

Annual Report to the Parish Council

Introduction

This report provides an overview of Willand School for the last academic year and next one.

School Overview

- Over the year our school roll continued to increase, we now have 412 children. We are pleased to receive these new children both as members of the school and our community. Once again, the welcoming nature and community spirit of our school enables all new children to thrive. We are proud of this. Many year groups now have over 60 children in.
- The school has seen a few staffing changes over the year with the retirement of a couple of staff from the school office and administration team, Mrs Goff and Mrs Owen; these staff have had a long relationship with the school. They are now enjoying their well earned retirement.

At the end of the academic year 2024-2025 a selection of our teachers left for new roles over the Southwest; we are joined by a new collection of staff who have settled well into life in Willand School.

Achievements

- **Academic Success:** Over the last academic year, the children have worked hard, our year 6 statutory test results saw us achieve above national averages in Reading and Maths. Our teaching team was very pleased with these results.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** The last year has seen the school continue to succeed (mostly!) in a range of sporting activities. We have continued to build links with local schools to develop sporting competitions; events we have taken children to have included; Local area sports day, netball, football, cross country, Swimming gala. Our school Boccia team made it to the Devon finals.
- In October our school council enjoyed being the first children to use the Trim trail that we had installed in the school field. The funding of this had come from nearly 2 years of hard work and fundraising from our PTFA, a Parish Council Grant and then some of the school sports premium money. The children thoroughly enjoy using this apparatus throughout their playtimes and lunchtimes.
- In January 2026 our S106 studio classroom was started, we are aiming for this new learning space to be fully completed by July and ready for us to use in September 2026. This will provide us with a space for our music and drama lessons.
- The school continues to be a vibrant and exciting place for the next generation of our community the thrive and learn.