



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

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NEWSLETTER NO 38: Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

MYG Athletics

On Tuesday a team of Year 4 pupils represented the school at the MYG Athletics competition. The children did so well and were praised for their excellent behaviour. Well done to – Rosie, Nela, Riley, Sofia, Lennon, Jahaziel, Hugo and Olivia.

Year 6 Performance

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, our Year 6 children performed 'Frozen'. 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 Stanton, Mr Scudder, Mr Bradley and Mrs Byrne for their efforts in organizing the play. Congratulations and well-done Year 6.

Year 2 Class Trip

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Leeds Castle on Wednesday. They enjoyed exploring the castle's idyllic grounds as well playing in the adventure playground.

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 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

Year 6 Leavers Mass – Tuesday 15th July

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

End of Year Trophy Celebration Assembly – Wednesday 16th July

Celebration Assembly: Our final Celebration Assembly where we present our end of year trophies will be held on Wednesday 16th July at 2pm. 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.

Year R Australia Day – Friday 18th July

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

Moving Up Morning – Monday 21st July

On Monday 21st 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.





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Open Afternoon – Monday 21st July – 1:30 pm – 3:05 pm

We have our **Open Afternoon on Monday 21st 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.

After-School Wraparound Club

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

ParentPay

Please ensure any outstanding payments have been paid. 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 . 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 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 We will advise by return of email, stock availability and the cost of your order.





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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!

Healthy School

As a Healthy School, we are committed to promoting nutritious choices and healthy habits for all our pupils. We've recently noticed that some lunch boxes have included chocolate and sweets. We kindly ask that parents support our healthy eating approach by ensuring these items are not brought into school. Healthier alternatives like fruit, yoghurt, or vegetable sticks are encouraged. Thank you for your support in helping our children develop positive lifelong habits.

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/>

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

Classes for September 2025

Class in September 2025	Class Teacher September 2025
Reception St. John	Miss Dormedy
Year 1 St. Anthony	Miss Everett and Miss Charge
Year 2 St. Therese	Miss Kelly
Year 3 St. Patrick	Mrs Tong
Year 4 St. Nicholas	Miss Buchanan
Year 5 St. George	Mr Scudder
Year 6 St. Francis	Miss Routledge

We say goodbye to Mrs Weston and thank her for contribution in teaching Year 1 this year. We shall miss her warmth and kindness and wish her every happiness for the future. We have appointed Miss Charge who will be working alongside Miss Everett in Year 1 next year. Miss Charge is a very experienced teacher who brings a lot of sporting expertise which I know that all our students will benefit from.





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We also say goodbye to Miss Stan, one of our Mid-Day Meals Supervisors who will be relocating in the summer. We wish her every happiness on the next stage of her journey.

Over the next week class teachers will be working on organising transition activities and transition communication through the Class dojo to help support your child's transition into their new year group. We will be holding a moving up morning on Monday 21st July where the classes will move up to meet their new teacher and to experience their new classroom.

Praise Celebrations for the week!

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

Amayah & Theo Y R, Ines & Eleanor Y 1, Soumiya & Skye Y 2, Izabella & Ellie Y 3, Hannah & Riley Y 4, Lilla & Ciara Y 5, Joshua W & Nia Rae Y 6.

House Team Winner – 2024-2025

We are delighted to announce that after a year long competition, the Green team have won our house point competition for the year. To reward the Green team for their success we invite them to come dressed in their own clothes on Monday, 14th July.

We ask that they wear some green items of clothing to show their team colours.

All other children are expected to wear their normal school uniform on Monday.

Week ending 04.07.25

Attendance Ted

Well done to 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.

Polite Parking Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid parking across driveways when dropping off or collecting children. Blocking access causes real inconvenience to our neighbours, and we want to maintain positive relationships with our local community. Thank you.

End of Term 6

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

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
July 2025		
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Leavers Mass	9:30am
Wednesday 16 th	Trophy Assembly	2pm
Friday 18 th	Year R – Australia Day	
	Year 6 Water Fight	
Monday 21 st	Moving Up Morning	
	Open Afternoon	
Tuesday 22 nd	FINAL DAY OF TERM 6 - ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 / 2025 All year groups finish at 1:30pm (no after-school club)	
September 2025	Academic Year 2025 / 2026	
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY – no children in school	
Tuesday 2 nd	Children Return to School	