



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of yet another very busy term. Next term we look forward to lots exciting events especially for our Year 6's who will be in their final term here at St William of Perth.

Marian Procession

The annual Marian Procession took place on Monday. The whole school shared their devotions to Mary the Mother of Jesus, praying the Rosary, singing and laying flowers at her statue. During the month of May we are able to share our special devotions to Mary and are grateful to Year R who were able to crown her this year. On the same day the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) came to visit and shared their organisations Mission with St George's and St Francis class. We are very grateful for this visit and learnt a great deal about the UCM.

Celebration Assembly

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.

MYG – Tag Rugby Competition

Well done to Connie, William H, Adrian and Ella from Year 5 and Vinnie, Nyrah, Austin, Alice P, Jayden And Joshua W from Year 6 who represented the school. The children were commended for their positive attitudes and sportsperson ship.

St. William of Perth Feast Day Mass

This week we celebrated the feast day of our Patron Saint – St. William of Perth. What a delight to celebrate St William of Perth's feast day with Bishop Paul and Fr Neil! The Mass took place at St John Fisher Church today and was followed with the Prayer Pilgrims and School Council having squash and biscuits with the Bishop. The Bishop proceeded to visit every class sharing lots of information about what a Bishop does and how we can become more Saint like. We thank Fr Neil and Bishop Paul for making the day such a memorable and special occasion. We pray that St. William of Perth will continue to guide our school community and that his example will inspire us all.

Future Events

Year 5 – Secondary Admissions

This week parents should have received a leaflet with information about Secondary School Admissions 2025 with key dates and other important information included. Further information, click on the link below:

Medway Test - https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1049/medway_test_11

Registration for the Medway Test opened this week, Monday 19th May 2025.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming

Year 3 & 4's swimming sessions continue on a Tuesday following the half-term break. 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 4 Class Assembly

Year 4 parents are invited to attend the Year 4 class assembly on Friday 6th June starting at approximately 9:05 am.

PTA Father's Day Shop – Thursday 5th June

The PTA will be running their annual Father's Day gift shop on Thursday 5th June. Children will be given the opportunity to buy a wonderful gift(s) for dads, grandad's or other special people in their lives. Cards and gifts are priced from 50p to £2: we would suggest the children bring in no more than £5 spending money on Thursday 5th in a clearly labelled, envelope, purse or wallet.





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New Year R (September 2025 Intake) Parents Evening

We plan to meet with our new Year R (September 2025) parents at 5:30pm on Thursday 5th June.

Tag Day – Friday 6th June

In preparation of our SWOPFest Summer Festival, we will be holding a Tag Day on Friday 6th June where children are invited to attend school wearing their own clothes. In payment of not wearing uniform to school, we would be grateful to receive donations that would then be used as a raffle prize at the Summer Festival. Please bring donations in on Friday 6th June. Suggested donations are candles / toiletries / chocolate / biscuits / sweets / wine / vouchers etc.

Year 6 Class Theatre Trip – Friday 6th June

The children of St. Francis' class and their parent(s) are looking forward to their evening trip to see Wicked at the Apollo Victoria theatre.

Year R NHS Health Checks – Tuesday 10th June

Will take place on Tuesday 10th June. Information has been shared via ParentMail.

Year 6 Residential - Sunday 8th June – Wednesday 11th June

After half-term Year 6 will be going on their Residential trip to Windmill Hill. The children will be leaving for their residential on Sunday 8th June and will be returning on Wednesday 11th June. We look forward to a very exciting trip and hope for good weather.

Year 5 Class Trip – Dover Castle – Thursday 12th June

On Thursday 12th June, Year 5 will be visiting Dover Castle as part of their learning linked to the Anglo Saxons. Please ensure that your medical and parental consent together with the payment has been provided via ParentPay. Please also ensure that the reply slip indicating your child's lunch requirement for the day has been returned to the school office.

History through Drama Day – Tuesday 17th June

After half term we are going to be holding a 'history through drama day' all day on Tuesday, 17 June 2025. It is an opportunity for the children to gain a 'hands on' approach to a history topic they have studied or are going to be studying. They will be able to engage with the past and be immersed in what went on before. Please find below a list of the year group's workshops.

Year R – Dinosaurs
 Year 1 – Great Explorers - Ernest Shackleton
 Year 2 – Castle and Knights
 Year 3 – Stone/ Bronze/Iron Age
 Year 4 – Mayans
 Year 5 – Space
 Year 6 – Ancient Greeks

To enjoy the day, we would like every child to dress up in a costume linked to history. They will not need to wear school uniform this day. New outfits are not needed and making an outfit from old clothes or cardboard etc., will be very much appreciated.

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.





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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.mscb.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/>

Family Solutions – Parent / Carer Internet Safety talks

Taking place on Monday 2nd June, Thursday 12th June, Tuesday 17th June and Thursday 26th June. We will have a visitor from Family Solutions offering Parents/Carers an Internet Safety talk (the DICE programme) from 9am until 11am. The DICE programme has been devised by Barnardo's following feedback from parents where they stated the felt alone, worried and powerless in relation to dealing with the modern-day risks faced by families such as grooming and digital dangers. DICE was given its name as parents have said that parenting teenagers is like the luck of a roll of the dice. The DICE programme aims to help parents develop their skills, build knowledge, and increase confidence to meet the needs of their children as they grow up in the modern world whilst using the internet. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions, we do ask that you inform Miss Gray in the school office of your attendance as we will need to be informed of numbers.

Air Pollution

We have had reports of parents leaving their engines on during collection times.

Please can we encourage all parents parking in the close to turn their engines off in order to improve the air quality around the school for our families and the wider local community.





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Week commencing 12.05.25

Attendance Ted / Punctuality Pup

Well done to Year 4 who won both our Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup for the week.

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
Friday 23 rd	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	Year 4 – Multiplication Checks begin	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
Thursday 5 th	MYG Football Competition	
	September intake – New Year R Parents Meeting	5:30pm
Friday 6 th	Tag Day	
	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	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
Friday 13 th	Year R Class Assembly	9:05am
Saturday 14 th	SWOP Summer Festival	
Monday 16 th	Year 3 Class Trip – Wildwood	
Tuesday 17 th	History through Drama Day	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
Tuesday 24 th	Whole School Photograph	
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 – Aylesford Priory	
Thursday 26 th	MYG Cricket Competition	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
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

