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Dear Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe that next week is the last week of this half term. Since returning after Christmas the weeks have been rushing by. This week there have been some enrichment activities that the children have fully enjoyed including educational visits and talks by special guests to our school. Next week we will be having a Heritage week where will learn about the diverse cultures that make up our school community. We are a very proud of our diverse community and we are looking forward to celebrating the many different cultural backgrounds that make up the St. William of Perth family. The children will be learning about a country in a cross curricular learning-based week. As part of the learning for Heritage week each Year group will be participating in a cookery workshop. Details of which have been shared with you via ParentMail.

Harry Potter Night

Our school was transformed into Hogwarts for our first ever Harry Potter Night which took place Thursday afternoon. Thank you to all the children who participated in the Harry Potter Book Night- what a peculiar sight to be seen on Canon Close with so many witches and wizards arriving. It was a magical success. Thank you to all the staff who helped set up and particularly to Mrs Smith, Miss Routledge and Mr Bradley who helped to run the evening with Mrs O'Connor.

"I enjoyed Harry Potter night. It was so much fun as we did so many activities. Not only did we get to read part of the book but we also made broomstick pencils and pinned the scar on Harry. We got to do a Harry Potter guess who and finished the evening with a quiz. I hope it can take place again." Jack, Y6

Year 3 Visit to the Gurdwara

This week our Year 3 students walked to the Gurdwara and learnt about Sikhism. They learnt about the importance of the five Ks. The children asked lots of fascinating questions and were very well behaved. Afterwards they were treated to squash and biscuits. I would like to pass on my gratitude to the Gurdwara for allowing us to visit and for their wonderful hospitality. *"We loved learning about Sikhism and seeing all the amazing decorations in the Gurdwara"* – Francesco and Nia Rae

Year 3 Medway Youth Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday our Year 3 students participated in an indoor athletics competition. They represented the school very well and were commended on their sportsmanship and good behaviour. *"We had so much fun at the Athletics tournament. It was great to compete against other schools"* – Alanna.

Year 6 Parent Consultations

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended the parent consultations to learn about the children's progress. It was wonderful to be able to share their learning and hard work with parents.

STEM Ambassador Visit

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their STEM ambassador talks and activities. The children learnt about engineering and bridge building. We hope that this will inspire the children to develop an interest in engineering and science-based careers.

Outdoor Learning sessions Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful time in the Forest School for the first of their outdoor learning sessions with Mrs Harnett. Children in Year 4 are to arrive in school wearing their Forest School clothing each Friday until further notice. They are welcome to wear trainers on the day but we ask that they remember to bring the appropriate footwear to change into for their outdoor learning.





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Next Week and Future Events

Mental Health Week

Next week is National Children's Mental Health Week 7th Feb-13th Feb. The theme for this year is 'Growing Together' Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. Mrs Ward will be posting resources and links onto class dojo. Please click on the link below or please email sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk if you would like any further support.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

After School Extra lessons

Lessons continue each Monday after school for those children identified.

Year 6 Swimming

This Tuesday will be Year 6s final swimming session - Tuesday 8th February. Please ensure your child has a coat as the children will be attending even if the weather is inclement. Next term Year 5 will be going swimming.

Medway Youth Games – Table Tennis Competition

Some Year 6 students will be participating in a table tennis competition as part of the Medway Youth Games programme of sporting events. We wish them the best of luck.

Year R Outside Area

We are in the process of developing our Year R outside area, garden and mud kitchen. If you are able to donate any unwanted (medium / large sized) patio / plant pots etc., your donation(s) would be gratefully received.

Absence From School due to Ill Health

All absences from school must be reported to the school office no later than 9.30 am on the first day of absence. Please either telephone 01634 404267 or email absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk If you choose to telephone, you are also required to confirm your child's absence in writing; (either by email or by way of a written note on their first day of their return to school). With the exception of absence relating to Covid-19: In the event of absence from school continuing beyond two days, parents/carers are to contact the school office on the third day of absence confirming continued illness/current symptoms/medical advice sought etc. Parents/carers of those children absent from school due to a positive Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test are to follow the above first day reporting procedure but are also required to email a screenshot of the receipt of the positive LFT result as registered with the Test and Trace system. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Even if you or your children do not have symptoms, it is strongly advised that those in close contact/in the same household as someone with Covid-19 takes a daily rapid lateral flow test each day for a period of 7 days.

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.msrb.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>





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Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Blue

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.
Jayden Y R, Arthur Y 1, Ciara Y 2, Esther Y 3, Milly Y 4, Ava Y 5, Glory-Angela Y 6.

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
February		
Monday 7 th	Heritage Week	
Tuesday 8 th	Final Year 6 Swimming lesson	
Thursday 10 th	MYG Table Tennis Competition	
Friday 11 th	Last day of Term 3	
14 th – 18 th	School Holiday – Children not in school	
Monday 21 st	Start term 4 – Children return to school	
March		
Tuesday 1 st	Shrove Tuesday – Contract Dining to serve pancakes	
Wednesday 2 nd	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday 17 th	School Class Photographs	
Friday 25 th	Wear A Hat Day – in support of Brain Tumour Research	Details to follow
April		
Friday 1 st	Last day of Term 4	
4 th – 18 th	School Holiday – Children not in school	
Tuesday 19 th	First Day of Term 5 – Children return to school	
Wednesday 20 th	Bags 2 School – Charity collection – unwanted clothing shoes etc.	9am – Cycle compound

