

Willaston Primary School

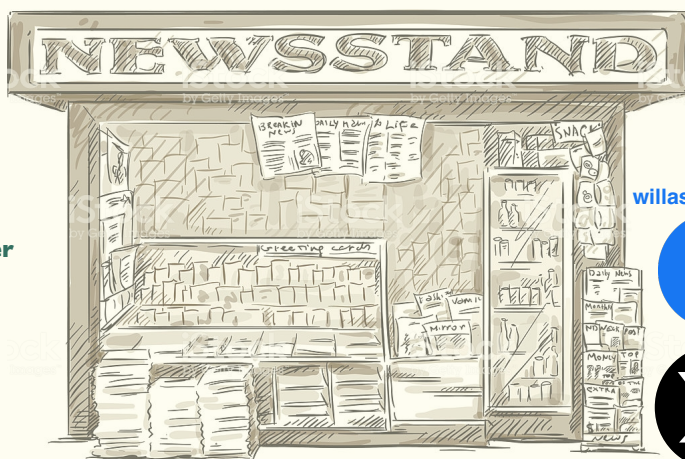
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
OCT 2025

Dates for Your Diary

- 13.10.25 RockKidz Visit to school
(Date to be rearranged)
- 13.10.25 Parents' Evening (1)
(Details below)
- 14.10.25 Parents' Evening (2)
(Details below)
- 17.10.25 Y1/Y2 Pedestrian Skills Workshop
- 23.10.25 Hop Tu Naa Disco
(Details below)
- 24.10.25 Last day of the first half-term
- 03.11.25 First day of the second half-term
- 14.11.25 Children In Need 2025
- 16.12.26 Christmas Concerts
(Early details below)

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! Our new children have settled beautifully into their classes and routines, and it has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces in classrooms and on the playground. The energy and enthusiasm around school are a real joy - the perfect start to the year.

As we move into October, the weeks ahead promise to be some of the busiest and most exciting in our school calendar, as we build momentum towards the festive season. A particular early heads-up for your diaries: our Christmas Concerts will take place on Tuesday 16th December. Reception and Year 1 will perform in the school hall in the morning, while Years 2-6 will take to the stage in St. Ninian's Church in the afternoon - always one of the highlights of the year.

Parents' evenings are also fast approaching, and our online booking system is now open. Please do take a few minutes to secure your appointment - these are a really valuable opportunity to talk about how your child has settled and the progress they are making.

As always, our website remains the best place to find our up-to-date school diary, policies, letters, and past newsletters. Do also follow us on Facebook and Twitter (X) for real-time updates and a window into school life. 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.



Children In Need 2025

This year's theme is "Challenge Yourself to 25"! We'll be running a range of sponsored events for the children to choose from, all in support of Children in Need. More details will be shared very soon — watch this space!



DON'T FORGET

Parents Evenings

Parents' Evening is scheduled for the week beginning Monday, 13th October. Dates will vary depending on classes. Appointments will be available from 3.40 pm - 5.30pm. 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 is open from today!)



Car Park - The Manor

We are very fortunate that Billy and the team at The Manor kindly allow our families to use their car park at drop-off and pick-up times. This is a privilege we truly value. From time to time, however, we do hear of frustrations boiling over and, very occasionally, of behaviour that doesn't reflect the respect and kindness we would all want to see. Recently some parents have told us that they are considering taking their concerns to the police, too. We know that everyone is busy and that car parks can be stressful places, but we would ask all our parents and carers to help us by keeping this space calm, courteous and safe. Thank you for your continued support in making sure this arrangement works well for everyone.

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

Hop Tu Naa Disco

Our Hop Tu Naa Disco will be held on the 23rd of October! 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. Tickets are available via ParentPay! Keep an eye out for further updates, and get ready for a frightfully good time!

All class photos are now displayed by the office.
£10 each.
Just give the cash and the photo code to Julie and she'll do the rest!



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!