



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 1: Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you all have had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. It was lovely to see all the children back looking very smart in their school uniforms.

With the planned unfavourable weather next week, can we remind parents to send children in with a coat.

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. We are incredibly proud of your dedication and enthusiasm for reading throughout the holidays. By reading regularly, you have developed key skills such as fluency, comprehension and vocabulary, which are central to the National Curriculum for English. Your hard work has helped strengthen your confidence as readers and fostered a lifelong love of books. Keep up the fantastic reading!

School Responsibilities

This week all children in Years 1 - 6 have been given a responsibility application form for them to complete if they wish to have one of our responsibility roles in school; School Council, Prayer Pilgrim & Eco Warrior, Sign Squad Leader & Librarian. In order for your child to be considered, we ask for all completed applications to be returned no later than Friday 11th September.

Future Events

After-school Clubs

Bookings for Term 1 clubs will be live next week, if you wish for your child to attend a club, please ensure you book your child's place via ParentPay no later than 3:30pm the day before the club begins.

Our wraparound afterschool club continues every day from 3:30-4:30pm, or 3:30-5:30pm.

Road Safety – Monday 14th September

On Monday 14th September Years 2 – Year 5 will be visited by a road safety officer to share important information on how the children can stay safe when travelling.

Year 6 Medway Test

Will take place within school on Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September.

Introductory Curriculum Talks for Parents in September 2026 (Years 1 – 6)

We have had a very enthusiastic response to these talks over the years and feel they are an important method of communication about expectations and arrangements at the start of the year. Letters have been sent via ParentMail regarding dates and times along with a reply form confirming attendance. Please find all the dates and times in the table below.

Tuesday 15 th September		Wednesday 16 th September		Thursday 17 th September	
5pm	Year 6	5pm	Year 1	5pm	Year 4
5:30pm	Year 2	5:30pm	Year 3	5:30pm	Year 5

Year R – Early Reading Workshop

On Tuesday 15th September Miss Dormedy will be leading a workshop for Year R parents on how to support your child with Early reading. The session will start at 6:15 pm and last approximately 30 minutes. A letter has gone via ParentMail today explaining the details.





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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.

SEN appointments: Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please email Mrs Morrow 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.

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.

Uniform: The children all look super in their school uniforms. Please remember that children must wear 'sensible' shoes for their own health and safety, not trainers, boots or heels. No open top / toe sandals for girls as these create tripping hazards. Please make sure that your child's sandals have a strap across the foot to prevent them from falling over when running on the playground.

Children may wear their summer uniform up until the end of Term 1; all children are to wear winter uniform from the first day of Term 2, Monday 2nd November. Please note that sandals may not be worn with winter uniform.

A reminder that trainers or canvas shoes are not to be worn in school except for PE unless a letter explaining medical reasons is submitted and signed by parents.

Children must not wear jewellery other than watches and plain gold or silver ball stud earrings, and long hair needs to be tied back please. School hats are available from the office. Branded sunhats or fashion items may not be worn.

Please ensure all items are named as we will be checking within class next week.

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/>





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St. John's Class

We have come to the end of our first week of the new school year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We warmly welcome the following children in St. John's Class (R):

Robert Jackson Rory Lola Ayla Alfie Violet Luna	George Ethan Zoe Evie Ayush Clara Kiran Robertson	Niamh Chikamara Korafimmachi Eliora Oluwademilade Ethan Ademola	Joey Niamh Oliver Isabelle Harley Oscar Gigi
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Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
September 2026		
Monday 14 th	Clubs restart Road Safety – Yr 2 – Yr 5	
Tuesday 15 th	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 6 Swimming (Session 1) Year 6 Curriculum Workshop Year 2 Curriculum Workshop Year R Early Reading Workshop	5pm 5:30pm 6:15pm
Wednesday 16 th	Medway Test – Year 6 Year 1 Curriculum Workshop Year 3 Curriculum Workshop	5pm 5:30pm
Thursday 17 th	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop Year 5 Curriculum Workshop	5pm 5:30pm
Thursday 24 th	Beginning of the Year Mass	9:30am
Friday 25 th	Colour Run (TBC)	
October 2026		
Thursday 8 th	Harvest Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 21 st	Celebration Assembly Parents Evening	2:15pm 3:50pm – 6:50pm
Thursday 22 nd	Parents Evening	3:50pm – 6:50pm
Friday 23 rd	End of Term 1	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th	Half term	
November 2026		
Monday 2 nd	Start of term 2	

Pope's September Prayer Intention: For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, We might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.