



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO 31: FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Year 6 KS2 SATs

We were very proud of our Year 6 children who approached their KS2 SATs this week with maturity, determination and focus. We also thank the parents for their support during this week for ensuring their children were well rested and prepared. We now look forward to all the exciting events to come, to celebrate their time here at St. William of Perth.

### SATs

Children in Year 2 will continue to complete their KS1 SATs testing during the month of May.

### Year 3 Class Trip

In support of their topic, the children of St. Patrick's class travelled to Horton Kirby Environmental Centre on Tuesday of this week, taking part in a river survey. *"We learnt about how water flows along the river, clean and dirty rivers and the importance of a clean river to humans. We played 'Pooh Sticks' and raced ducks along the river; the ducks that were in the middle of the river, (the deepest part), travelled the fastest. We all had a fun day".* Alanna and Tiago - Year 3.

### Year R Class Trip

Children from St. John's class travelled to Wingham Wildlife Park today. We look forward to hearing their news.

### Kindness Tree

This week in assembly we introduced our St. William of Perth kindness tree which will be displayed in our foyer for visitors to see. One of our core values here at St. William of Perth is kindness and we feel that having our kindness tree will be a way to recognise and celebrate the many often unseen acts of kindness in our community. In our collective worship sessions, the children will be writing their acts of kindness on our school badge leaves which will then be hung onto our kindness tree.

### Next week and Future Events

#### Marian Procession

To celebrate the month of our lady this coming Monday we will be having a Marian procession whereby we will crown our statue of our lady. This liturgy will take place this coming Monday morning 16<sup>th</sup> May. **We ask that if children have any flowers from their gardens to bring them in so that they can be laid at Our Lady's shrine.**

#### Family and Fairy Tales

Will resume for Year R parents next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 8:40 – 9:00. This is a great opportunity to read with your children.

#### Year R NHS Health Checks

Will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Parents of children in St. John's class are reminded (if not already done so), to return their online parental questionnaires prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> May, which have been shared via ParentMail.

#### Year R Play and Stay

We are delighted to invite parents/carers of children in St. John's class to our first 'Through Our Eyes' stay and play session on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. We will run two sessions on this day: - 9:15 am until 11 am and 1 pm until 2.50 pm. If you have not yet returned your form advising Miss Dormedy which session you will be attending, we ask that you do so by return, thank you. The purpose of this special event is to give parents/carers an insight into how the children play and learn in their classroom setting. It is also very valuable for the children to have the opportunity to share their learning at school. This in turn builds their own self-confidence and develops their speaking skills in talking about their learning.

#### Contract Dining

There will be a change to the previously advertised menu on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Contract Dining are providing a themed 'Hungry Caterpillar' menu as per the flyer shared via ParentMail last Friday.





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## **National Walk to School Week – Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Our five-day walking challenge is an annual celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to celebrate National Walking Month this May. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended **60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day** before even reaching the school gates! If you travel some distance to school, perhaps you would consider parking at Priestfields recreation area, where there is ample parking. No matter the distance your child walks, every step counts!

## **PTA 'Father's Day' Fundraiser**

Children are invited to take part in our 'Father's Day' school fundraiser. Every child has taken home an art template and order form this week, if they would like to create something for their dad or any special man in their lives, please may we ask that all artwork/order forms/payments are received in the school office no later than Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

May we also take this opportunity to advise that, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to take part in the KS1 Kent Messenger 'My Dad' supplement this year and apologise for any disappointment that this will cause.

## **Year 5 Swimming**

The next swimming session will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **After School Lessons**

There will be no further after school lessons this term due to assessments and other activities taking place. We will review in term 6 and advise.

## **Jubilee Day – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a Jubilee Celebration Day in recognition of the Queen's seventy-year anniversary of her coronation. A letter has been sent home explaining all the exciting events that will be taking place including a tag day for the children to either dress up as Princes and Princesses or in Red, White and Blue (The colours of the Union Jack Flag).

## **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](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/>

## **Mental Health Awareness Week**

This week is Mental Health Awareness week. The theme this year is loneliness. We can all feel lonely or alone at times, may God give us all the strength we need to pursue our hopes and dreams. There are many support groups out there to help with our mental health

### **Mental health helplines**

Release the Pressure - call

Feeling distressed, anxious or down? Phone Mental Health Matters on 0800 107 0160. Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The helpline has a team of highly trained and experienced support workers who provide emotional guidance and information.

[helplines.org](http://helplines.org)





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## **Absence in Term Time:**

We have recently received several requests for children to take holidays in term time so we would like to remind you of our Attendance policy.

At St. William of Perth School, we recognise fully the importance of family holidays and of world travel, but these opportunities must be provided as well as, not instead of school.

