



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

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NEWSLETTER NO 27: Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very busy term. This week has been particularly busy but it has been a very successful week. On Tuesday and Wednesday Years 3 and 4 presented a stunningly beautiful portrayal of the Passion of Christ. Throughout the week the PTA have organised lots of Easter events which the children thoroughly enjoyed, especially the visit on Wednesday from the Easter Bunny!

Year 3 and 4 Passion Play

Well done to the children in Year 3 and 4 for their performances of the Passion Play this week. My congratulations to all involved in organising this performance.

Celebration Certificates

Well done to those children who received a certificate from their teacher for their hard work this term. These certificates recognised the children's academic achievements, attitudes to learning, resilience and politeness and manners.

Easter Bunny Visit

The children enjoyed seeing the Easter Bunny this week. This was a nice way to finish such a productive term of hard work and learning! May we take this opportunity to thank our wonderfully supportive PTA who provided the Easter treats for the children and for organising our Easter raffle and cake sale.

Easter Bonnet

It was lovely to see so many children take part in the Easter bonnet/hat parade. What a wonderful sight! Well done everyone. The Easter Bunny was very impressed and although it was difficult to choose one hat from each class to win a special prize the winners were: Amelia Y R, Pippa Y 1, Reuben Y 2, Ilinca Y 3, Chris Y 4, Jobey Y 5 and Tiago Y 6.

Easter Raffle

Thank you for all the donations for our PTA Easter Raffle, we had lots of participants and prizes. A big well done to our winners, we hope you enjoy your hampers.

Year 6 – Stations of the Cross Assembly

Thank you, Year 6, for leading the school in prayer and for recounting Jesus' final journey during Holy Week. It was wonderful to see the assembly.

Prayer Club – Friday's

Mrs Tong would like to thank the 'Prayer Pilgrims' and children across the school for attending the Friday prayer club. Together we were able to pray and share the journey of Easter in a spiritual manner, with each letter taking a religious significance. We will start Friday prayer group after the holidays again, where the focus will be Mary the Mother of Jesus, as we celebrate the Rosary. If you wish to bring in your own Rosary beads in for this you can or the school have some beads you can use, as we share a decade and pray together.

Lent

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Mission Together boxes in order to raise money for Mission Together – all contributions are gratefully received. Please click on the link for more information <https://missiontogether.org.uk/>. We received £117.13 towards this cause: - thank you all for your generous donations.

Future Events





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School Uniform

Please see attached at the end of this newsletter, school uniform list for Summer uniform which can be worn from the start of Term 5. **Please note**, we ask that you DO NOT purchase a blue and white checked 'playsuit / all-in-one', as this is **not** an item of school uniform. If choosing the checked option, please purchase a light blue and white checked **dress** only.

Due to an increase in supplier costs, we have increased our school uniform prices, an updated list will be sent via ParentMail following the Easter break. We have a large number of items of school uniform in our nearly new; all items are sold at 50p each.

Please may we also remind parents that all children should come to school with the SWOP school water bottle only, these can be purchased from the school office for £1.70.

Clubs

Letters for Term 5 club allocation has been sent via ParentMail this week. There are still spaces available, please speak with Miss Gray in the office for more information. All clubs (excluding Choir which begins on the 23rd) will commence the week beginning 28th April.

Club Timetable – clubs resume in Term 5 as follows:

Monday's	28 th April – Arts & Crafts – Years 3 & 4 Karate – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday's	29 th April – Drama Club – Years 3 & 4 MYG Sports Club – Years 5 & 6
Wednesday's	23 rd April – Choir – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday's	1 st May – Greenacre Sports Club – Years 3 & 4 Divine Football Club -Years 5 & 6

Parliament Visit – School Council (Years 2 – 6)

We are so excited to share with you that the Palace of Westminster has invited members of our School Council team (Yr. 2 – Yr. 6) to visit and explore the historic Palace of Westminster, where they will learn about the history of parliament and how laws are made, and what happens at parliament today. This will take place on Tuesday 29th April 2025.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming – Tuesday 6th May

The first of Year 3 & 4's swimming sessions takes place on Tuesday, 6th May. Children are reminded to bring their swimming kit to school. Please make sure the children come equipped with an all-weather jacket as we will be attending even if the weather is inclement.

