



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 2: Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at school with the children working very hard getting back into routines and getting use to their new curriculums. Our Year R students stayed for lunch this week and we look forward to them staying for full days next week.

KCSP Inauguration

This week we had our formal enrolment into the Kent Catholic School's Partnership. Our visitors from KCSP joined us for a short prayer service followed by our plaque presentation. We look forward to growing as part of the KCSP family.



Admissions

The Medway admissions are open for primary school applications 2026 / 2027. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

[Dates for applying for primary school](#) | [Applying for a primary school place](#) | [Medway Council](#)

New Parent Tours

We intend to start parental tours on a Tuesday morning starting from Tuesday 23rd September for perspective new parents. Please contact the school office to book onto a tour.

The Medway admissions is also open for secondary school applications. You can apply for your child to start secondary school if they were born between 1 September 2014 and 31st August 2015. For more information and key dates please see the following link: [Dates for applying for secondary school](#) | [Applying for a secondary school place](#) | [Medway Council](#)

Kent Messenger – First Class Supplement

Today, Kent Messenger visited our reception class to take their first class photo. We look forward to seeing their picture in the Kent Messenger's annual First Class supplement in their release on the week beginning 3rd November 2025.

Future Events

Clubs

Confirmation of club places have been sent this week via ParentMail in preparation for these to begin next week.





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Letters for our new MYG Competition Club have been sent today. This club will commence next Friday, 19th September and is open to children in Years 5 & 6.

Introductory Curriculum Talks for Parents in September 2025 (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 16 th September		Wednesday 17 th September		Thursday 18 th September	
5pm	Year 1	5pm	Year 4	5pm	Year 3
5:30pm	Year 2	5:30pm	Year 5	5:30pm	Year 6

Year R – Early Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 16th 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 16th September and Wednesday 17th September.

Year 6 Swimming Session 1 – Tuesday 16th September

Year 6 swimming commences on Tuesday 16th September. These lessons will take place at Sir Joseph Williamson Math's School's 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.

Author Visit – Tuesday 7th October

We are delighted to invite Banji Alexander, an author made famous on Britain's Got Talent television show, into our school on Tuesday 7th October 2025. During this day he will be sharing his passion for poetry, books and hats! He will be running assemblies taking part in book readings across the school and helping to create a reading buzz.

After school on this day, he will be signing books. The books are £10 and can be pre-ordered from the office or purchased on the day. This visit is free, so if you are able to support this visit with a purchase, we would be grateful. To celebrate this, we invite all children into school wearing a hat. Please ensure normal school uniform is worn. I attach a copy of the video

New King Lyric video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grWMvZD9TII>

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.

Monday 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 Monday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Miss Montgomery 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.

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.





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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 27th 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 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.msrb.org.uk/>

Fr Ki - Donations

We are delighted to welcome Fr Ki into our school and parish, whilst Fr Neil is away for a short and well-deserved break. Fr will be visiting a different class every Friday and sharing lunch with the children and staff. During these visits he will be helping to deepen our understanding of the Gospel readings and helping our children to learn more about the universal church. Fr Ki has asked if anyone is able to donate new packs of pens and pencils for his parish children back in Uganda he would be most grateful, as he will be able to bring these back when he returns at the end of September. Please drop any possible donations into the office. Thank you.

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green

Walking boot: Year 1 & Year 6

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

Leonas Y 1, Alexander Y 2, Paris-Ann Y 3, Hollie Y 4, Chloe Y 5, Chikanyima Y 6

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
September 2025		
Monday 15 th	Clubs restart	
Tuesday 16 th	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 6 Swimming (Session 1) Year 1 Curriculum Workshop Year 2 Curriculum Workshop Year R Early Reading Workshop	5pm 5:30pm 6:15pm
Wednesday 17 th	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 4 Curriculum Workshop Year 5 Curriculum Workshop	5pm 5:30pm
Thursday 18 th	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop Year 6 Curriculum Workshop	5pm 5:30pm
Friday 19 th	Year 6 – Forest School	
Tuesday 23 rd	Kittle Individual photographs – winter uniform to be worn Year 6 Swimming (Session 2)	
Friday 26 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Year 6 – Forest School	2pm
Tuesday 30 th	Year 6 Swimming (Session 3)	
October 2025		
Tuesday 7 th	Author Visit - Banji Alexander Year 6 Swimming (Session 4)	
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Swimming (Session 5)	
Wednesday 15 th	New Parents Lunch Parents Evening	4pm – 7pm
Thursday 16 th	Celebration Assembly Parents Evening	2:15pm 4pm – 7pm
Friday 17 th	End of Term 1	
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th	Half term	
Monday 27 th	Start of term 2	