



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 3: Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year R students have all completed their first week of full days in St John's class this week. I would also like to commend our Year 6 pupils on their excellent maturity as they undertook the Medway test this week. They all tried very hard and were very sensible.

Curriculum Evening

This week also saw our curriculum introductory class meetings. We hope the parents that attended these found them useful in explaining the curriculum as well as the expectations for the year ahead.

Year R Early Reading

This week Miss Dormedy led an Early reading workshop for Parents of Year R pupils to help them support their child with Early reading.

Road Safety Workshops

A huge thank you to Denise and Marie, who shared with the school the importance of road safety and seatbelt wearing. Here are the links for some very useful websites to help support your family.

<https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/choosing-using/using-child-car-seats/> This information has been produced with the support of the Department for Transport.

<https://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/ask/fitting-a-car-seat/knowledgebase-2.html?id=7&view=topic>

<https://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/choosing-a-car-seat/children.html>

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

Pupil Responsibilities

This Thursday we enrolled our new cohort of pupil leadership responsibilities. We wish them all well in their new roles for the coming year. Thank you also to the parents who were able to attend to share in this special moment.

School Council: I am pleased to announce the members of our new School Council for 2026 – 2027.

Yr R	-	St. John's class: Niamh N & George
Yr 1	-	St. Anthony's class: Adeola & Willow E
Yr 2	-	St. Therese' class: Amelia & Finley
Yr 3	-	St. Patrick's class: Nati & Maddie
Yr 4	-	St. Nicholas' class: Ayan & Stella
Yr 5	-	St. George's class: Gabriella & Orla
Yr 6	-	St. Francis' class: Willow, Henry, Sofia & Chris

Prayer Pilgrims: We are delighted to announce our prayer pilgrims for this year. Our Prayer Pilgrims form a chaplaincy team within school to help their classes deepen their faith. They also lead prayers and help during assemblies and Masses. Well done to,

Yr R	-	St. John's class: Demi & Ethan H
Yr 1	-	St. Anthony's class: Mylah & Sophie
Yr 2	-	St. Therese' class: Nathaniel & Ivy
Yr 3	-	St. Patrick's class: William & Liam
Yr 4	-	St. Nicholas' class: Amanda & Thalia
Yr 5	-	St. George's class: Filip & Vienna
Yr 6	-	St. Francis' class: Nicole & Cezara





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Eco Warriors: We are delighted to announce our eco warriors for this year. These children will be working hard with ideas on how we can be more eco-friendly. Well done to,

Yr R	-	St. John's class: Eliora & Ayush
Yr 1	-	St. Anthony's class: Willow M & Jidenna
Yr 2	-	St. Therese' class: Ralph & Peyton
Yr 3	-	St. Patrick's class: Oliver T & Aleiyah
Yr 4	-	St. Nicholas' class: Morire & Niall
Yr 5	-	St. George's class: Albie & Ellie
Yr 6	-	St. Francis' class: Neriah & Jahaziel

House Captains

Our Year 6 students have been campaigning to be elected as House Captains and Vice Captains for their respective team. This is a very important and prestigious position within the school which involves a number of pastoral responsibilities and being a role model to the younger children. Congratulations to the following children on their appointments

	Yellow	Blue	Green	Red
Captain	Annie	Olivia	Pippa	Hannah
Vice-Captain	Enzo	Emma	Aaron	Gemima

Librarians

We also have enrolled our new librarians who assist in running our school library. Well done to: Rei, Emily & Harris from Year 4 and Aliyah, Ilinca & Euan from Year 5.

Admissions

The Medway admissions are open for primary school applications 2027 / 2028. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page. <https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>
[Dates for applying for primary school](#) | [Applying for a primary school place](#) | [Medway Council](#)

New Parent Tours

We intend to start parental tours on Monday 21st and Monday 28th September at 10am or 11am. These will continue on a Tuesday morning starting from Tuesday 6th October for perspective new parents. Please contact the school office to book onto a tour.

