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NEWSLETTER NO 10: Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

To commemorate Remembrance Day and in support of the Poppy Appeal, we have been selling poppies and associated merchandise. Thank you to everyone who has helped to support this worthwhile charity.

CAFOD donations
With our KCSP brothers and sisters together as a Trust we raised money for CAFOD. At the KCSP Beginning of the Year Mass our Prayer Pilgrims represented our school and donations were made. Through your generosity, we contributed alongside the other trust schools in raising £345.24 which will now be used to purchase CAFOD's "wonderful worms" - worms -composting for families in rural Bangladesh. It is a wonderful reminder of the difference we can make when we come together as a family of schools.

EYFS & KS1 Grandparents Lunch
Thank you to all the adults who attended the Grandparents lunch on Tuesday, we hope you all enjoyed sharing a meal with your child.

Nativity Swap Shop
Thank you for those who attended our Nativity Swap Shop, we hope you found this as a good opportunity to borrow a suitable costume for your child's role. We hope this will be something we can run every year to reduce waste and recycle.

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone who supported our Travelling Book Fair! Your purchases have helped us restock our school library with exciting new titles for our children to enjoy. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and enthusiasm for reading. A special thank you to our dedicated staff who kindly donated their time to help run the fair—your support made the event a great success.

MYG Basketball
A team of Year 6 pupils represented the school at the MYG Basketball competition. Another successful day for the team placing 8th out of 13 in the highest league Championships. Well done to – Gemima, Enzo, Riley, Lennon, Jahaziel, Archie, Oliva, Emma, Aaron and Annie.

Whole School Flu Immunisation
The school immunisation team visited us this week, please see the below information from the team:
The Immunisation Service would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their community clinics if your child missed the flu vaccination during the recent school visit.
If you gave consent but your child was not immunised, you will have received an automated email with a link to book an appointment.
Alternatively, if you missed the opportunity to consent for your child to be vaccinated at the school session you can complete a consent form via our website at https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/ using the school code: KT118775 please contact the team directly on 0300 123 5205 option 1 for more information about community clinic availability & bookings.
If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete the following surveys Parent / Carer Survey
You can also visit the Immunisation Service website for further details: https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

Children in Need
A big thank you to our generous families and staff in our school. Our Year 6's organised lots of fund-raising events including a cake sale, a tag day and much more. Thank you to Miss Routledge, Year 6 and members of the PTA who worked hard organising this event.

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Congratulations to Gemima & Archie from Year 6 who correctly guessed the weight of the Pudsey themed cake, Micah from Year 3 for guessing how many Pudsey's on the SWOP logo and Calum from Year 6 and Eliora from Year R for guessing the number of spots on Pudsey. I am pleased to share that we raised an astounding £510.50 for Children in Need!

PTA Quiz Night
We look forward to our Quiz night this evening, good luck to all our teams and a huge thank you to the PTA for organising this event to raise funds for the school. There are still spaces remaining, if you wish to attend you are welcome to pay £6 per person on the door. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Please note this is an adult-only event.

Medway Foodbank
A reminder that we are collecting for Medway Foodbank's chocolate advent calendar collection. We ask that all donations are to be received by Monday 23rd November.

Weather
Autumn has definitely arrived and in the coming weeks we expect colder and wetter weather. Please make sure you send your child to school with a waterproof jacket.

Winter Uniform – Zipped Fleece Jacket
Children's (non-compulsory) navy-blue fleece zipped jacket with the school logo, which is only available from our approved supplier, can be purchased from Brigade Clothing Ltd via the following link. This item is to be worn over the school sweatshirt or cardigan, not in place of the school sweatshirt or cardigan.
www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

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 continue our parental tours on a Tuesday morning at either 10am or 11am for perspective new parents. Please contact the school office to book onto a tour.

Future Events

Year 6 Swimming Session 9 – Tuesday 17th November
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.

Prayer Club – Friday's
Mrs Tong and our Prayer Pilgrims will continue to share the Rosary before school on a Friday. All are welcome.

Odd Socks Day – Friday 20th November
Monday 16th – Friday 20th November is anti-bullying week, and we will be learning about how to maintain positive relationships with our friends during our PSHE lessons. Due to our Inset Day on 16th, we will be participating in odd socks day on Friday 20th November to mark this week. Pupils will be allowed to wear odd socks into school on Friday 20th November in addition to normal school uniform to raise awareness and understanding of anti-bullying week.

Christmas Pyjama Day – Friday 27th November
Children are invited into school on Friday 27th November wearing their pyjamas for a £2.05 donation (per child) to be paid via ParentPay.

