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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the end of a shorter week but an extremely busy one. We hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday and the long weekend with your families.

This week myself and Miss Kelly have been observing Maths lessons in some classes. It has been wonderful to see the children's learning and our Maths mastery approach.

Next week our Year 6 students will be taking their KS2 SATs. They have worked very hard in their preparation, we wish them luck and encourage them to get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast ready for Monday.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Thank you to the children of St. George's class who led us in prayer today. Their assembly was about the feast of the ascension and Jesus saying goodbye to his friends. The children explained that although Jesus is no longer physically on earth with us that he will always be with us in the sacraments and when we are praying.

Medway Youth Games – Quick Stick Hockey

Well done to Evelyn, Milly, Betul, Isaiah, Jack and Isiah – Year 4 who took part in a Quick Stick Hockey competition yesterday. *"It was a great day with the team overall winning 6 games out of a possible 10. The students showed great sportsmanship and represented the school in an excellent manner. Everyone got stuck in and gave it 100% and by the end of the day, we had some tired children"*. Mr Poppy – Greenacre Sports Coach

Next week and Future Events

Year 6 KS2 SATs

Will be this coming Monday 9th May. It is very important that all the pupils are well, have plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and arrive at school in good time.

Year 5 Swimming

No Year 5 swimming next week. The next swimming session will take place on Tuesday 17th May.

Year 3 Class Trip

Tuesday 10th May. Year 3 will be visiting the Horton Kirby Environmental Centre as part of their topic about rivers.

Year R Class Trip

Friday 13th May. Next Friday, Year R will be visiting Wingham Wildlife Park to learn about animals and their habitats.

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](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2) 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/>





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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/>

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.

Trainers

Just a reminder that trainers must not be worn to school. We have an increasing number that are being worn into school. Our uniform policy states black sensible shoes – no trainers or boots.

Lent

Thank you to those of you who have returned your Mission Together boxes in order to raise money for Mission Together – A total of £202 has been raised so far, all contributions are gratefully received. Please click on the link for more information <https://missiontogether.org.uk/>

Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today. Alex Y R, Henry Y 1, Lilla Y 2, Kristof Y 3, Rian Y 4, Lucas Y 5, Eliot Y 6.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Yellow.

Next Year's Term Dates Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Several parents have asked about next Year's academic term dates. Term 1 Start: Monday 5th September 2022 and Finishes: Friday 21st October 2022. Please note that Monday 5th September will be an inset day and therefore children will return on Tuesday 6th September.

Term dates for the Year will be uploaded onto the school website. Please note that we have 4 inset days that still need to be confirmed.

Congratulations to Miss Everett on the safe arrival of her baby son Oliver. Mum and baby are doing well.

Yours sincerely,

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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 – Subject to Change	
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	
Tuesday 17 th	Yr R NHS health checks	Note change of date
Thursday 19 th	Contract Dining change to menu - 'Hungry Caterpillar' themed day	
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	St. William of Perth Jubilee Day celebrations	Details to follow
	Contract Dining change to menu - 'Picnic Lunch' Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration lunch	
	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	
	Academic Year 2022 / 2023	
September 2022		
Monday 5 th	First Day of Term 1 INSET DAY – children not in school	
Tuesday 6 th	Children return to school	