

# Willaston Primary School

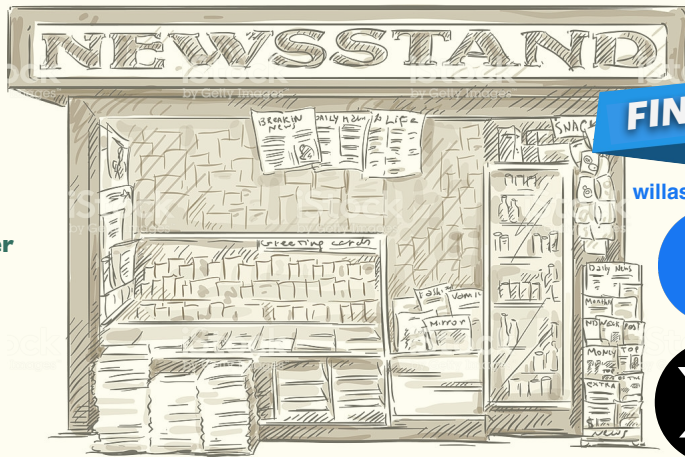
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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**NEWSLETTER**  
**JAN 2025**

## Dates for Your Diary

- 16.01.25 First Aid training for staff (1)
- 23.01.25 First Aid training for staff (2)
- 23.01.25 Lempen Puppet Theatre visit
- 28.01.25 Grandad Wheels (author) virtual visit
- 03.02.25 Start of children's mental health week
- 13.02.25 PAWS Valentines Disco 3.30 - 5.00
- 14.02.25 Valentines Biscuit Decoration Day
- 14.02.25 End of Half-term (1)
- 24.02.25 Start of Half-term (2)
- 06.03.25 Daffodil Judging Day!
- 07.03.25 AP3 Forms deadline day

**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

Can you believe it is now 2025?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful, and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly, and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm, and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks.

It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Nativity by Reception and Year 1 and the Carol Service at St. Ninian's Church. I thought the children were magnificent, and it was a real privilege to watch their performances. School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community! A special thank you to the parents who helped to stage our wonderful Christmas Fair. Together with the raffle, we managed to raise lots of money which will directly benefit our pupils.

I hope you find all the information in the newsletter useful. Don't forget we publish newsletters on the first Friday of the month throughout term time. You can also find a plethora of information on our website and via our social feeds on Facebook and Twitter. *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.**

## September 2025 Admissions

Do you have a little one ready to start school this September? Now is the time to secure their place at Willaston School! Early registration allows us to plan effectively and ensure a smooth transition for all our new pupils.

If you know families in the local area with children turning school age this year, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office as soon as possible. We are excited to welcome new faces and continue building our warm and inclusive school community.

## Festive Gratitude

A huge thank you to all the families who sent in cards, gifts, and well-wishes to staff over the Christmas period. Your kindness and generosity were truly heartwarming and greatly appreciated by our team.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community, and your thoughtfulness means so much to everyone here at Willaston. Thank you for helping to make our school a special place to learn and grow.

## Attendance Matters

Attendance is a vital part of your child's education. Regular attendance ensures they are making steady progress and staying engaged with their learning. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we are required to formally notify parents and, if necessary, involve the Department of Education, Sport and Culture. Punctuality is equally important. School starts promptly at 8:55 a.m., and late arrivals not only disrupt your child's day but also the class. Please make every effort to arrive on time and support us in fostering a culture of respect for learning time. *Together, we can help every child reach their potential!*

## Uniform Check

We've noticed an increase in non-uniform trainers sneaking in! Please ensure your child has plain black trainers or school shoes.

## AP3 Forms for Year 6

Parents of Y6 pupils - please ensure you return your AP3 forms indicating secondary school preferences by 7.3.25

## Save the Dates!

Valentine's Disco: 13.2.25 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (More details to follow!)

Valentine's Biscuit Decorating Day: 14.2.25 - Fundraiser for our new adventure playground.

**The Willaston Way**  
Habits at the Heart, Success in Every Part

## The Willaston Way

We're continuing to learn about the Willaston Way (Wise, Willing, Worthy, Wellness, Wondrous, Work-together, Warm-hearted). Encourage your child to share what they've learned and use this language at home!

