



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER NO 2: Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at school with the children working very hard getting back into routines and getting use to their new curriculums. Our Year R students stayed for lunch this week and we look forward to them staying for full days next week.

School Responsibilities

Parents of children that have been elected in one of our class roles have received an invitation to our enrolment assembly on Thursday 17th September at 2pm. Please check your ParentMail/email.

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

After-school Clubs

Bookings for Term 1 clubs are now live, if you wish for your child to attend a club, please ensure you book your child's place via ParentPay no later than 12:00pm the day the club begins. Please see the below clubs that are available:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Art Club	Year 4,5 & 6 Chess Club Year 4,5 & 6 Drama Club	KS2 Choir	KS1 Gym/Dance (Terms 1, 3 & 5 only)	Yr 4,5 & 6 MYG Club

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, Wednesday 16th September with special access arrangements taking place on Thursday and Friday.





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Year 6 Swimming – Tuesday 15th September

Year 6 swimming begins on Tuesday 15th September. 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. We ask for your consent and payment to be completed.

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.

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/>





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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/>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow

Walking boot: Year 1

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Harper Y 1, Leonas Y 2, Jasmine Y 3, Skye Y 4, Kossi Y 5, Jahaziel Y 6

Considerate Parking Reminder

Thank you to the many parents and carers who park considerately at drop-off and collection times. We kindly ask everyone to continue showing respect for our local community by parking safely and legally, avoiding driveways, pavements and junctions. Please also remember that local green spaces and verges are not suitable for parking, as this can cause damage and reduce their enjoyment for residents and children.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Birthday Treats

We love celebrating birthdays in school and sharing in the excitement of a child's special day. If your child would like to bring in a treat to share with their classmates, we kindly ask that **all treats are brought in their original, unopened packaging, with the full ingredients and allergen information clearly displayed on the packaging.**

This is particularly important as we have children in school with a range of **allergies and dietary requirements**. Having the original packaging and ingredient information allows staff to check the contents and make appropriate decisions to help keep all children safe.

Please do not send in homemade treats or items that have been removed from their original packaging, as we are unable to verify the ingredients or allergen information.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to make birthday celebrations safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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Headteacher

	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
Monday 28 th	Kittle Individual Photos	
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	

