



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO 29: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weather

After a very sunny week and as the weather gets warmer, please may we remind parents that all children are to be wearing sun hats during lunchtime play. Any children not wearing a hat will be asked to sit in the shade during playtime. SWOP logo sun hats can be purchased from the school office. We also advise that all children have a long lasting / high factor sun cream applied before leaving home.

### Parliament Visit – School Council (Years 2 – 6)

Our school councillors from Year 2 – Year 6 had an amazing time exploring Parliament on Wednesday. The children watched a short film on Parliament and how it came to be following by an educational tour where they got to go inside the House of Lords. The children were commended on their wonderful behaviour throughout the day.

### Future Events

#### Year 3 & 4 Swimming

The first of Year 3 & 4's swimming session takes place next week 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.

### 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.

#### St. William of Perth Feast Day Mass – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Our Patron Saint of our school, St. William of Perth will be celebrated by Fr Neil and Bishop Paul with a whole school Mass taking place at 9:30am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St. John Fisher. All are welcome to attend.

**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.





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**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.

<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/>

### **Praise Celebrations for the week!**

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow





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Walking Boot: Year 4

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

Ava Y R, Erin Y 1, Joanna Y 2, Tommy Y 3, Lennon Y 4, Noah Y 5, Ava Y 6.

## Week commencing 21.04.25

### **Attendance Ted**

Well done to Year 3 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

### **Punctuality Pup**

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

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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Headteacher

Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>		
<b>May 2025</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Swimming	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	GSP Quick sticks Hockey Competition	
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 Mass	9:30am
	<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	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential – Windmill Hill	