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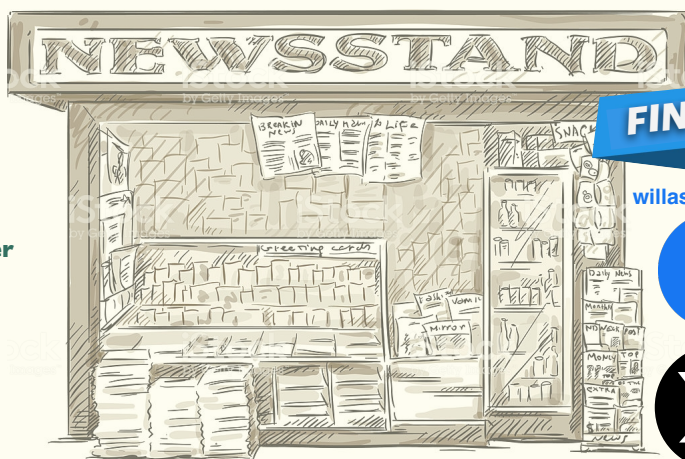
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for Your Diary

- 03.07.26 Ballakermeen taster day 2 for Y6
- 03.07.26 St Ninian's taster day for Y6
- 06.07.26 School closed (Tynwald Day Bank Holiday)
- 07.07.26 Final swimming session (lifesaving lesson — pyjamas needed!)
- 09.07.26 Sports Day (rescheduled!)
10am KS2; 1.30pm Rec, Y1 & Y2
- 22.07.26 Y6 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm (doors open 1.30pm)
- 23.07.26 Last day of term (a Thursday this year!)

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 come to the final newsletter of the school year, I want to say a big thank you to **everyone** in the Willaston family - children, staff, parents, carers, governors and friends of the school - for another great year.

It has been a year full of highlights, and this week brought one more: the news that Willaston has been revalidated as a national Centre of Excellence for inclusion. Recognition like that doesn't happen by accident - it reflects the part everyone plays in making our school the place it is, from the children who bring it to life each day, to the staff who go above and beyond, to the families who support us at every turn.

There is still plenty packed into these final weeks - Sports Day, our leavers' celebrations and more - so please keep an eye on the dates opposite. In the meantime, thank you again for your support this year. I hope you are as proud of Willaston as we are.

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.

ParentPay

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

Please make sure you arrange to pick up any medication stored in the school before we close on the 23rd!

Punctuality — a polite reminder

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving late in the mornings. Please help us by making sure your child is in school on time — arriving late means a child misses the settled start to the day, and those first few minutes of learning matter. A prompt start makes a real difference to how the whole day goes. Thank you for your support.

IQM — Centre of Excellence!

We are delighted to share that Willaston School has been revalidated as a national Centre of Excellence for inclusion. Following his visit earlier this week, external assessor Mr Kevin O'Neill was extremely impressed by what he saw. A huge well done to everyone — this recognition reflects the part we all play in making our school the place it is, from children to staff to parents and families. Something for the whole Willaston community to be very proud of!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Wed 22nd July

Please join us for the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2pm on Wednesday 22nd July. Doors open at 1.30pm, and parents, grandparents, family members and guests of our Year 6 pupils are all warmly invited. The assembly starts at 2pm sharp and will last approximately an hour.

Sports Day - Rescheduled to Thursday 9th July

Sports Day will now take place on Thursday 9th July. A Key Stage Two events start at 10am, with Reception, Y1 and Y2 at 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming families along to cheer the children on. Fingers crossed for better weather this time around!

Colour Run — thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Colour Run - what a fabulous event! The children (and a few adults!) had a wonderful time. Just a reminder to please bring in any outstanding sponsor money as soon as you can. Thank you!

Goodbye Y6!

We wish our Year 6s all the very best as they finish their time at Willaston. For many of them, this school has been a second home for the best part of seven years - from wide-eyed Reception starters to the confident, capable young people preparing to leave us now. They have grown so much along the way, and we have loved watching every step.

Their last week, fast approaching, will be a special one, with the Leavers' Assembly and leavers' events to enjoy - there may be some shirt signing, and perhaps a tear or two (from the grown-ups as much as the children!). We hope they look back on their years here with happy memories, and we look forward to hearing about all they go on to achieve at secondary school and beyond.

End of Year Reports

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we kindly remind all parents and carers to sign and return a copy of their child's end-of-year report. If you haven't had the chance to review the report yet, returning it in September will be fine.

Swimming - Final Session Tues 7th July

Swimming sessions for this school year will finish on 7th July. Thank you to all our families for your support with kit and routines throughout the year.

