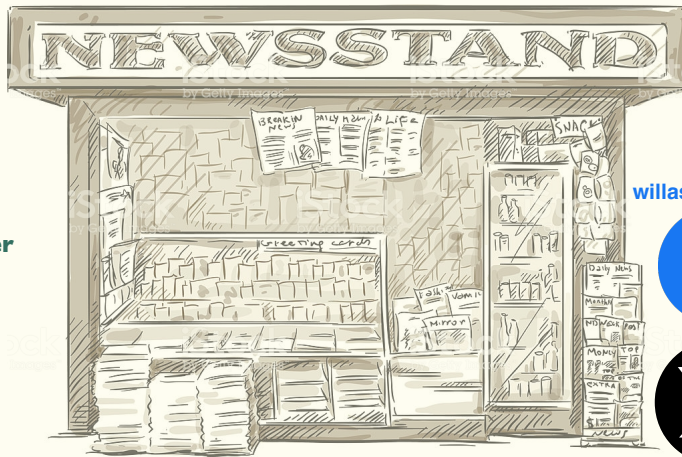
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 04.10.24 Rock Kidz visit
- 08.10.24 PTA Meeting at 3pm
- 16.10.24 Y5 Outdoor Education Centre visit
- 21.10.24 Parents Evening (1) Info to follow
- 22.10.24 Parents Evening (2) Info to follow
- 24.10.24 Skipping Workshops for all classes
- 25.10.24 Bright For Sight Day
- 25.10.24 Break up for half term
- 04.11.24 School starts for second- half of term
- 07.11.24 Y6 First Aid Training
- 07.11.24 Hop Tu Naa 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 first month of the school year at Willaston has been nothing short of fantastic! I am immensely pleased with the smooth transition our new children have made into their respective classes and routines. Their engagement and joy are palpable as I walk through the classrooms – their smiles tell their own beautiful stories. The upcoming weeks, leading towards the festive season, are among the most bustling and exhilarating in our school calendar. While we have listed some key dates here, I would encourage you to frequently check our updated diary on the school website's homepage for all the latest information. Our website is a treasure trove of vital information including school policies, correspondence, and past newsletters. Also, do follow us on Facebook, and Twitter (X) for real-time updates!

Today, Rock Kidz paid us a visit, and the experience was adored by our children. Check out all the photos on our socials. This is just the first of many whole-school experiences that we'll run for the children across the year! Parents' evenings are fast approaching - we'll have the online booking system open from early next week - check out all the details below. *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.



Willaston School Needs YOU!



We are looking for NEW members to join our PTA. We're meeting to discuss the Hop Tu Naa Disco and Christmas Fare at 3pm on the 8th October for any one interested in helping. Everyone welcome! Tea, coffee and biscuits available!! See you there? 😊

DON'T FORGET

Parents Evenings

Parents' Evening is scheduled for Monday, 21st October (4 pm - 7 pm) and Tuesday, 22nd October (4 pm - 5.30 pm). Bookings can be made via our online service on Arbor (<https://login.arbor.sc>). Please be reminded that bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis. While we are encouraging face-to-face meetings, if this arrangement doesn't suit you, feel free to reach out, and we'll accommodate your needs. (Online booking opens on Monday at noon!)



Please remember to keep your ParentPay accounts in credit, as school dinners must be paid in advance, not retrospectively.

Bright For Sight Awareness and Fundraiser

On Friday, 25th September, we will be supporting Sight Matters' 'Bright for Sight' appeal. Please help us support this great cause by wearing bright clothing for the day and, if possible, bring £1 to help their appeal. We have special mascot EyeRis visiting too!



External Validation



On Tuesday, Willaston School underwent an External Validation as part of the Isle of Man's Quality Assurance programme, overseen by the Department of Education (DESC). The validation team engaged with staff, pupils, governors, and parents to gain a thorough understanding of our school's practices and achievements. We extend our huge thanks to everyone who took the time to meet with the validators and share their thoughts. The team will be providing parent information regarding the validation in due course.

Hop Tu Naa Disco

Our Hop Tu Naa Disco will be held on the 7th of November, right after half-term! This fun-filled event will give the children a chance to dress up in their favourite spooky costumes and enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and Halloween-themed fun. We love checking out all those spooky costumes! There'll be plenty of snacks, and some spooky surprises in store. More detailed information, including times and ticket availability, will be shared closer to the date. Keep an eye out for further updates, and get ready for a frightfully good time!



Have You Seen The Big Bad Wolf?

Year One is on the lookout for The Big Bad Wolf! There have been several sightings of him around school, and Year One suspects he is trying to blow the school down. Any sightings, please let Year One or PC Lou know!

Please remember to bring in book bags every day. It's important for children to read to an adult at home regularly and to work on their word walls, especially in Key Stage 1. This daily routine supports their learning and progress!

Just a reminder that morning snacks should be healthy options like fruit, vegetables, or breadsticks. Please avoid sending cakes, cereal bars, or other sugary snacks. Let's work together to promote healthy eating habits!

A reminder that some members of our school community have nut allergies. Wherever possible, please avoid sending nuts in packed lunches to help keep everyone safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!