Trip Payment Reminders

Kingswood – Year 4
Final Instalment due – 25th April 2025

Residential Week – Year 6
Final Instalment due – 30th April 2025

Please ensure any other outstanding payments have been settled via ParentPay.

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 . 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 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.



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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.

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 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

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

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

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

<http://www.mscc.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/>

Easter Service Times

Saturday 22nd March

9.30am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

10:00am Mass

10.45am Lenten Reconciliation Service

Palm Sunday, 13th April

9.00am Mass with blessing of palms

11.00am Mass with blessing of palms

6.00pm Mass with blessing of palms

Monday of Holy Week, 14th April

9.00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament





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9:30am Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week, 15th April

9:00am Adoration of the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am Mas

Maundy Thursday, 17th April 8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose 11.00pm Prayers at the altar of repose with Night Prayer of the Church
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Holy Saturday, 19th April

10.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

12.00pm Blessing of Easter food

PM Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass begins with the Service of Light

Easter Sunday, 20th April

6.30am Dawn Mass

9.00am Holy Mass

11.00am Holy Mass

There is no Evening Mass

Week commencing 24.03.25

Attendance Ted

Well done to Year 6 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

Punctuality Pup

Well done to Year 4 who won the Punctuality Pup for the week.

INSET DAY – Tuesday 22nd April 2025

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

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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Headteacher

	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
April 2025		
Friday 4 th	End of term 4	
Monday 7 th – Monday 24 th	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd	Inset Day – no children in school	
Wednesday 23 rd	Start of Term 5 – Children return to school	
Thursday 24 th	MYG Netball	
Friday 25 th	Year 4 Class Trip - Kingswood	
Tuesday 29 th	School Council (Years 2-6) – Parliament Visit	



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Big Lent Walk

St William of Perth School, Rochester we delighted to celebrate the Cafod Big Lent walk with Lee Parris from Cafod. The day started with a Celebration of the Word, on the theme of Hope. The worship led by the children, enabled us to consider the Pope's desire for us all to look at this year of the Jubilee with our hearts open and fully of hope. The juniors then embarked on a 2km walk around the local area. We were blessed with beautiful weather and were able to sing, chant and enjoy participating in a very special campaign. The day ended with each class at St John Fisher church sharing a hymn, poem, speech or their work on a prayer garden with the parish, school and wider community. Anyone wishing to donate, can do so via the below link /QR code.

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





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Summer Uniform start of Summer Term to End of Term 1

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Royal blue cardigan or v-necked sweatshirt with school logo. (only available from school office).

OPTIONAL Navy-blue fleece with school logo (only available from school's approved supplier). This item is to be worn over school sweatshirt or cardigan, **not** in place of school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Coats: Plain colours – preferably navy or black.

Light blue and white checked dress – **no playsuits**.

Grey skirt / pinafore dress (not black).

Grey tailored trousers (not black).

Grey mid-length shorts (not black) - no longer than knee length and without external pocket, (i.e. cargo style shorts)

Plain white school shirt/blouse (collar must be suitable to be worn over a tie). Not polo top.

School tie – (only available from school office).

Plain grey or white school socks, (trainer socks are not allowed).

Black sensible shoes with straps / laces **no laces for EYFS**, (no trainers or boots).

For health and safety reasons, preferably not slip on / ballerina style (no shoes with high heels or open toed sandals).

Hats – with school logo (only available from school office), or plain blue. Branded hats or fashion items may not be worn.

Hair should be smart and suitable for school. Hair should not cover the eyes and hinder learning. Gel should not be worn. No hair dye and no indentions. If hair is shoulder length or longer, it should be tied back in plain black hair elastics or plain elastics in school colours.

Book bag with school logo. (only available from school office).

Water bottle with school logo. (only available from school office).

EYFS additional uniform

Wellington boots - In a named carrier bag.

Apron

Puddle suit (waterproof over-trousers) - Optional for water play.

P.E. Kit ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

- Shorts – plain navy
- T/shirt with school logo (only available from school office)
- Plimsoles (black)
- P.E. Bag with school logo (only available from school office)
- All jewellery (e.g. watches and earrings) must be removed independently - no responsibility will be taken for these.
- Hair - long hair to be tied back.
- Field activities - children may wear trainers, (EYFS and KS1 Velcro/no laces).
- In cold weather children are allowed to wear (unbranded) plain black or plain navy sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms over their P.E. kit.