

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 16th September

Swimming starts for KS2

Thursday 17th September

Forest School starts for Year 2

Thursday 1st October

Little starters photo

Tuesday 6th October

Harvest Assembly

Friday 9th October

Reception parents 'lets do lunch' invites to follow

Open afternoon from 2pm - whole school

Monday 19th October

Flu vaccine

Cake sale Years 1 and 2

Tuesday 20th October

Individual and class photos

Friday 23rd October

Girls fun football

Friday 23rd October-Monday 2nd November Half Term

Thursday 5th November

Forest School starts for Year 4

Friday 6th November

Road safety talks KS1

Monday 9th/Tuesday 10th November

Parents Evening

Friday 20th November

Community Event - further details to follow

Week beginning 7th December

Concert week

Week beginning 14th December

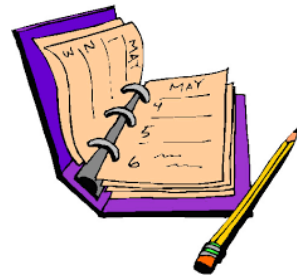
Cake sale Reception Party week

Friday 18th December

End of term

These dates may be subject to change. More information on individual events will be sent nearer the time and posted on our Facebook page and our website Willaston.sch.im

Willaston Primary School



Newsletter Sept. 20

Dear Parent/ Carer

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE. I hope you all had a great Summer. Listening to the children I hear so many recounts of children getting out and about on our lovely island. I do hope they have also enjoyed their first few days back in school and are beginning to get back into the routine again.

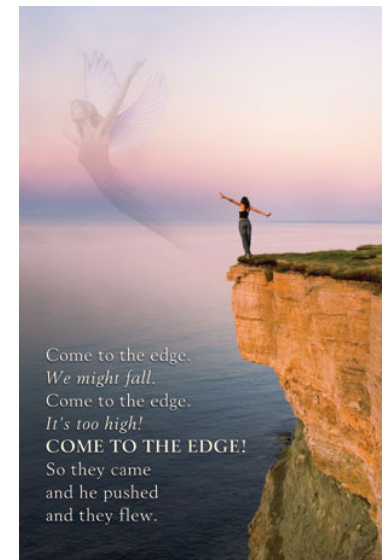
A very warm welcome to all our new Reception children and their families. Those new to our school community, please look out for upcoming information about **PAWS**, our hugely important team of parents and friends who work with us to support and raise funds for the benefit of your children. Without your involvement, all the additional events throughout the year just wouldn't happen.

Please visit our website where you will find all the updated school policies, information about our exciting curriculum, a wealth of other information about our school, along with some lovely photos of the children engaged in learning. Well worth a visit www.willaston.sch.im
We also now have a twitter account @willastonIOM to keep you updated with the latest news from our school.

Please look out for a separate letter informing you of the protective measures we continue to have in place to minimise coronavirus risks.

I wish everyone a great year ahead and I thank you once again for all your continued support.

Rose Burton (Headteacher)



Come to the edge,
We might fall.
Come to the edge,
It's too high!
COME TO THE EDGE!
So they came
and he pushed
and they flew.

Open afternoon

We shall be holding an open afternoon on Friday 9th October.

This will be an opportunity for you to hear about what we are planning for this year and for your child to show you their classroom and their teacher. Last year this was a lovely informal get together so **PLEASE** do come and join us. A further reminder letter with more information will follow.



Uniform

It is a delight to see how smart the children are at the start of the new term. I have been introduced to dozens of new pairs of black school shoes!! Please no trainers. Can we please ask that children wear grey/black trousers, **not** joggers. Thank you for your support in adhering to the school uniform. We believe smart appearance is very important.

Can I just remind you that PE kits consist of black shorts, plain white T Shirt and black pumps. **These need to be in school AT ALL TIMES**, in a named PE bag. Please also name each individual piece of kit. Thank you.



inhalers

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma, please ensure they have 'in date' inhalers in school. Paperwork will be sent out shortly.

Bookbags

Just a reminder about our book bags. All new children to our school are given a free book bag to carry their reading books to and from school. This helps to keep them in good condition.

Please look after our school books and use the book bags. We are seeing a number of reading books being damaged by being put into back packs along with lunch and drinks. It costs us a great deal to replace them. If you need a new book bag, they are available from the school office, priced £4.50. Thank you for your support with this.



Safeguarding

May I please remind parents that due to safeguarding procedures, **no-one** is permitted to enter school at any time, including lunchtimes, without first seeing a member of staff and signing in at the school office.

Please wait on the red chairs if no-one is in the office. We are not far away!!

Also vitally important is up to date contact details. Please ensure that we are notified if you change your mobile number. You may need to be contacted in case of an emergency.

As requested in the most recent survey, we have moved to paperless systems and will continue to be sending newsletters via e mail. Please inform the office of your e mail address in order to be put on our mailing list. Paper copies will still be sent whilst we are moving over to the new system.

PAWS

We have an amazing PAWS (Parents at Willaston School) team who work tremendously hard to provide amazing events for our children throughout the year. We will be having a meeting **Wednesday 23rd September at 3.45pm** in the school to plan and prepare for the Hop-tu-naa Disco. We would love some new members for our PAWS team. If you are interested please either come to the meeting or talk to Mr Ledger.

Protective measures

As we all know, at the time of writing, we are very lucky to have no community case here on the Isle of Man. This however, does not mean that we are relaxing our protective measures. These are the measures that we continue to have in place:-

- * children/adults are encouraged to wash their hands more often during the school day.
- * we continue to encourage good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach.
- * we have enhanced cleaning procedures carried out by Ms Kirkham and her team.

Finally and most importantly

If anyone in your household is showing symptoms of Coronavirus your child must not come into school and parents must notify the school straight away. Parents must seek medical advice. The Government website (<https://services.gov.im/covid-19>) gives up to date information if you are unsure.

If your child is ill or feeling unwell they should not come into school. If your child falls ill during the day, he or she will be moved away from other children and the parents will be called immediately. Parents must attend school promptly or arrange for another family member to collect their child.



Bikes

We actively encourage healthy lifestyles here at Willaston and support Year 6 children riding their bikes to school providing they have passed their cycling proficiency. As part of their cycle training they were informed of the importance of wearing helmets. **Please ensure that your child wears a helmet if they are using their bike.**

Year 5 will be having their cycle training in March. Following their successful completion, they too will be permitted to ride their bike to school. Please remind your child to push their bikes/scooters within school grounds and walk them across the crossing.

We want to keep everyone safe.

cakes/sweets

Just a reminder. Some children in our school have severe allergies. In order to keep them safe, we ask that children do not bring in cakes or sweets to share with the class, or that re-cycled boxes etc. sent in for craft activities are not food packets. Thank you.

toys

We appreciate that some children like to bring toys to school to play with during break times. We are happy for them to do this. (no electronic items) We do however stress that they are responsible for them and we do not wish them to be used during learning times!!

Thank you for this.

