



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO 1: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you all have had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. It was lovely to see all the children back looking very smart in their school uniforms.

### School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50. We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

### Future Events

#### Clubs

Letters for clubs have been sent today. If you wish for your child to attend, please ensure the reply slip has been returned to the school office as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please find the after-school club timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
15:30-16:30 Karate: KS2	15:30-16:30 MYG Competition Club: Year 5 & 6	15:30-16:30 Ms Greene's Choir: KS2	15:30-16:30 Football club: Year 5 & 6
15:30-16:30 Dance: Year 1 & 2	15:30-16:30 Drama club: Year 3 & 4 *Starting after October Half term*	15:30-16:30 Greenacre Sport: Year 1 & 2	15:30-16:30 Greenacre Sport: Year 3 & 4

### Year 6 Swimming – Starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Next week on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September the first swimming session will take place for Year 6. These lessons will take place at the Kings pool and Year 6 will be walking with their teachers to the sessions. Please make sure children come appropriately dressed and have a coat and umbrella as we will be attending the sessions even if the weather is inclement. Letters have been sent this week, please ensure your child's consent has been returned to the school office.

### Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> to administer the nasal flu vaccination to all children whose parents have completed their online consent.

### Guildhall Museum Trip – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Next week Year 4 will be visiting the Guildhall Museum as part of their Romans topic learning on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. There is no cost for this trip. Children are to wear full school uniform, wearing sensible walking shoes and outer clothing – (dependent on the weather conditions on the day). Letters will be sent next week regarding full information.

### Introductory Curriculum Talks for Parents in September 2024 (Years 1 – 6)

We have had a very enthusiastic response to these talks over the years and feel they are an important method of communication about expectations and arrangements at the start of the year. Letters have been sent home regarding dates and times along with a reply form confirming attendance. Please find all the dates and times in the table below.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September		Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September		Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	
5pm	Year 6	5pm	Year 4	5pm	Year 3
5:30pm	Year 2	5:30pm	Year 5	5:30pm	Year 1





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## Year R – Early Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September Miss Dormedy will be leading a workshop for Year R parents on how to support your child with Early reading. The session will start at 6:15 pm and last approximately 30 minutes. A letter has gone home explaining the details.

## Year 6 Medway Test

Will take place within school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Medication at School:** If applicable, medication i.e., asthma inhalers / epipens etc., should be returned to school immediately. Please check the expiry dates on all medication; it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that any medicines in school are within the recommended 'expiry by' date.

**Tuesday morning SEN appointments:** Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Tuesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Morrow directly on [sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk) . Phone consultations are preferable.

**Healthy Eating:** May we politely remind you that chocolate bars / sweets etc. are not to be included in home packed lunches please. **SWOP is a NUT FREE ZONE:** Some of our children have severe nut allergies so it is very important that pupils' packed lunches **should not contain any nuts or nut products** – thank you.

## Packed lunches

May we also remind you that if children are having grapes in their packed lunch that these need to be chopped up as whole grapes create a large choking hazard.

**Absence:** If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by telephone or email using [absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk) before 9:30 am on the first morning of absence. Should your child continue to be absent from school on the third day, parents must re contact the school. When your child returns to school, if you have not already emailed their reason for absence, please also send a written note to school with your child giving the reason for your child's absence so that the absence can be authorised and the reason for the absence noted on your child's school record. Please do not put this information in the contact book.

## Application for Leave of Absence / Exceptional Circumstances

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. Holidays should be taken during the school holiday period. During the academic year pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days. In order for our children to fully utilise their years in education, we believe it is vital that every message they receive reinforces the importance of school. Holidays in term time interrupt continuity of teaching and learning, disrupt the educational progress of individual children and create disruption to classes.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment)Regulations 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All requests should be made well in advance, in writing. You will then be asked to complete an Application for Leave of Absence / Exceptional Circumstances form and will be invited to discuss your request with either myself or in my absence Mrs Tong.

