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Dear Parents / Carers,

In our assembly this morning we discussed about how May is the month of Mary within the church. This is a time when we think about Our Lady. Mary's life was not easy and there were many sad times, but she believed that God loved her, and would do what was best for her in the end. During the coming month the children will be thinking of Our Lady and engaging in prayer. We intend to have a Marian procession where we will crown the statue of Our Lady in our Marian Garden on the lower playground.

Pyjama Day Thank you for supporting this school fundraiser. All money raised from today's tag day will go towards updating our school library and class books. If your child attended school today wearing their pyjamas but has forgotten to hand their donation of £1 to their class teacher, please forward it to the school office ASAP in a clearly named and labelled envelope. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Film Night We have had a fantastic response to this School Council and PTA led event. The children really enjoyed watching the films and also eating their popcorn. We would like to thank everyone involved in organising and volunteering at this event.

PTA – Class set of cameras

We are very grateful to the PTA for the purchase of a class set of cameras. This is a result of PTA fund raising and the generosity of our school community. We received the cameras this week and classes have been begun using them as part of the computing curriculum. This will really help the children to learn about digital imagery and hopefully inspire some of them to become photographers when they are older.

Stewardship of the Earth - Litter Picking

This week some of our Eco Warriors, School Councillors and Prayer Pilgrims went litter picking around our school grounds using our new litter pickers (which were purchased from our hot chocolate fund raising). The children really enjoyed this. This is part of our catholic social teaching of being stewards of the earth.

Year 6 Parent residential Meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended this information afternoon. We look forward to a very exciting residential trip in June. Please return the requested forms by Friday 6th May. For those Parents who were unable to attend, the presentation has been uploaded onto Year 6s class dojo page.

Year 5 Play Leaders

Year 5 have begun their Play Leader training with the Greenacre sports coach. They are learning how to set up small games and how to give positive instructions to younger children. This will help them support the younger children within school during playtimes and lunchtimes to have positive and enjoyable playtimes. Being a Play Leader is a position of responsibility within our school for our Year 6 and 5 students.

RE Newsletter

A RE newsletter has been sent out explaining the RE learning that each Year group will undertake this term. We have also sent out a Religious Education survey that we would be very grateful if parents are able to complete.

Lent

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Mission Together boxes in order to raise money for Mission Together – all contributions are gratefully received. We will let you know how much we have raised in due course

Year 5 Swimming

Next swimming session for Year 5 is this Tuesday 3rd May. Children are reminded to bring their swimming kit to school.





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SATs

Children in Year 2 have started and will continue to complete their KS1 SATs testing during the month of May.
Year 6 KS2 SATs: Will be in the week commencing 9th May.

Contract Dining Due to disruptions of food deliveries caused by the Bank Holiday on Monday 2nd May there will be a change of menu next week.

On Tuesday 3rd May, Contract Dining will serve the advertised Monday (week 3) menu and on Wednesday 4th May, sausage roast and the advertised menu for Wednesday (week 3) will be served. As per the menu shared to parents via ParentMail.

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.msrb.org.uk/>

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/>

Absence in Term Time:

We have recently received several requests for children to take holidays in term time so we would like to remind you of our Attendance policy.

At St. William of Perth School, we recognise fully the importance of family holidays and of world travel, but these opportunities must be provided as well as, not instead of school.

In order for your child to utilise fully their years in education, it is vital that every message they receive reinforces the importance of school. It is the expectation of staff and Governors that pupils strive for 100% attendance.

Holidays in term time interrupt continuity of teaching and learning, disrupt the educational progress of individual children, affect pupils' relationships with each other and create disruption in schools. As it is the law that all pupil absences during the school day have to be authorised by the Headteacher, all holidays, routine dental and medical check-ups should be attended outside school hours or within the 13 weeks your child is not in school.