The Medway admissions is also open for secondary school applications. You can apply for your child to start secondary school if they were born between 1 September 2014 and 31st August 2015. For more information and key dates please see the following link: [Dates for applying for secondary school](#) | [Applying for a secondary school place](#) | [Medway Council](#)

If you are planning to view secondary schools during the school day, please confirm the date and time that your (Y6) child will be absent from St. William Perth and the school that you will be visiting to absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk

Future Events

Year 6 Swimming Session 2 – Tuesday 22nd September

Year 6 swimming continues on a Tuesday. These lessons will take place at Sir Joseph Williamson Math's School's pool and Year 6 will be walking with their teachers to the sessions. Please make sure children come appropriately dressed and have a coat and umbrella as we will be attending the sessions even if the weather is inclement.

New Year R Parent Lunch – Wednesday 23rd September

Yr. R parents / carers have been invited to attend lunch with their child on Wednesday 23rd September. We look forward to you joining your child. We ask those attending to arrive no later than 11:20.

Beginning of the School Year Mass – Thursday 24th September

We will be having our first Mass of the school year this coming Thursday 24th September at 9:30 am at St John Fisher Church.

Reception First Class Photograph – Thursday 24th September

Next Thursday 24th Kent Messenger will visit Year R to take their First-Class Photograph.

Individual School Photographs – Monday 28th September

Our school photographers, Kittle Photography will be visiting on Monday 28th September, all children are to wear their Winter uniform please.





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KCSP Welcome Mass – Tuesday 29th September

On Tuesday 29th September our Year 4, 5 & Year 6 Prayer Pilgrims will be visiting Aylesford Priory for our KCSP Welcome Mass. Letters have been sent home with those children this week.

Build-a-Burger Special Menu – Thursday 1st October

Contract dining will be serving a special build a burger menu on Thursday, 1st October. Children will get to choose either a beef burger or veggie burger with various fillings along with wedges.

PTA Christmas Design – Friday 2nd October (Deadline)

Today each child has been sent home with a template and instructions for our 'Draw your own Christmas Design'. Draw your picture for Christmas is something we have done at SWOP for the past couple of years, your child can draw their picture and then this can be used to be put on a pack of cards, a magnet or even a teddy. Should your child wish to take part, please ensure your completed design has been returned to the school office no later than Friday 2nd October as these are being sent the following week.

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.

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 Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment)Regulations 2013, 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.

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/>





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Week commencing 07.09.26

Attendance Ted

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

Punctuality Pup

Well done to Year 6 who won our Punctuality Pup for the week.

Road Safety Reminder

We have been asked to remind all parents and carers to park safely and considerately when travelling to and from school along roads further away from our school. This includes not parking on pavements or footpaths, as this may force children, families with buggies and other pedestrians into the road, and being mindful of the impact of parking on the wider roads surrounding the school. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and ensuring our neighbours and local residents can access the area safely.

INSET DAY – Monday 16th November 2026

Please be advised that we have organised our next INSET day for Monday, 16th November. Please be advised no children will be in school on that day.

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
September 2026		
Wednesday 23 rd	Yr R New Parent Lunch	11:20
Thursday 24 th	Beginning of the Year Mass Yr R – First Class Photograph	9:30am
Monday 28 th	Kittle Individual Photos - winter uniform to be worn	
Tuesday 29 th	Trust Welcome Mass – Aylesford Priory (Prayer Pilgrims)	
October 2026		
Thursday 1 st	Build-a-Burger Special Menu	
Thursday 8 th	Harvest Mass	9:30am
Friday 9 th	Year 4 Class Assembly	9:05am
Friday 16 th	Year R Height & Weight Checks	
Wednesday 21 st	EYFS Through Our Eyes Parents Evening	9-10am 2-3pm 3:50pm – 6:50pm
Thursday 22 nd	Celebration Assembly Parents Evening	2:15pm 3:50pm – 6:50pm
Friday 23 rd	End of Term 1	
Monday 26th – Friday 30th	Half term	
November 2026		
Monday 2 nd	Start of term 2	
Tuesday 3 rd	History Workshops (Year 2 & Year 5)	
Monday 16 th	INSET Day – No children in school	