



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School (1974 – 2024)

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## NEWSLETTER NO 25: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for your support at our Book Fair this week. Commission raised will go towards re-stocking our class libraries.

### Larkin Farm Visit

A group of our students and staff visited Larkin Farm. They had a wonderful time seeing the different animals.

### Year 4 Multiplication Check Parent Meetings

Thank you to all the parents that joined us to learn about the arrangements for the multiplication check. We hope that you found this informative.

### Year R Class Assembly

Well done to St. John's class for their assembly today. The assembly focused on spring. St John's class shared their learning about the story of creation and showed their amazing art skills with beautiful paintings of God's creatures. Thank you to the Year R parents who attended the assembly. This was St. John's first class assembly and they did very well.

### Future Events

#### K.D Greaves Author Visit – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

K.D Greaves will be visiting us on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and will be delivering a free workshop to all children. She will also be in the library after school on both these days signing and selling some of her books, all are welcome to visit.

#### Yr. R - Family and Fairy Tales

We continue our family and fairy tale sessions from 8:40 – 9:05 on a Tuesday. Year R parents are invited to join us to read with their children in the school hall. We have always found that this is an excellent way to encourage our youngest children to read.

#### Year 6 SAT's / Residential Information Meeting – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Miss Routledge will be holding a parent only evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 5.00pm in the year 6 classroom. The aim of this meeting is to give parents all the information regarding the up-and-coming SATs week, followed by a meeting for the residential week away in June. The evening will start with the SATs meeting and once this has finished and if your child is not attending the residential trip then you are free to leave.

#### PTA Mother's Day Shop – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Children will be offered the opportunity to buy a wonderful gift(s) for mums, nans or other special people in their lives. Cards and gifts are priced from 50p to £2, we would suggest that children bring in no more than £5 spending money (ideally in change) on the morning of the 26<sup>th</sup> March in a clearly labelled, envelope, purse or wallet.

#### Parents Evening – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Parents will have received their appointment slip with times of their appointment this week.

#### Tag Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

In preparation of the upcoming Easter raffle, we are having a Tag Day where children are invited into school in their own clothes with the inspiration of wearing something that makes them happy. In payment of not wearing uniform to school, we would be grateful to receive donations of raffle prizes such as Easter eggs and chocolate. Please ensure any donations are NUT- FREE. Raffle prizes are to be given to their class teacher in the morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.





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## Year 5 Class Assembly - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 parents are invited to attend the Year 5 class assembly on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March starting at approximately 9:05 am.

## Choir Spring Concert – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

The choir, led by Ms Green will perform their Spring Concert 'Ocean', on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6:00pm. The Choir should return to school by 5.45 pm, dressing in green and/or blue colours depicting the colours of the ocean. Could you also provide your child with only ONE of the following accessories to wear for the group dance, which they should bring with them on the evening: an eye patch / a pirate hat / a bandana / a wide belt / a waistcoat.

## Passion Play – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Year 3 & Year 4's Passion Play will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2pm (children will be leaving school at 3.20pm) and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 6:00pm, (no pre-school children at the evening performance thank you). Both performances will be held in the school hall. Parents of children in Years 3 and 4 are asked to complete the form(s) on the class letter sent home and return it to the office. All money collected at the end of both performances will be donated to our Missio appeal.

## Easter Bonnet Parade – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

We would like to invite the children to design and make an Easter Bonnet as part of our Easter Celebrations. The children will be able to wear their bonnets into school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will have a short parade for parents to see the designs taking place in the morning from 9:00 am. The parade will take place on the playground and we ask parents to enter via the lower playground gate.

## PTA Cake Sale – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

This will take place in the school hall starting from 3:10pm. All are welcome to buy a sweet treat. If anyone is able to donate any homemade/store bought cakes/cupcakes/cookies, please leave them at the office by 10am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**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.

**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.

**Attendance:** St. William of Perth is committed to ensuring all children achieve their full academic potential and believe that good attendance means good learning. The positive impact that regular attendance has on a child reaching their full academic potential and the benefits this brings to emotional and social well-being. The school's expectation for pupil's attendance is at least 96%. If your child is too unwell to attend school in the morning, it is encouraged that if they are able to and feel well enough, to come into school later in the day to attend for the afternoon session to reduce the learning missed. Likewise, if your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them in, please do so. The children tend to perk up during the day and if they get too unwell to be at school, we will contact parents / carers to advise to collect.

## 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 statutory **DfE Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024** and **The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2024**, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.





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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.

**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.

**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/>

### Parish link

For information about the parish of St. John Fisher including newsletters and Mass times click on the link below.

<https://stjohnfisher.me.uk/>

### School Streets

The statutory consultation period for the Medway School Streets proposals for Canon Close continues until **Friday 28th March**.

You can **register your views** via email to the following address [TROconsult@medway.gov.uk](mailto:TROconsult@medway.gov.uk) or by post to Parking Design team, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR.

### Praise Celebrations for the week!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green

Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today.

Ajus Y R, Delilah Y 1, Yash Y 2, Aaron Y 3, Calum Y 4, Ocean Y 5, Rosie Y 6.

### Week commencing 10.03.25

#### **Attendance Ted**

Well done to Year 2 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

#### **Punctuality Pup**

Well done to Year 6 who won the Punctuality Pup for the week.

### INSET DAY – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Please be advised that we have organised our next INSET day for Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Please be advised no children will be in school on that day.

Yours sincerely,

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Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>		
<b>March 2025</b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	K.D Greaves Author Visit	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	K.D Greaves Author Visit	
	Year 6 – SAT's / Residential Information Evening	5pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Mother's Day Sale	
	Parents Evening	4 - 7 pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	GSP – Girls Football Festival	
	Parents Evening	4 - 7 pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Day – Wear something that makes you Happy	
	Year 5 – Class Assembly	9:05am
	Spring Choir Concert	6pm
<b>April 2025</b>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Passion Play – afternoon performance	2pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Celebration Assembly (by invite)	2:15pm
	Year 3 and 4 Passion Play - evening performance	6pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade	9:05am
	Big Lent Walk	
	Celebration Assembly (By Invite)	2:15pm
	PTA Cake Sale	3:10pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Stations of the Cross	
	End of term 4	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> –	Easter Holiday	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Inset Day – no children in school</b>	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Start of Term 5</b>	

## Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

SWOP are excited to continue the Pope's 'Jubilee Year of Hope 2025', by participating in the CAFOD 'Big Lent Walk'. This will involve KS2 completing a sponsored walk around the local area ending at St John Fisher Church, in the church the whole school will then think about the Pope's call for us to 'Demand Change' and consider our impact on the environment. We would be delighted if parents, guardians and parishioners, would be able to join us for this event on the Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, leaving the school at approximately 9:15. If you can help during this event and you wish to become involved, please can you let Miss Gray know at the office. We really would love to make this event a walk to show that our school have a voice and are called to engage with Catholic Social Justice!

EYFS and KS1 will not take part in the walk, but will join the rest of the school in the church. We have arranged some alternative 'Prayer Stations' for these classes to become involved in linked to this theme.

If you can spare some money, the QR code to the Just Giving Page for CAFOD is below. Please do not bring money into school.

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-william-of-perth/donation-amount>