In order for your child to utilise fully their years in education, it is vital that every message they receive reinforces the importance of school. It is the expectation of staff and Governors that pupils strive for 100% attendance.

Holidays in term time interrupt continuity of teaching and learning, disrupt the educational progress of individual children, affect pupils' relationships with each other and create disruption in schools. As it is the law that all pupil absences during the school day have to be authorised by the Headteacher, all holidays, routine dental and medical check-ups should be attended outside school hours or within the 13 weeks your child is not in school.

If there is a serious, exceptional circumstance that requires you to take your child out of school, e.g. to attend a family funeral or an urgent medical / dental appointment, parents must complete an "Application for leave of absence / exceptional circumstances or 'medical' form which are available from Mrs Meredith in the school office.

In the event of any absence taken in term time without the express agreement of the school, the Headteacher will immediately request the Local Authority (LA) to issue a Penalty Notice.

The amount payable on issue of a penalty notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent per child if paid after 21 days but before 28 days.

Advice and support are available from an Education Welfare Officer by contacting Medway Council.

## **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 Celebrations for the week!**

Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today. Dom Y 1, Jacob Y 2, Amelia Y 3, Jack Y 4, Alana Y 5, Whole Class Y 6. Year R on school trip.

## **House Points**

Team house winner this week: Red

## **First Holy Communion**

Harry and Joshua are making their First Holy Communion this weekend, we wish them a very happy and holy day.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

**Mr J. Willis**  
**Headteacher**





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## Summer Uniform start of Summer Term to End of Term 1

**ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

Royal blue cardigan or v-necked sweatshirt with school logo. (only available from school office).

**OPTIONAL** Navy-blue fleece with school logo (only available from school's approved supplier). This item is to be worn over school sweatshirt or cardigan, **not** in place of school sweatshirt or cardigan.

Coats: Plain colours – preferably navy or black.

**Light** blue and white checked dress – **no playsuits**.

Grey skirt / pinafore dress (not black).

Grey tailored trousers (not black).

Grey mid-length shorts (not black) - no longer than knee length and without external pocket, (i.e. cargo style shorts)

Plain white school shirt/blouse (collar must be suitable to be worn over a tie). Not polo top.

School tie – (only available from school office).

Plain grey or white school socks, (trainer socks are not allowed).

Black sensible shoes with straps / laces **no laces for EYFS**, (no trainers or boots).

For health and safety reasons, preferably not slip on / ballerina style (no shoes with high heels or open toed sandals).

Hats – with school logo (only available from school office), or plain blue. Branded hats or fashion items may not be worn.

Hair should be smart and suitable for school. Hair should not cover the eyes and hinder learning. Gel should not be worn. No hair dye and no indentions. If hair is shoulder length or longer, it should be tied back in plain black hair elastics or plain elastics in school colours.

Book bag with school logo. (only available from school office).

### **EYFS additional uniform**

Wellington boots - In a named carrier bag.

Apron

Puddle suit (waterproof over-trousers) - Optional for water play.





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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R NHS health checks	Note change of date
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Contract Dining <b>change to menu</b> - 'Hungry Caterpillar' themed day	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R Through our Eyes Parent Session	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1 Gaia Exhibition Rochester Cathedral – Class Trip	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. William of Perth Feast day Mass	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St. William of Perth Jubilee Day celebrations	
	Contract Dining <b>change to menu</b> - 'Picnic Lunch' Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration lunch <b>NOTE NO HOT FOOD WILL BE SERVED ON THIS DAY</b>	
	End of Term 5	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break begins	
<b>June</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 6	
	<b>Inset Day – No children in school</b>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school	
	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	New Year R Parents Meeting (Yr. R Parents Sept 2022 Intake) - Hall	5pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning – SENDIAS presentation Father's Day Shop - PTA	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Leeds Castle – Class Trip	
	Cavatina Classical music performance – EYFS / KS1 and KS2	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Residential Trip (Croft Farm)	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Dover Castle – Class Trip	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Peter and St. Paul – Whole School Mass	10 am – SJF Church
<b>July</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Inflatables Afternoon	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Kent Police Open Day – Class Visit	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Secondary School Transition Day New Year R Intake Teddy Bears Picnic (2:15pm – 2:45pm)	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Performance – 2pm	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Performance – 6pm	
	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Mote Park – Class Trip	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Assembly	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Morning Open Afternoon – Parents invited to view work	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today Yr 6 Leavers Mass	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Final Day of term 6	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of academic year	
	<b>Inset day – No Children in school</b>	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Extra Day of Holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee Celebration	
	Academic Year 2022 / 2023	
<b>September 2022</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 1 INSET DAY – children not in school	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	