If there is a serious, exceptional circumstance that requires you to take your child out of school, e.g. to attend a family funeral or an urgent medical / dental appointment, parents must complete an "Application for leave of absence / exceptional circumstances or 'medical' form which are available from Mrs Meredith in the school office.

In the event of any absence taken in term time without the express agreement of the school, the Headteacher will immediately request the Local Authority (LA) to issue a Penalty Notice.

The amount payable on issue of a penalty notice is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent per child if paid after 21 days but before 28 days.

Advice and support are available from an Education Welfare Officer by contacting Medway Council.

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/>

Disabled Parking

Can we just ask all parents to be respectful of the need for access of disabled parking particularly in the church car park. We are an inclusive and accessible school and we encourage all members of our school community to promote similar attitudes.

Volunteering: Calling on parents and grandparents who may be able to volunteer in school.

If you would be interested in helping then please do contact the school office. Many thanks.

Praise Celebrations for the week!





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Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today. Bruno Y R, Jude D C Y 1, Ocean Y 2, Ava Y 3, Fabian Y 4, Charlie Y 5, Tommy Y 6.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Green

We say thanks to Lois (A former pupil) who joined us on work experience this week assisting in Year 1.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

Mr J. Willis
Headteacher

Prayer

God our Father,
Mary is not only the Mother of God, she is the Mother of the Church, of all Christians.
Help us to be generous and caring like Mary in our own lives.
We ask this through Jesus, you Son, who lives and reigns.
Amen





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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).

EYFS additional uniform

Wellington boots - In a named carrier bag.

Apron

Puddle suit (waterproof over-trousers) - Optional for water play.





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	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
May		
Monday 2 nd	Bank Holiday	
Monday 9 th	KS2 SATs week (Year 6)	
Tuesday 10 th	Yr 3 Horton Kirby - Class Trip	
	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
	Yr 5 Swimming will NOT take place today	
Friday 13 th	Yr R Wingham Wildlife - Class Trip	
Wednesday 18 th	Yr R NHS health checks	
Friday 20 th	Yr R Through our Eyes Parent Session	
Tuesday 24 th	Yr 1 Gaia Exhibition Rochester Cathedral – Class Trip	
Thursday 26 th	St. William of Perth Feast day Mass	
Friday 27 th	End of Term 5	
Monday 30 th	Half term break begins	
June		
Monday 6 th	First Day of Term 6	
	Inset Day – No children in school	
Tuesday 7 th June	Children return to school	
	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
Thursday 9 th	New Year R Parents Meeting (Yr. R Parents Sept 2022 Intake) - Hall	5pm
Wednesday 15 th	SEN Coffee Morning – SENDIAS presentation Father's Day Shop - PTA	
Friday 17 th	Yr 2 Leeds Castle – Class Trip	
	Cavatina Classical music performance – EYFS / KS1 and KS2	
Sunday 19 th	Father's Day	
Monday 20 th – 24 th	Yr 6 Residential Trip (Croft Farm)	
Friday 24 th	Yr 5 Dover Castle – Class Trip	
Wednesday 29 th	St. Peter and St. Paul – Whole School Mass	10 am – SJF Church
July		
Friday 1 st	PTA Inflatables Afternoon	
Monday 4 th	Yr 6 Kent Police Open Day – Class Visit	
Thursday 7 th	Yr 6 Secondary School Transition Day New Year R Intake Teddy Bears Picnic (2:15pm – 2:45pm)	
Friday 8 th	Sports Day	
Tuesday 12 th	Leavers Mass	
	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
Wednesday 13 th	Yr 6 Mote Park – Class Trip	
Thursday 14 th	Celebration Assembly	
Monday 18 th	Moving Up Morning Open Afternoon – Parents invited to view work	
Tuesday 19 th	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	
Wednesday 20 th	Final Day of term 6	
Thursday 21 st	Last day of academic Year	
	Inset day – No Children in school	
Friday 22 nd	Extra Day of Holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee Celebration	