



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO 28: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday with your children and enjoyed spending time as a family. It was lovely to see the children returning after the break refreshed. We look forward to a very busy Summer term with all the excitement that it brings.

### MYG Netball

A team of Year 6 pupils represented the school at the MYG netball competition on Thursday. They were praised for their excellent behaviour and perseverance. Well done to – Cece, Aditi, Ella, Rupert, Francesco, Tiago, Alice P, Nicole and Ryan.

### Fire Safety Talks

This week we had a visitor from Kent Fire & Rescue Service who gave a talk to each year group on fire safety. The children found enjoyable ways to learn how to be careful around flames in order to keep themselves safe.

### Year 4 - Kingswood

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford today undertaking lots of adventurous activities. This was a great trip for building self-confidence and for team work.

### Future Events

#### Clubs

All clubs resume next week, confirmation of spaces and payment request has been sent out via ParentMail. There are still spaces available, please speak with Miss Gray in the office for more information.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

### Year 3 & 4 Swimming

The first of Year 3 & 4's swimming session takes place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Year R Class Trip – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Year R will be visiting Wingham Wildlife Park to learn about animals and their habitats. Please ensure that the medical and parental consent for this trip along with the payment via your child's ParentPay account has been provided. Please also ensure that your child's lunch option has been returned to the school office no later than Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### SATs

Children in Year 2 will complete their KS1 assessments during the month of May. Year 6 KS2 SATs: Will be in the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### Marian Procession – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

To celebrate the month of Our Lady, on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a Marian procession whereby we will crown our statue of Our Lady. This Liturgy will take place on the morning of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. As in previous years, we invite the children to bring flowers to school so that they can be laid at Our Lady's shrine. We also invite the children to bring in any Rosary beads they may own.





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**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.

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.





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<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/>

## Praise Celebrations for the week!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Blue

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

Nathaniel Y R, Jasmine Y 1, Rei Y 2, Chikasinma Y 3, Jahaziel Y 4, Celine Y 5, Tiago Y 6.

## Week commencing 31.03.25

### Attendance Ted

Well done to Year 5 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

### Punctuality Pup

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

## Pope Francis

We join with our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the global Christian family in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. In school we have been celebrating and remembering the life of Pope Francis. We pray that we may continue to be guided by his example and thank God for his service.

Dear Lord,

As we remember and mourn the passing of our beloved Pope Francis, help us to remember his teachings and carry on his good work as we continue to become Pilgrims of Hope.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
<b>April 2025</b>		
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	School Council (Years 2-6) – Parliament Visit	
<b>May 2025</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Swimming	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Class Trip – Wingham Wildlife Park	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SAT's Week	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Marian Procession	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MYG Tag Rugby Competition	
	Celebration Assembly – by invite	2:15pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St William of Perth Day	
	<b>End of Term 5</b>	
<b>June 2025</b>	<b>Start of Term 6 – Children return to school</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	MYG Football Competition	
	September intake – New Year R Parents Meeting	5:30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Theatre Trip - Wicked	