



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO 36: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Whole School Photograph

On Tuesday we had our Whole School Photograph taken to commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We look forward to seeing the results of this shortly.

### Year 4 Class Trip – Aylesford Priory

Year 4 had a very fun filled day at Aylesford Priory helping to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope, with a mixture of activities like archery, liturgical dance, circus skills and reflection with meditation, followed by a beautiful 'Celebration of the Word', led by CAFOD, Missio and the SVP. Archie said, "There were so many communities, we had a fantastic day". Bishop Paul led the worship and during the day even participated in juggling during our circus skills activities. The event was a lovely day and we thank everyone involved for making it such a success.

### MYG Cricket Competition

On Thursday a team of Year 5 & 6 pupils represented the school at the MYG Cricket competition. The children did so well and were praised for their excellent behaviour. Well done to – Chikanyima, Cece, Evelyn and Wilson from Year 5 and Rupert, Kristof, Nyrah, Jacob, Alice P and Ryan from Year 6.

### Sports Day

After an intense day of competition and lots of physical activity the team house with the most points and new St William of Perth Sports Day Champions was the Green team.

Thank you to all those who attended our 'Family Picnic' as part of our Sports Day lunch, we hope everyone enjoyed sharing lunch with their children. A massive thank you to all the staff who helped this day run so smoothly, in particular Miss Routledge for leading the event, and to members of the PTA for organising refreshments throughout the day.

### Future Events

#### After-School Wraparound Club

Our new after-school club starts next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This will be taking place Monday – Friday, 3:30pm - 5:30pm and is open to all pupils. Full information has been sent via ParentMail. To register interest please contact the below email:

[afterschoolclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk)

#### 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](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1049/medway_test_11)

#### Year 6 Transition Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Next Thursday Year 6 will be visiting their Secondary School's as part of their transition, if your child has any other transition dates with their secondary school then please let Miss Gray know via the below email.

[absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk)

#### New Year R Intake Teddy Bears Picnic – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2:15 – 2:45 Field

Next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2:15 – 2:45 pm the new Year intake 2025 – 2026 will be using the field for a teddy bears picnic as part of their induction process.





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## Choir Club Summer Concert – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Parents of those children who attend this club have been sent home a letter with full details, if you haven't yet returned your seating requirements, we ask that you do so as soon as possible, thank you.

## Year 6 Performance – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm / Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Year 6, supported by Year 5 will be performing "Frozen, The Musical" on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon at 2pm followed by an evening performance at 6pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The children will perform their dress rehearsal to the school on Monday (7<sup>th</sup> July) morning. If your child has not brought their costume to school, it must be brought in on Monday morning please. A letter has gone home with information regarding tickets. Please return the reply slip to office with your seating requests as soon as possible so that we can organise the events. We ask that no pre-school aged children attend the evening performance please.

## Year 2 Class Trip – Leeds Castle – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

As part of their topic, castles, St. Therese class will be visiting Leeds Castle on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

## Year 6 Family BBQ – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Our Year 6 Family BBQ will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6pm. The letter with full information has been sent via ParentMail today.

## Year 6 Class Trip – Larkfield Leisure Centre – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 will be visiting Larkfield Leisure Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July as part of their end of year celebrations. Please ensure your parental and medical consent has been made via your child's ParentPay account.

**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](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.





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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.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/>

### Family Solutions – Parent / Carer Internet Safety talks

Taking place for its final session on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we will have a visitor from Family Solutions offering Parents/Carers an Internet Safety talk (the DICE programme) from 9:15am until 11am.

### Week commencing 16.06.25

#### **Attendance Ted**

Well done to Year 1 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

#### **Punctuality Pup**

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

### Inset Day

Please be reminded of our planned INSET day for **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June**. No children will be in school on this day as we will be undertaking staff training.

### End of Term 6

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. **Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

### Air Pollution

We are still having 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.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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Headteacher





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	<b>Diary Dates – Subject to Change</b>	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Young Eco Engineers Go Kart Competition	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – no children in school</b>	
<b>July 2025</b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Year R's Teddy Bear's Picnic	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert	6pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 / 6 End of Year afternoon Performance	2pm
	MYG Athletics Competition	
	Final session – Drama Club	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Trip – Leeds Castle	
	Year 5 / 6 End of Year evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk (Final session)	9:15am-11am
	Year 6 BBQ	6pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 & 3 Moving up Assembly	
	Year 6 Trip - Larkfield	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Trophy Assembly	2:30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year R – Australia Day	
	Year 6 Water Fight	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Moving Up Morning	
	Open Afternoon	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>FINAL DAY OF TERM 6 - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 / 2025</b> <b>All year groups finish at 1:30pm (no after-school club)</b>	
<b>September 2025</b>	<b>Academic Year 2025 / 2026</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children Return to School	