



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

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NEWSLETTER NO 30: Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a shorter week but an extremely busy one. We hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday and the long weekend with your families.

Next week our Year 6 students will be taking their KS2 SATs. They have worked very hard in their preparation; we wish them luck and encourage them to get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast ready for Monday.

GSP Quick sticks Hockey Competition

A team of Year 4 pupils represented the school at the GSP Quick Sticks Hockey competition on Thursday. This was year 4's first competition this year and everyone played very well. They were praised for their excellent behaviour and perseverance. Well done to – Nela, Calum, Riley, Archie, Hugo, Cezara, Neriah, Olivia, Aaron and Annie.

Year R Class Trip – Friday 9th May

Children from St. John's class travelled to Wingham Wildlife Park today. They had an excellent time exploring and learning about all the animals as part of their topic work.

Future Events

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Year 3 & 4's swimming sessions continue on a Tuesday. 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.

SATs

Children in Year 2 will complete their KS1 assessments during the month of May. Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place next week. It is important that all pupils attend and arrive promptly on time each day.

PTA Ice Cream & Doughnut Sale – Friday 16th May

The PTA will be hosting an ice cream and doughnut sale next Friday 16th May after school. All are welcome to come buy a sweet treat on the playground from 3:30pm

Marian Procession – Monday 19th May

To celebrate the month of Our Lady, on Monday 19th 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 19th 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 23rd 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 23rd 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 . 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 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 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/>

Praise Celebrations for the week!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow

Walking Boot: Year 6





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

Ada Y R, Alexander Y 1, James Y 2, Hollie Y 3, Olivia Y 4, Jamieson Y 5, Ivy Y 6.

Week commencing 28.04.25

Attendance Ted

Well done to both Year 3 & 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.

Habemos Papam

We join our Catholic brothers and sisters across the world in rejoicing at the election of a new Pope. We pray for Pope Leo XIV that the Holy Spirit will bestow on him the gifts of wisdom and fortitude as he takes up the role of the Holy Father.

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
May 2025		
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Year 6 SAT's Week	
Friday 16 th	PTA Ice Cream & Doughnut Sale	3:30pm
Monday 19 th	Marian Procession	
Thursday 22 nd	MYG Tag Rugby Competition	
	Celebration Assembly – by invite	2:15pm
Friday 23 rd	St William of Perth Day Mass	9:30am
	End of Term 5	
Monday 29 th – Friday 30 th	School Holiday	
June 2025		
Monday 2 nd	Start of Term 6 – Children return to school	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th	Year 4 – Multiplication Checks	
Thursday 5 th	MYG Football Competition	
	September intake – New Year R Parents Meeting	5:30pm
Friday 6 th	Year 4 Class Assembly	9:05am
	Year 6 Theatre Trip - Wicked	
Sunday 8 th – Wednesday 11 th	Year 6 Residential – Windmill Hill	
Tuesday 10 th	NHS Year R – Hearing & Vision Checks	
Thursday 12 th	Year 5 Class Trip – Dover Castle	
Friday 13 th	Year R Class Assembly	9:05am
Saturday 14 th	SWOP Summer Festival	





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Monday 16 th	Year 3 Class Trip – Wildwood	
Tuesday 17 th	History / Drama Day	
Tuesday 24 th	Whole School Photograph	
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 – Aylesford Priory	
Thursday 26 th	MYG Cricket Competition	
Friday 27 th	Sports Day	
Saturday 28 th	Young Eco Engineers Go Kart Competition	
Monday 30 th	Inset Day – no children in school	
July 2025		
Thursday 3 rd	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Year R's Teddy Bear's Picnic	
	Choir Concert	6pm
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 / 6 End of Year afternoon Performance	2pm
Wednesday 9 th	Year 5 / 6 End of Year evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 BBQ	Time TBC
Friday 11 th	Year 2 & 3 Moving up Assembly	
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Friday 18 th	Year 6 Water Fight	
Monday 21 st	Moving Up Morning	
	Open Afternoon	
Tuesday 22 nd	FINAL DAY OF TERM 6 - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 / 2025	

SWOP Summer Festival

In preparation of our SWOP Summer Festival taking place on Saturday 14th June 2025, we are looking for some stall holders. If you would be interested in having a stall to market your business / product at the festival then please contact the PTA via the below email. We are also looking for volunteers for an hour of their time to man a stall at the festival. If you would be happy to help, please let your class representative know or the PTA via their below email.

swop.pta@gmail.com