

Willaston Primary School

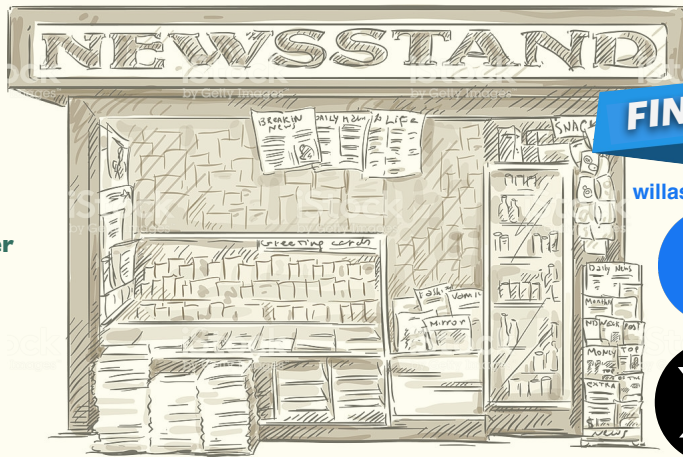
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026

Dates for Your Diary

- 02.04.26 - School closes for Easter (3.30pm)
- 20.04.26 - School reopens for Summer Term
- 22.04.26 - Willaston vs St Mary's Football Match
- 22.04.26 - PTA Event - details below
- 28.04.26 - Football Workshops with Ash Randall
- 04.05.26 - School closed – Bank Holiday
- 06.05.26 - RockKidz Day
- 11.05.26 - Y6 Shropshire Trip
- 21.05.26 - Close for TT Half-term
- 22.05.26 - Teacher INSET Day
- 08.06.26 - Re-open to pupils
- 11.06.26 - Sports day
(Details to follow)
- 19.06.26 - Reception Mini-TT
(Details to follow)

Message from Mr Kelly

As we come to the end of another busy and productive half term at Willaston School, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for the continued commitment shown across all aspects of school life. It has been a period full of purposeful learning, positive attitudes and strong community spirit, all of which contribute to the calm and focused environment we are proud of.

Across the school, it has been pleasing to see children engaging fully in their learning and making the most of the opportunities available to them. At the same time, our shared expectations around routines and organisation remain important. Ensuring that children arrive on time each day and are ready to learn makes a significant difference, and we appreciate your support in maintaining these high standards.

As we move into the summer term, there is much to look forward to, including key events such as Sports Day on 11th June and our Reception Mini TT event later in the term. These moments are always highlights of the school year and provide opportunities for children to shine in different ways.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break over Easter and find time to rest and recharge with family and friends

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.

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

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.

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

Please remember that Willaston School expects all adults visiting the school site to act appropriately and treat others with respect at all times.

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

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping our children thrive each day.

Working Together – Communication with School

We are increasingly experiencing situations where parents and carers arrive at school expecting to speak with members of staff immediately, without a prior appointment.

While we always aim to be approachable and responsive, it is not always possible for staff to be available at short notice, particularly during the school day when they are teaching or leading other responsibilities.

If you would like to speak with a member of staff, we kindly ask that you contact the school office in advance so that an appropriate time can be arranged. This helps ensure that conversations can take place in a calm, purposeful and uninterrupted way.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful and well-organised environment for everyone in our school community.

School Uniform

We have recently noticed an increase in children wearing cycling shorts as a main item of clothing to school. These do not form part of the agreed school uniform and should not be worn in place of standard uniform items. Cycling shorts may, of course, be worn underneath skirts or dresses, which many children find comfortable and practical.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that all children attend school in the correct uniform each day, helping to maintain consistency and high expectations across the school.

Reception Mini TT Event

Our Reception children will be taking part in a Mini TT event on the afternoon of Friday 19th June. This is always a lovely occasion for our youngest pupils, combining fun, activity and a sense of achievement. More details will be shared with Reception families in due course.

We are seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school, and this is having a noticeable impact on learning. The start of the school day is a crucial time, where key instructions are given and lessons begin promptly. Arriving late can leave children feeling unsettled and missing important learning opportunities. We would ask all parents and carers to ensure that children arrive on time each day, ready to start their learning with the rest of the class. Thank you for your support in helping us maximise every minute of the school day.

Sports Day – Date for Your Diary

We are pleased to confirm that Willaston Sports Day will take place on Thursday 11th June, on the school field as usual.

Further details will follow closer to the time, but we hope this early notice allows families to plan ahead. We are looking forward to another fantastic day of energy, teamwork and school spirit.

PTA – New Members Welcome

Our PTA plays a vital role in supporting the school and organising events for our children and families. We are holding a PTA drop-in session at 3.00pm on Tuesday 22nd April for anyone who may be interested in getting involved. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your support would be greatly appreciated.



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