**Uniform:** The children all look super in their school uniforms. Please remember that children must wear 'sensible' shoes for their own health and safety, not trainers, boots or heels. No open top / toe sandals for girls as these create tripping hazards. Please make sure that your child's sandals have a strap across the foot to prevent them from falling over when running on the playground.

Children may wear their summer uniform up until the end of Term 1; all children are to wear winter uniform from the first day of Term 2, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that sandals may not be worn with winter uniform.

A reminder that trainers or canvas shoes are not to be worn in school except for PE unless a letter explaining medical reasons is submitted and signed by parents.

Children must not wear jewellery other than watches and plain gold or silver ball stud earrings, and long hair needs to be tied back please. School hats are available from the office. Branded sunhats or fashion items may not be worn.

Please ensure all items are named as we will be checking within class next week.

**PE:** All children must have a P.E. kit, named in a school plimsoll bag to be left at school until the end of term. Children cannot do P.E. if wearing earrings so please make sure they are removed for their P.E. day or are able to remove them without adult assistance. SWOP P.E. tops and plimsoll bags are available to purchase from the school office.

**Please ensure all PE kits are in school as PE is very important in helping us promote healthy lifestyles!!**

To avoid congestion at the school office, we ask that all uniform orders are placed via email to [office@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk) We will advise by return of email, stock availability and the cost of your order.





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**Phoning Home for Forgotten Items:** Please remind your child that usually the office will not be phoning parents if they forget to bring items such as, swimming kit, book bags, musical instruments etc., so they need to check they have everything ready for school before they leave home!

## Safeguarding:

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children\\_and\\_families/600/concerned\\_about\\_a\\_child/2](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2)

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.msrb.org.uk/>

## Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Tadhg Y 1, Ayan Y 2, Freddy Y 3, Dom Y 4, Aditi Y 5, Stefania Y 6

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we would like to ask whether families have any photographs of our school through the years in order for us to create a display showing the history of our school. We will copy and return any photographs or clippings. More information about our plans to celebrate this important occasion will be made available in due course.

## Thank You

I would like to thank a parent for the voluntary work of their company (**Flash professional cleaning services**) in cleaning the exterior of our school. The school looks amazing and we really appreciate how nice the facias and pathways now look. Thank you for being so generous with your time during the summer holidays to help our school community.

## St. John's Class

We have come to the end of our first week of the new school year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We warmly welcome the following children in St. John's Class (R):

Anna Zimchikachim Nathaniel Samuel-Ibrahim Marshall Ada David Paddy	Tadhg Frank Arthur Alyssia Theo Amayah Ajus Leonas	Ava Belle Amelia Amariah Roberta Jason Adira Sophia Finley	Ava Freddie Cleopatra Peyton Ralph Ivy
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We also welcome Chikasinma who has joined Year 3. We also welcome Mrs Weston and Mrs Everett who have joined us as our new Year 1 teachers, Mrs Tong as our Deputy Headteacher as well as our new Year 3 teacher and Mrs Kunwor as our new cover teacher.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the weather.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
<b>September 2024</b>		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunisation – Whole School	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Guildhall Museum Trip – Year 4	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs restart – More information to follow	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 6 Swimming session 2 – (Kings school) Year 6 Curriculum Workshop Year 2 Curriculum Workshop Year R Early Reading Workshop	5pm 5:30pm 6:15pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 4 Curriculum Workshop Year 5 Curriculum Workshop	5pm 5:30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop Year 1 Curriculum Workshop	5pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kittle whole school photographs – <b>winter uniform to be worn</b> Year 6 Swimming session 3 – (Kings school)	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary whole school Mass	
<b>October 2024</b>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Swimming session 4 – (Kings school)	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Swimming session 5 – (Kings school)	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Swimming session 6 – (Kings school) Harvest Mass	tbc
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly Parents Evening End of Term 1	2:15pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day – no children in school	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Half term	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Start of term 2	