



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

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## NEWSLETTER NO 37: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### After-School Wraparound Club

Our new after-school club started this week. Sessions can be booked Monday – Friday, 3:30pm - 5:30pm and is open to all pupils. Full information has been sent via ParentMail. To register interest please contact the below email:

[afterschoolclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk)

### Year 6 Transition Day

Year 6 pupils attended their secondary schools on Thursday to help with their transition in September. The children enjoyed meeting their new teachers and their new classmates.

### Teddy Bears Picnic

On Thursday we had the Teddy bears' picnic for our new starters in September. Our Year R children welcomed the new intake and a marvellous time was had by all.

### Choir Club Summer Concert

We look forward to the performance tonight. A special thanks to Ms Green for leading the choir this year and to Mrs Stevenson who has assisted on piano.

### Future Events

#### Year 6 Performance – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm / Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

Year 6, supported by Year 5 will be performing "Frozen, The Musical" on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon at 2pm followed by an evening performance at 6pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The children will perform their dress rehearsal to the school on Monday (7<sup>th</sup> July) morning. If your child has not brought their costume to school, it must be brought in on Monday morning please. A letter has gone home with information regarding tickets. Please return the reply slip to office with your seating requests as soon as possible so that we can organise the events. We ask that no pre-school aged children attend the evening performance please.

#### Year 2 Class Trip – Leeds Castle – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

As part of their topic, castles, St. Therese class will be visiting Leeds Castle on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that your medical and parental consent together with the payment has been provided via ParentPay.

#### Year 6 Family BBQ – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Our Year 6 Family BBQ will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6pm. The letter with full information has been sent via ParentMail. Please inform the school office of the amount of attendees and any dietary requirements.

#### Year 2 and 3 Moving Up Assembly – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 and 3 will lead an assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9:10 am exploring the differences between KS1 and KS2. Parents of both Year 2 and 3 are invited to attend.

#### Year 6 Class Trip – Larkfield Leisure Centre – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 will be visiting Larkfield Leisure Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July as part of their end of year celebrations. Please ensure your parental and medical consent has been made via your child's ParentPay account.

#### Year 6 Leavers Mass – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6's Leavers Mass will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30 am** in St John Fisher Church. Year 6 Parents are invited.





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## End of Year Trophy Celebration Assembly – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Celebration Assembly: Our final Celebration Assembly where we present our end of year trophies will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. Personal invitations will be sent via ParentMail next week to those parents of children receiving a special award this term.

## Year R Australia Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> July, the children of St. John's class will be travelling on an imaginary 'flight' to Australia.

## Moving Up Morning – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> July – 1:30 pm – 3:05 pm

We have our **Open Afternoon on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ParentPay

Please ensure any outstanding payments have been paid before Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 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.





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**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.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/>

### **MedwayGo Summer Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme 2025**

MedwayGo will be running holiday activities from Monday 28th July – Friday 22nd August 2025. MedwayGo provides a fun and safe environment for children to enjoy activities, a healthy lunch and much more. This summer we have a wide range of activities on offer, from football, tennis, karate, dance, theatre, family activities, SEND specific activities and more. Bookings opened on Monday 30th June at 12pm! Families can register interest now and book: <https://eequ.org/medwaygo>

MedwayGo is free for children on benefit related free school meals. There are a small number of free places for children with SEND, military families and looked after children. There are also lots of paid places available, meaning MedwayGo is open to all.

Find out more on our website - <https://go.medway.gov.uk/>

Follow updates on the MedwayGo Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/MedwayGoHAF](https://www.facebook.com/MedwayGoHAF)

### **Praise Celebrations for last week – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

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

Adira Y R, Sienna Y 1, Carter Y 2, Euan Y 3, Willow Y 4, Connie Y 5, Kristof Y 6.

### **Praise Celebrations for the week! – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

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

Cleopatra Y R, Madeline Y 1, Dylan Y 2, Hollie & Ilinca Y 3, Cezara Y 4, Jacob Y 5, Alanna Y 6.

### **Week commencing 23.06.25**

#### **Attendance Ted**

Well done to Year 1 and Year 6 who won our Attendance Ted for the week.

#### **Punctuality Pup**

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

### **End of Term 6**

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. **Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.**

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
<b>July 2025</b>		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 / 6 End of Year afternoon Performance	2pm
	MYG Athletics Competition	
	Final session – Drama Club	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Class Trip – Leeds Castle	
	Year 5 / 6 End of Year evening Performance	6pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	DICE – Parent/carer internet safety talk (Final session)	9:15am-11am
	Year 6 BBQ	6pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 & 3 Moving up Assembly	9:10am
	Year 6 Trip - Larkfield	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Trophy Assembly	2pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year R – Australia Day	
	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> <b>All year groups finish at 1:30pm (no after-school club)</b>	
<b>September 2025</b>	<b>Academic Year 2025 / 2026</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – no children in school</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children Return to School	

### Go-Kart Competition

Last weekend, (Saturday, 28 June 2025) a group of our brilliant young engineers took part in an exciting go-kart race. Our team of pupils from Years 5 worked hard for weeks to build their very own go-kart. They designed, tested, and improved it together, using their teamwork, problem-solving skills, and plenty of creativity. It wasn't always easy – there were tricky bits to figure out and a few nuts and bolts that didn't want to cooperate! But our team never gave up.

On race day, they competed against other schools in a fun-filled event full of cheering crowds and speedy corners. While the kart didn't have a good start, with a bit of tinkering, we rallied on eventually winning a race and coming second and third in other races. Our school did win something very special – the Best Engineers Trophy!

This award was given for the children's knowledge that they shared in their weekly go-kart build booklet and interview on race day explaining how the different parts of the kart work. The judges were so impressed with the detail they provided, teamwork and clever thinking that went into every part of the kart.

Well done to William H, Jacob, William M, Perez, Kiana and Ciara – you've made us proud! And a huge thank you to the teachers, parents, and helpers who supported the team along the way. Who knows – maybe we've got some future Formula 1 engineers in our school already!

