

Willaston Primary School

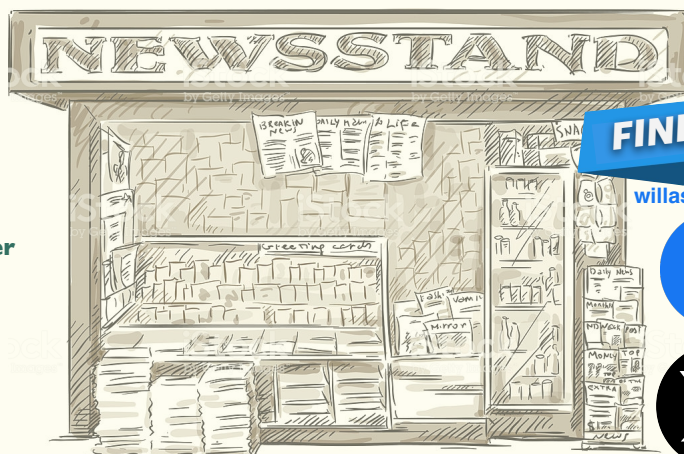
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

Dates for Your Diary

16.06.25	New Starters Briefing
17.06.25	Sound of Mann
23.06.25	Y1 Fire Station Trip
25.06.25	IQM Re-assessment Day
26.06.25	WILLASTON SCHOOL'S 70TH
27.06.25	70th "Fun Day" for children
27.06.25	Sir Mark Cavendish Event at NSC
28.06.25	Millennium Football Tournament
30.06.25	Y5 Life Path Visit
02.07.25	Big Noise Concert
02.07.25	News Starters Sessions in School
03.07.25	BHS Taster Day #1
04.07.25	BHS Taster Day #2
04.07.25	SNHS Taster day
04.07.25	New Starters Session on School
04.07.25	End of Year Reports Published
10.07.25	Y6 Edge Hill Aspiration Trip
16.07.25	Y6 Leavers' Event
18.07.25	Last day of academic year 24-25

Ballakermeen & St. Ninians Taster Days for Year 6

Year 6 pupils transferring to Ballakermeen High School will attend their transition day on 3rd and 4th July; and St. Ninians Lower School children on the 4th. They are not required to attend Willaston School on this date. We encourage families to use this as a chance for children to practise their travel arrangements, especially if they will be taking the bus to school in September. We send our very best wishes to all Y6s!

Celebrating Sir Mark Cavendish – Cycleway Renaming Ceremony

The Isle of Man will soon honour one of its greatest sporting heroes, Sir Mark Cavendish, by renaming the National Sports Centre (NSC) cycleway in his honour. This high-profile event will recognise Sir Mark's extraordinary cycling career and his contribution to Manx sport and culture.

As part of this celebration, there is an island-wide open invitation for confident cyclists in Years 4 to 6 to participate in the ceremonial opening ride with Sir Mark himself. This is a remarkable opportunity and will undoubtedly be a moment to remember.

If you would like your child to take part in the ride, that is entirely your choice as a parent. Children participating in the ride do not need to attend school that morning. Instead, they should go directly to the NSC with their bicycle and helmet, under the supervision of their parent(s).

Please note the following important information:

- Parents are fully responsible for transporting their child (and bicycle) to the NSC between 9:00am and 10:15am for a 10:15am start, locating the correct drop-off point, collecting their child after the event, and ensuring their child returns to school in the afternoon.
- This is not a school-organised event. The school will not be conducting a risk assessment or providing supervision. All responsibilities remain with individual parents.
- Children returning to school in the afternoon should either eat beforehand or bring a packed lunch with them. Again, this is the responsibility of parents.
- Parents must inform the school office in advance if their child will be attending the event. An email is sufficient. This ensures we can record their absence correctly and avoid an unauthorised absence mark.
- If you do not wish your child to attend the event, simply send them to school as usual. Normal lessons will take place that morning.

In addition to the cycling element, the school has been invited to send a small group of four non-cycling pupils to attend the event as official spectators and ambassadors. These pupils will be selected at random. If your child is selected for this honour they should come to school as normal in the morning and will then be transported to the NSC by staff car, accompanied by two members of school staff.

These pupils will remain under school supervision throughout, following standard procedures for educational visits. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Kelly.

End-of-Year Reports

End of year reports will be issued on Friday 4th July for all pupils. Each report will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope at the end of the school day. If your child is away from school on that day, we will ensure their report is posted home that evening and should arrive with the next day's post. We hope you enjoy reading through your child's achievements and celebrating their progress this year.

End of Year Information

We're in the final stages of confirming class structures and teacher allocations for September, and this information will be shared before the end of term. As part of our transition process, we'll run a "moving up" session so children can visit their new classroom and meet their teacher.

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be held on Wednesday 16th July at 2pm in the school hall. Parents, carers, and extended family members of our Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to join us for this emotional and meaningful farewell. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Free School Meals : <https://desc.gov.im/education/education/free-school-meals-and-travel-card/>



Sports Day Update

Please note that our Sports Day has been moved to Wednesday 9th July. We're hoping for sunshine and plenty of cheering from the sidelines! This is always a highlight of our summer term, so get your trainers ready and your voices warmed up — we'll see you there for a day of fun, fitness, and friendly competition.

Sound of Mann

We're proud to announce our participation in the Sound of Mann concert on Tuesday 17th June. Our children will take to the stage to perform with pride and passion. Events like these give pupils the chance to shine and grow in confidence - and we know this will be a night to remember. Thank you for your continued support of music and the arts at Willaston.

Big Noise Concert

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be performing at the Big Noise Concert at SNHS on Wednesday 2nd July at 6pm. This fantastic event brings together schools and showcases our pupils' musical achievements. We're thrilled for them to take part and show off their hard work and talent. If your child is involved, please make sure they're there on time and ready to dazzle!

Join us for
**WILLASTON
SCHOOL'S**

**70th
Birthday
PARTY**

1.30pm till 4.30pm | **26** | June

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