



St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported our Summer Fayre taking place this afternoon. The children had a lovely time and it was wonderful to be able to come together as a school community to enjoy the summer. Thank you also for your generosity particularly in these challenging times. The contributions of the PTA are vital in terms of resourcing our school. My thanks to the PTA for making this such an enjoyable event for all.

Year 6 Performance

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, our Year 6 children performed 'Shrek'. Those of you fortunate enough to see the performance will surely agree that it was very enjoyable. We are very proud of those who took part. We were delighted to be able to welcome a number of local secondary school senior leaders who complimented the children on their performance. Our thanks also to Miss Routledge, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Kelly, Mr Scudder and Mrs Byrne for their efforts in organizing the play. Congratulations and well-done Year 6.

Year 2 and 3 Moving Up Assembly

Year 2 and 3 led an assembly exploring the differences between KS1 and KS2 in their moving up assembly today.

Year R Visit to Australia

G'day! St John's Class have had a fantastic day today in Australia. After going through passport control and security, they boarded their flight to Australia! They enjoyed their inflight entertainment of Minions and were incredibly excited when they landed. We enjoyed paddling in the pool, playing in the Great Barrier Reef and making fairy bread! We then went back through their airport and landed safely in time for home time. A great time was had by all.

Year 6 Celebrations

Year 6 have been enjoying their final celebrations of their time at St. William of Perth. On Thursday they had their leavers family BBQ party. Today, they had a class trip to Larkfield Leisure Centre where they went swimming in the pool and played in the nearby park. The children really enjoyed these celebrations and I thank the staff for all their hard work in organising them.

Reports

Be sure to check your children's bags **today** for their School Reports. There is an opportunity for you to respond to the report and we warmly welcome your comments.

Future Events

Moving Up Morning – Monday 15th July

On Monday 15th July we will have our transition morning where the children will meet their new teacher and experience their new classrooms. We will also welcome our new Year R intake.

Open Afternoon – Monday 15th July – 1:30 pm – 3:05 pm

We have our **Open Afternoon on Monday 15th July between 1:30 pm and 3:05 pm**. This is an opportunity for pupils to proudly share their work with parents and carers. All the classes will be open for parents / carers (and younger pre-school siblings) to visit and teachers will be in their classrooms. (This is not an opportunity to discuss individual pupils, but an opportunity for families to see the school and their child's learning). Once you have finished looking at your child's / children's work you can take them home. Please do join us if you are able to.





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Year 6 Leavers Mass – Tuesday 16th July

Year 6's Leavers Mass will be held on **Tuesday 16th July at 9:30 am** in St John Fisher Church. Year 6 Parents are invited.

End of Year Trophy Celebration Assembly – Wednesday 17th July

Celebration Assembly: Our final Celebration Assembly where we present our end of year trophies will be held on Wednesday 17th July at 1:45pm. Personal invitations have been sent via ParentMail to those parents of children receiving a special award this term. Please check your emails. If you are at all concerned that you may have missed an invitation, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Gray for confirmation.

Loaned Musical Instruments:

If you haven't already, please ensure all violins have been returned to the school office by **Monday morning**.

ParentPay

Please ensure any outstanding payments have been paid before Wednesday 17th July. Any issues please speak with myself or Mrs Eastwood.

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.

Please ensure any medication brought into school is signed in by a parent/carer by filling in one of our 'Administering Medication' forms which can be collected from the school office.

Tuesday morning SEN appointments: Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Tuesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Morrow directly 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.

Attendance: St. William of Perth is committed to ensuring all children achieve their full academic potential and believe that good attendance means good learning. The positive impact that regular attendance has on a child reaching their full academic potential and the benefits this brings to emotional and social well-being. The school's expectation for pupil's attendance is at least 96%. If your child is too unwell to attend school in the morning, it is encouraged that if they are able to and feel well enough, to come into school later in the day to attend for the afternoon session to reduce the learning missed. Likewise, if your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them in, please do so. The children tend to perk up during the day and if they get too unwell to be at school, we will contact parents / carers to advise to collect.

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 O'Connor.





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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/>

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/>

Medway Go

MedwayGo offers free holiday activities for school-aged children who receive benefits-related free school meals, from reception to year 11. Holiday activities are delivered across the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays with a range of different activities. These include sports, music and drama, outdoor pursuits, swimming, learning about animals and other exciting opportunities.

There are lots of providers involved in delivering these free opportunities, including Medway Sport, Youth Service, Hoo Sports, Fuzion Active, Icon Theatre, Lower Bush Alpacas and so many more.

The Summer programme is running from Monday, 29 July to Friday, 23 August 2024.

For more information and to book a session please click the link below.

[Pilgrims Fuzion Active Holiday Camp - Medway Council \(plinth.org.uk\)](http://plinth.org.uk)

Senior Leadership Appointments

I am delighted to announce the following promotions to our senior leadership team. From September Miss Routledge will be our Head of KS2, Miss Kelly will become our Head of KS1 and Miss Dormedy has been appointed Head of EYFS. They will assist myself and Mrs Tong in the day to day running of the school and will be responsible for overseeing their key stages within the school. I am sure that you will all support them in their new roles within the school.

Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today.

Peyton Y 1, Vienna Y 2, Luke Y 3, Evelyn Y 4, Amelia & Alanna Y 5, Harry C & Jude Y 6.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Green

Week commencing 01.07.24

Attendance Ted

Well done to Year 2 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

Punctuality Pup

Well done to Year 3 who won the Punctuality Pup for the week.

End of Term 6

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Friday 19th July. **Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm Friday 19th July.**

Yours sincerely,

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Diary Dates – Subject to Change		
July 2024		
Monday 15 th	Moving Up Morning	
	Open afternoon - Parents invited to celebrate children's work	1:30pm – 3:05pm
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30pm
Wednesday 17 th	End of Year Celebration Assembly – by invite	1:45pm
Friday 19 th	EARLY CLOSURE – 1:30 pm	
	FINAL DAY OF TERM 6 - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 / 2024	
September 2024	Academic Year 2024 / 2025	
Monday 2 nd	First Day of Term 1	
	INSET DAY – Children not in School	
Tuesday 3 rd	Children Return to School	

