



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

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NEWSLETTER NO 35: Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

SWOP Fest '25

We hope that you enjoyed our Summer Festival on Saturday. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members of the PTA who have worked extremely hard to organise this event and for making it so successful. It was a wonderful event with enjoyment for all, raffle winners have been notified and will have received their prizes this week. Thank you for supporting this event and for making it such a success.

Year 3 Class Trip - Wildwood

On Monday the Year 3 class were delighted to be visiting Wildwood. This school trip involved a barn owl talk and flying show, exploration of the wildlife park and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about various habitats. Filip said, "I really liked seeing the brown bear, because it is one of my favourite animals". For Vienna she "really enjoyed the horses and the arctic foxes even if they were really sleepy!"

Future Events

Year 5 – Secondary Admissions

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

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.

Whole School Photograph - 50th Anniversary Celebration – Tuesday 24th June

To mark St William of Perth's 50th year anniversary which we have been celebrating this academic year, we will be having a whole school photograph on Tuesday 24th June. We ask that all children come into school as normal in their Summer uniform.

Year 4 Class Trip – Aylesford Priory – Wednesday 25th June

Children from year 4 have been invited to take part in the 'Come Pray with Me' Liturgy on Wednesday 25th June.

Sports Day – Friday 27th June

We are intending to hold our whole school sports day (weather permitting) on Friday 27th June. Parents are invited. Letters have been sent via ParentMail explaining the arrangements including our "Family Picnic", which we are excited to be continuing this year.

All children will be taking their P.E kits home on Monday ready for Sports Day on Friday. Can we remind parents that children should only be wearing plain black or navy shorts as part of their P.E kit.

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.





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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/>

Family Solutions – Parent / Carer Internet Safety talks

Taking place on Thursday, 26th June, and finally on Thursday 10th July, we will have a visitor from Family Solutions offering Parents/Carers an Internet Safety talk (the DICE programme) from 9am until 11am.





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Week commencing 09.06.25

Attendance Ted

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

Punctuality Pup

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

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
Tuesday 24 th	Whole School Photograph	
	No Drama club	
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 – Aylesford Priory	
Thursday 26 th	MYG Cricket Competition	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
	Year 6 – Forest School	
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	
Friday 4 th	Choir Concert	6pm
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 / 6 End of Year afternoon Performance	2pm
	MYG Athletics Competition	
	Final session – Drama Club	
Wednesday 9 th	Year 2 Class Trip – Leeds Castle	
	Year 5 / 6 End of Year evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 10 th	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk (Final session)	9-11am
	Year 6 BBQ	Time TBC
Friday 11 th	Year 2 & 3 Moving up Assembly	
	Year 6 Trip - Larkfield	
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Thursday 17 th	Trophy Assembly	2:30pm
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	



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History through Drama Day

What an unforgettable day we had at our school on Tuesday, 17 June 2025! Our young historians were whisked away on a thrilling journey through time during our History Workshop Day. From dinosaurs and ancient civilizations to explorers and space, the school buzzed with excitement as each class explored a different era through hands-on activities, storytelling, costumes, and immersive learning.

Children took part in everything from Dinosaur walks, medieval knight training, space exploration and experiencing what life was like for the explorer Ernest Shackleton. Laughter, curiosity, and wonder filled the air as history truly came alive! We were incredibly proud to see how engaged and enthusiastic our children were — asking insightful questions, working as a team, and showing such respect for the stories of the past.

A huge thank you to you for organising the children's wonderful costumes, our visiting historian, and of course, our amazing children for making it such a memorable day.



Jubilee – Year of Hope

Today we had a visit from Mrs Whittle from KCSP. She helped us celebrate the Jubilee year, Pilgrims of Hope. Our Year 4's supported this with an amazing assembly.

