



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO 19: FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another very busy week at school and lots more events to look forward to before the end of the term. Year 6 and 2 have been working hard on their assessments over the last two weeks. Next week the rest of the school will be undertaking their end of term assessments as well. Remember to keep up the home reading with your child as this makes such a difference to the children's academic progress.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their hard work and flexibility over the last couple of weeks when case numbers in the community have been very high. Our school like other schools have had to manage the challenges that this brings and I commend them all for their dedication in ensuring the least disruption to school life as possible.

One of the key control measures is good ventilation - this means opening windows and doors in to let fresh air circulate. At this time of year, it can be very cold so we encourage the wearing of layers like vests to add extra warmth. Even though the rates of infection are coming down and Plan B measures have been relaxed we ask our school community to remain vigilant and keep up good hand hygiene and of course if any child is displaying symptoms to keep them at home and seek a test.

### Year 5 St. Justus Trip

Year 5 visited Vicar Helen and St. Justus church on Monday afternoon to develop their understanding of Christian Unity. Their behaviour was excellent and they asked lots of very good questions. They were able to see the baptismal pool, some art by a local artist as well as learning about the differences between St. John Fisher church and St. Justus church. *"It was really fascinating, I thought the art work was interesting. Both churches have a communion chalice. We all walked down the steps into the baptismal pool"* – Alfie.

### Year 6 Class Assembly - National Memorial Holocaust Day Assembly

Year 6 commemorated National Memorial Holocaust Day by leading the school in prayer in their class assembly. This year's theme for National Memorial Holocaust Day was 'One Day'. Year 6 produced a very reflective and sensitive assembly which was shared with the school exploring why we must embrace every day and not let conflict divide us. More information about this important event can be found at the following website <https://www.hmd.org.uk/> *"It is important to remember the Holocaust so that people don't kill others for their beliefs and who they are. We hope things like this never happen again"*- Kekeli and Layla.

### Year 6/5 Medway Youth Games Sports Hall Athletics Competition

On Thursday our Year 6 and 5 students participated in an indoor athletics competition. Their behaviour was excellent and we were very proud of their efforts.

*"We enjoyed different races where we took it in turns to run laps. We also took part in long jump, vertical jumps and triple jumps. It was a lot of fun and we came 8th out of 16 teams in our session"*- Gracie-Mae, Jan and Robin - Y6.

### Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 swimming lessons continue each Tuesday. Year 6 have two swimming sessions left Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure your child has a coat as the children will be attending even if the weather is inclement.

### After School Extra lessons

After school extra lessons restarted this week. Lessons will continue each Monday after school for those children identified.

### Next Week and Future Events





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## Year 3 Gurdwara Visit

Year 3 will be visiting the Gurdwara next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February to develop their learning about Sikhism.

## Harry Potter Night

Next week is our first Harry Potter night. We are very excited about this. This will involve book readings and reading for pleasure activities based on the Harry Potter theme.

## Year 6 Parent Consultations

We will be holding parent consultations for Year 6 parents on the afternoon of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and after school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Appointments slips have been returned to parents.

## Forest School - Outdoor Learning sessions Year 4

Mrs Hartnett will be leading outdoor learning lessons in the Forest School for Year 4 starting next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately, this week's session had to be postponed due to staff absence.

## STEM Ambassador Visit – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Next week our Year 5 and 6 classes will be visited by a STEM ambassador who will be leading a workshop. STEM ambassadors are volunteers from a wide range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics related jobs across the UK who give talks to children about their fields to inspire children to develop an interest in these areas as a potential future career.

## Heritage and Diversity Week – Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February

The week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February will be our heritage week where we celebrate the unique heritage and culture of our school community. The children will be learning about countries and their learning for the week will be based on this. We look forward to sharing this with you on Class dojo. The teachers have lots of exciting events planned included cooking workshops led by Contract Dining Company. More information will be made available next week including letters about the cooking workshops.

## RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Takes place 28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. See the link below for more information.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

## Absence From School due to Ill Health

All absences from school must be reported to the school office no later than 9.30 am on the first day of absence. Please either telephone 01634 404267 or email [absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk) If you choose to telephone, you are also required to confirm your child's absence in writing; (either by email or by way of a written note on their first day of their return to school). With the exception of absence relating to Covid-19: In the event of absence from school continuing beyond two days, parents/carers are to contact the school office on the third day of absence confirming continued illness/current symptoms/medical advice sought etc. Parents/carers of those children absent from school due to a positive Covid-19 Lateral Flow Test are to follow the above first day reporting procedure but are also required to email a screenshot of the receipt of the positive LFT result as registered with the Test and Trace system. We thank you for your support in this matter.

## Safeguarding

### New DSL – Mrs Ward

Mrs Ward has completed her Designated safeguarding training and will act as an additional deputy Designated Safeguarding lead within our school. So this means that myself, Mrs Kinslow and Mrs Ward are the DSLs within the school and are available to help with any safeguarding concerns you may have.

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.mscb.org.uk/>





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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/>

## **Praise Assembly Celebrations!**

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow.

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly. Filip Y R, Emma Y 1, Eva Y 2, Austin Y 3, Willow Y 4, Oliver P Y 5, Gracie-Mae Y 6.

Yours sincerely,

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	<b>Diary Dates – Subject to Change</b>	
<b>February</b>		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Class Trip – Medway Gurdwara	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Parent Consultation	Afternoon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Parent Consultation	After school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry Potter Book Night – Years 3 – 6 only	4.15-5.45pm
	STEM ambassador visit (Yr. 5 and 6)	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Week – details to follow	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3	