PTA Film Night – Friday 27th November
SWOP PTA will be hosting a film night to help raise funds for the school. On this day directly after school, the PTA members will be running a film night with a choice of films for children to watch. We aim to be finished by 5:00 pm. Included in the fee of £3.50, your child will enjoy a film with their friends in their classroom, they will be provided with chocolate milk, fruit juice or water and a small bag of either Haribo sweets or Oreo biscuits. Letters have been sent home today, we ask for the refreshment reply slip and payment to be completed as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday 25th November. We also ask that payment is completed via the following link: PTA Events - Film Night

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Year 6 Carol Concert – Thursday 3rd December
Children in Year 6 will be performing at the Schools MMA Christmas Carol Festival which will take place at Rochester Cathedral on Thursday 3rd December 2026 along with other schools from the Medway area. We will be having a rehearsal with the other schools in the morning before lunch. We will be spending the day at the Cathedral; the Christmas Carol Festival itself will be held in the Cathedral starting at 2 pm and finishing by 3 pm; we have been allocated ONE ticket per child for this event in order that a parent or carer can attend. This is a ticketed event. Only parents / carers / relations / friends with a ticket can gain entry to the Cathedral from 1.30 pm. We ask for your payment and consent to be completed via ParentPay as soon as possible but no later than Friday 27th November.

PTA Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December
Our PTA Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 4th December from 3:30 until 5:30pm. In preparation of this, we will be holding a Tag Day on Friday 4th December where children are invited to attend school wearing their own clothes. In payment of not wearing uniform to school, we ask that every child donates a little something that can either be sold or used as part of a prize at the fayre. This could be candles / toiletries / chocolates / biscuits / sweets / a bottle of wine etc. In addition, would you please keep us in mind if you have any unwanted gifts or good quality unused items that you no longer want or bottle(s) of wine etc. that could be used as a raffle prize. Raffle prizes and Tag Day donations can be left at the school office at your convenience but no later than Friday 27th November, thank you. If you feel you are able to help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the PTA.

Infant Nativity – Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December 2026
Years R, 1 and 2 will perform their Infant Nativity on Tuesday 8th December at 2pm followed by an evening performance on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm. Letters have been sent home regarding further information and seating requirements.

Whole School Pantomime – Tuesday 15th December
On Tuesday 15th December 2026, we have arranged for the whole school to watch 'Cinderella' at the Central Theatre, Chatham. We ask for your completed parental consent / lunch choice / refreshment choice on ParentPay no later than 3:30pm on Friday 27th November 2026, thank you.

Advent Junior Carol Service – Thursday 17th December
We are in the throes of preparation for our annual Advent Carol Service. All pupils from Years 3 to 6 will take part in this very special celebration and our families are warmly invited to attend. The service begins at 6pm – letters will be sent with further information in the coming weeks.

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!!

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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.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/

Parking Reminder
We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please do not park across or block residents' driveways, as this can prevent access to their homes and cause inconvenience.

Praise Assembly Celebrations!
House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow
Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.
Ethan O Y R, Mabel Y 1, Amayah Y 2, Adebola Y 3, Rei Y 4, Bella Y 5, Henry Y 6

Week commencing 02.11.26
Attendance Ted
Well done to Year 1 & Year 4 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.
Punctuality Pup
Well done to Year 6 who won our Punctuality Pup for the week.

INSET DAY – Monday 16th November 2026
Please be advised that we have organised an **INSET day for Monday, 16th November**. The school will be **closed to pupils on this day** to allow staff to participate in professional training and development.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis
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Headteacher

	Diary Dates – *Subject to Change*	
November 2026		
Friday 13th	PTA Quiz Night	7pm
Monday 16th	INSET Day – No children in school	
Friday 20th	Odd Socks Day	
Wednesday 25th	Advent Wreath Service	
Friday 27th	Christmas Pyjama Day PTA Xmas Film Night	
December 2026		
Wednesday 2nd	Medway Athletics (Yr 3 & Yr 4)	
Thursday 3rd	Year 6 Carol Concert – Rochester Cathedral MYG Badminton	
Friday 4th	Tag Day PTA Christmas Fayre	3:30pm-5:30pm
Tuesday 8th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – afternoon performance	2pm
Wednesday 9th	Year 6 Mini Enterprise	6pm

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Thursday 10th	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Grandparents Tea & Mince Pies	2pm
Friday 11th	Choir Christmas Concert	
Tuesday 15th	Whole School Pantomime	
Thursday 17th	Advent Junior Carol Service (KS2)	6pm
Friday 18th	**End of Term 2**	

MYG Basketball

