

# Willaston Primary School

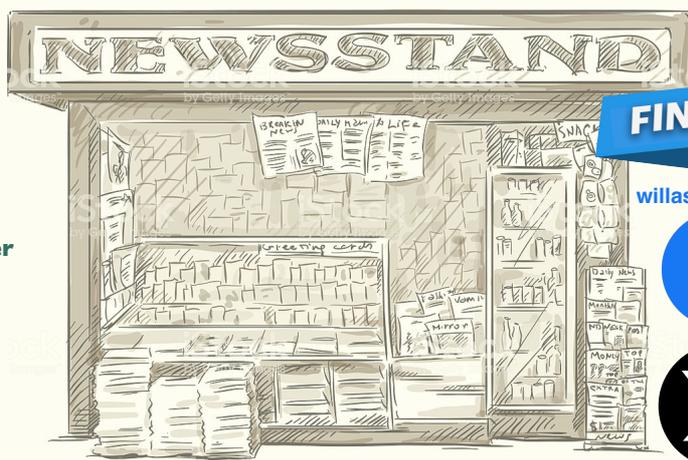
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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**NEWSLETTER**  
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## Dates for Your Diary

- 10.02.26 Y2 Tag Rugby
- 11.02.26 Football Match at St Mary's
- 12.02.26 Valentine's Disco (Details below!)
- 12.02.26 Cross-Curricular Project at SNHS
- 16.02.26 Half Term (1 week)
- 23.02.26 School Re-opens
- 05.03.26 World Book Day (Dress up as a book character!)
- 23.03.26 Parents' Evening (1)
- 24.03.26 Parents' Evening (2)

**This is not an exhaustive list! Keep your eye on our website and social sites for all the latest dates & events!**

## Message from Mr Kelly

As we move into the final stretch of this half term, I'd like to thank families for their continued support and engagement with school life. There is lots happening over the coming weeks, from sporting events and curriculum projects to celebrations such as Valentine's Disco and World Book Day, all of which are outlined in this newsletter. Next week will be our last week in school before we close for the February half-term break, when school will be closed for one week. It has been a busy and productive half term, and I hope the break provides everyone with a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-earned family time.

Please do keep an eye on the dates listed, including Parents' Evening in March, and continue to check our website and social media for updates. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership and support.

With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

**Parents Evening Info**  
Parents' Evening will take place on 23rd and 24th March. More information will follow, with booking through Arbor as usual, but we wanted to give families an early heads-up of the dates.

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

A gentle reminder that school starts promptly at 8.55am! Don't be late!

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.

## School Swimming Sessions

Now that our weekly swimming lessons have resumed, we would like to give children - and parents - the following reminders!

All swimmers are required to bring a swimming costume and towel. Boys must wear fitted swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls must wear a one-piece costume. This helps to minimise drag in the water and allows teachers to clearly observe limb and joint movement.

All children with longer hair must wear a swimming cap. Swimming caps are available to purchase from all good sports shops, and at the NSC. Goggles are encouraged for children who are sensitive to water; however, pupils must be able to put on, adjust, and remove goggles independently.

Earrings and jewellery are not permitted in the pool area. Newly pierced earrings must be covered with a band or tape.

## Valentines Disco

Our PTA are busy planning our Valentine's Disco! Details are below and tickets are available now on ParentPay

Children can bring in clothes to get changed into and will need some money if they wish to buy sweets and get their hair sprayed etc

If you are able to help out at the disco, please let Mrs Slater in the office know. Thank you!

Half term is fast approaching and Isle of Play is here to help! Free, open-access play sessions across the Island all week long - no booking needed, just turn up and play. Perfect for burning off energy, making friends, and enjoying the holidays together. Check out the sessions and times below.

## Starting School This September?

If your child is due to start school this September, now is the time to register at Willaston. Early registration helps us plan for a smooth start. Please also spread the word to local families.

## World Book Day 2026

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day, and we're celebrating in style! Children are invited to dress as a favourite book character for the day - costumes can be as simple or as creative as they like. If dressing up isn't their thing, that's absolutely fine too, and children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform.

There is no donation or charge for taking part; this is simply a fun and inclusive way to celebrate our shared love of books, stories, and reading. We're looking forward to a day filled with imagination and enthusiasm - start planning those outfits, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful book characters come to life in



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest news, updates, and photographs of life at Willaston School.

**February Holidays 2026**  
**PLAYINGOUT**  
Supported by Hartford Homes

Completely free - No need to book  
All ages and abilities welcome - just turn up and play  
**OPEN ACCESS POLICY** - children must be signed in and parent/carer for children under 16 must stay. Children are encouraged to manage their own RISK.  
If you are unsure of your child's ability, we advise you to stay and support them. Staff are NOT responsible for supervising children's return home.  
Most venues do not have toilet facilities available!

	10am - 12pm	2pm - 4pm
MONDAY FEB 16TH	AUTISM IN MANN & MANX MENCAP SESSION	PT. ERIN - RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY FEB 17TH	FOYDALE SCHOOL	ANDREAS SCHOOL
WED FEB 18TH	WILLASTON SCHOOL	JURBY SCHOOL FIELD
THURS FEB 19TH	RAMSEY - CORONATION PARK	BALLASALLA SCHOOL
FRIDAY FEB 20TH	PEEL - RAGBATT	LESTERS YARD

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