

## **Willand School Annual Report to the Annual Parish Meeting March 2025**

### **Introduction**

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

### **School Overview**

- Number of Pupils: 394, Over 20 children have joined the school since September additional to our reception intake. 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.

### **Achievements**

- Academic Success: Over the last academic year, the children have worked hard, our statutory test results have returned to either above or inline with national expectations. We were pleased with the year 6 results particularly in reading and maths. A return to our pre Covid time successes.
- 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 and this year Boccia to name a few.
- Community Engagement: we are continuing to strengthen our PTFA, they have been an incredible support in raising funds to supplement our school trips, provide uniform to families and help us raise money so we can develop our school playground to enhance the health and wellbeing of our pupils. We continue to value the support from our parents and community.
- This year our work with Exeter University on The Kiva anti bullying approach has also been recognised, with press visits from both BBC Spotlight and ITV Westcountry.

### **Future Plans**

Over the next few months, we are looking to finalise and build the new Studio, funded by the S106 provision. Having adapted the original plans following the interruption of Covid and a change in the needs of the school.

The school continues to be challenged by its own budget and meeting the needs of all the children in the community as best we can. The continued determination of staff despite these challenges remains a strength of the school.

Thank you to the parish council and all stakeholders for your continued support. We look forward to working together in the upcoming year.