



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School (1974 – 2024)

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## NEWSLETTER NO 34: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots of warm weather this week. Can we remind all parents that children should be in Summer uniform, this has been attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Can you also ensure that children come into school with a sun hat, a drink of water and sun cream applied.

### Year R Class Assembly

Year R led an excellent class assembly on Father's day. They shared why their dad's are so special and important. St John's class also linked their learning to shepherds of the church – our Parish Priest Father Neil and Pope Leo.

### Year 6 Residential

Year 6 have had an action-packed time on their residential in Windmill Hill. They had a wonderful time and were commended on their excellent behaviour by their instructors.

Our Year 6 students who stayed at school also had an exciting time; clay modelling, painting, creating rice crispy cakes, movies with popcorn, and they especially enjoyed preparing the food for their Picnic at Priestfield's.

### Year 1 Phonics Check

Well done to our Year 1 on their sensible attitude as they undertook their Phonics Check this week.

### Year R NHS Health Checks

Year R had their health checks this week.

### PSG – Girls Cricket Competition

Well done to Midori, Celine, Lilla, Connie, Lillia, Aditi, Kiana, Ella, Ciara and Eva from Year 5 who represented the school. The children were commended for their positive attitudes and sportsperson ship.

### Year 5 Class Trip – Dover Castle

Year 5 had a wonderful time exploring Dover castle on Thursday as part of their learning linked to Anglo Saxons.

### Future Events

#### Year 5 – Secondary Admissions

Parents should have received a leaflet with information about Secondary School Admissions 2025 with key dates and other important information included. Further information, click on the link below:

Medway Test - [https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools\\_and\\_learning/1049/medway\\_test\\_11](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1049/medway_test_11)

Registration for the Medway Test closes today, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.**

#### SWOP Fest '25 – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Tomorrow we will be holding our PTA summer fair. The event will start at 11 am and finish at 3pm. There will be lots of entertainment including a bouncy castle, live music as well as a range of stalls. My thanks to the PTA for all their hard work in organising this exciting event. We look forward to the nice weather and a fun filled day.

#### Year 3 Class Trip – Wildwood – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

As part of their Term 6 topic, St. Patrick's class will be visiting Wildwood Trust Woodland Discovery Park on Monday 16th June 2025 to explore the British wildlife. Please can we ask that your consent and payment has been completed via ParentPay.





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## **History through Drama Day – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we are going to be holding a 'history through drama day' all. It is an opportunity for the children to gain a 'hands on' approach to a history topic they have studied or are going to be studying. They will be able to engage with the past and be immersed in what went on before. Please find below a list of the year group's workshops.

Year R – Dinosaurs  
Year 1 – Great Explorers - Ernest Shackleton  
Year 2 – Castle and Knights  
Year 3 – Stone/ Bronze/Iron Age  
Year 4 – Mayans  
Year 5 – Space  
Year 6 – Ancient Greeks

To enjoy the day, we would like every child to dress up in any costume linked to history. They will not need to wear school uniform this day. New outfits are not needed and making an outfit from old clothes or cardboard etc., will be very much appreciated.

In order to enable us to provide these immersive workshops, we are asking for a contribution of £3.20 per child to help towards the costs of what is sure to be an exciting day. We ask that payment is made via ParentPay no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## **Year 3 & 4 Swimming**

Year 3 & 4's swimming session next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> has been postponed due to our History Day, these sessions will continue later in the term. Children are reminded to bring their swimming kit to school. Please make sure the children come equipped with an all-weather jacket as we will be attending even if the weather is inclement.

## **Whole School Photograph - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

To mark St William of Perth's 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary which we have been celebrating this academic year, we will be having a whole school photograph on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Year 4 Class Trip – Aylesford Priory – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Children from year 4 have been invited to take part in the 'Come Pray with Me' Liturgy on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please can we ask that the reply slip is returned to the school office as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Sports Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

We are intending to hold our whole school sports day (weather permitting) on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be invited. Letters have been sent via ParentMail explaining the arrangements including our "Family Picnic", which we are excited to be continuing this year.

**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.

**Monday 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 Monday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Miss Montgomery directly on [sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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





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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 statutory **DfE Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2024** and **The Education (Penalty Notices) (England) Regulations 2024**, 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](mailto: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](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/>

### **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/>

### **Family Solutions – Parent / Carer Internet Safety talks**

Continuing on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a visitor from Family Solutions offering Parents/Carers an Internet Safety talk (the DICE programme) from 9am until 11am. The DICE programme has been devised by Barnardo's following feedback from parents where they stated the felt alone, worried and powerless in relation to dealing with the modern-day risks faced by families such as grooming and digital dangers. DICE was given its name as parents have said that parenting teenagers is like the luck of a roll of the dice. The DICE programme aims to help parents develop their skills, build knowledge, and increase confidence to meet the needs of their children as they grow up in the modern world whilst using the internet. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions, we do ask that you inform Miss Gray in the school office of your attendance as we will need to be informed of numbers.

### **Praise Celebrations for the week!**

House Points. Team house winner this week: Red

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

David Y R, Aleiyah Y 1, Milan Y 2, Filip Y 3, Rosie Y 4, Tayte Y 5, Jacob & Shanri Y 6.

### **Week commencing 02.06.25**

#### **Attendance Ted**

Well done to Year R and Year 6 who both won our Attendance Ted for the week.

#### **Punctuality Pup**





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Well done to Year 4 who won our Punctuality Pup for the week.

We wish all the Dad's a very happy and relaxing Father's Day on Sunday.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	SWOP Summer Festival	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Trip – Wildwood	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	History through Drama Day	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 – Forest School	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photograph	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 – Aylesford Priory	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	MYG Cricket Competition	
	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk	9-11am
	Year 6 – Forest School	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Young Eco Engineers Go Kart Competition	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – no children in school</b>	
<b>July 2025</b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Transition Day	
	New Year R's Teddy Bear's Picnic	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert	6pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 / 6 End of Year afternoon Performance	2pm
	MYG Athletics Competition	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 / 6 End of Year evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 BBQ	Time TBC
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 & 3 Moving up Assembly	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Water Fight	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Moving Up Morning	
	Open Afternoon	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>FINAL DAY OF TERM 6 - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 / 2025</b>	



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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).

Water bottle 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.