

Willaston Primary School

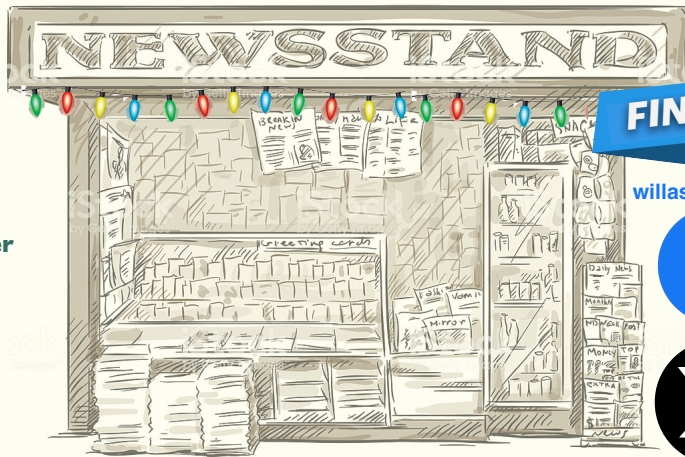
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
DEC 2024

Dates for Your Diary

- 03.12.24 Christmas Fair in School Hall
- 06.12.24 Dress Down Day (for hampers!)
- 11.12.24 Rec/Y1 Nativity in School Hall
- 13.12.24 Christmas Dinner Day
- 17.12.24 Y2-Y6 Christmas Concert (St. Nin Church)
- 18.12.24 Rec/Y1 Christmas Party
- 19.12.24 Y2/Y3 Christmas Party
- 20.12.24 Y4/5/Y6 Christmas Party
- 20.12.24 Last day of term
- 06.01.25 School reopens 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 the year gone? It feels like just yesterday I was writing the first newsletter of 2024, and now we're preparing for Christmas! The final weeks of term are always busy and exciting, with pupils practicing hard for their performances and enjoying all the festive fun we have planned. Thank you for supporting our Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful event, and we're delighted to have raised £842!!! Keep an eye on our social media pages as we count down to Christmas - they're the best place to see what's happening in school. Raffle tickets will be on sale for our Willaston Hampers at both Rec/Y1 Nativity and the Y2-Y6 Christmas Concert. Fingers crossed for you all! Finally, I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's an honour to be part of Willaston School, and I look forward to another fantastic year ahead. With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

If your child cannot participate in swimming lessons, please notify the school with a letter or email. Your cooperation helps us manage sessions effectively.

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.

ParentPay
A gentle reminder to keep your account in credit for school lunch payments!

Willaston Shines at the Awards for Excellence! 🏆

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Willaston School has been crowned the winner in the Education category at the prestigious Isle of Man Awards for Excellence 2024!

This incredible achievement recognises the innovative work taking place in our school, including our focus on AI, inclusion, curriculum development, and collaboration. It is a true testament to the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our entire school community.

A huge thank you to our staff, governors, pupils, and families—this award belongs to all of YOU! It's an achievement we can all be proud of, and it highlights the amazing things we are doing here at Willaston School. 🌟



Last Day of Term - Christmas Jumper Day!

On the last day of term, all pupils are invited to wear their festive Christmas jumpers. Let's spread some holiday cheer as we wrap up the term!



Adventure Playground Officially Opened!

What an exciting time at Willaston School last week as we officially opened our brand-new Adventure Playground! We were delighted to welcome Sarah from The Manx Lottery Trust, who kindly joined us for this special occasion.

Our wonderful School Council greeted Sarah with warm smiles, and she had the honour of cutting the ribbon to mark the playground's grand opening. To celebrate, the School Council members were first in line to enjoy a play on the new equipment – and what fun they had!

This incredible addition to our school was made possible through your generous support of our fundraising efforts, and we want to extend a massive thank you to all our families and the wider community for helping us bring this dream to life. A special thank you also goes to PAWS, and The Manx Lottery Trust for their invaluable contributions, which helped turn this project into a reality.



DON'T FORGET

Reception/Y1 Nativity

We are thrilled to present the Reception and Year 1 Nativity on December 11th at 2:00pm in the School Hall. Join us as our little ones bring this heartwarming story to life!

Y2-6 Christmas Concert

Mark your calendars for the Year 2-6 Christmas Concert on December 17th at 2:00pm at St. Ninian's Church. No tickets required—just bring your holiday spirit!

It's time to get into the festive spirit as we prepare for our exciting Christmas Parties at Willaston School! Letters are coming home this week with all the details, including information about bringing in party food to share. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Willaston School aims to be a nut-free school due to allergies. Please help us keep everyone safe by avoiding any nut-containing foods in your contributions. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated!

PE Kits – Tracksuits

As our PE lessons take place at Centre 21, we ask that each pupil has a tracksuit in school to ensure they are warm during lessons. Having this in school will also reduce the need to contact home for additional kit. Thank you for your support!

