



# St. William of Perth Catholic Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER NO 4: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**MacMillan Coffee Afternoon:** Thank you to all the parents who attended and also for the parents who very kindly donated cakes and biscuits which were absolutely delicious. The afternoon was very well attended and we will let you know how much we raised next week for this worthwhile cause. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.



### Library

After a long period of closure, the library was reopened this week. It was so delightful to see our new librarians checking out books to children keen to start borrowing again. We are excited about organising forthcoming library events to promote reading at St. William of Perth and will keep you posted. The library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

Congratulations to our new St. William of Perth librarians; Lexi, Merentia, Betul, Rosalie, Isabella, Alana, Pippa, Aimee and Lena. They were presented with their badges in the praise assembly this morning and we are excited to see them flourish in their new roles. We are thankful to them for volunteering to keep the library running effectively. We also thank our teaching assistant Mrs Smith and our volunteer Mrs Smith who also give up their own time to ensure that the school library is a tidy, organised and attractive facility for the children of our school.

### Admissions – Primary Schools 2022/2023

The Medway admissions is now open for primary school applications 2022 / 2023. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools\\_and\\_learning/1059/applying\\_for\\_a\\_primary\\_school\\_place](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place)

### New Parent Tours

We intend to start parental tours for perspective new parents from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. These will take place after school in small groups. Please contact the office to book onto a tour.

**Secondary School 2022 Admissions:** You can apply for a secondary school place if your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011. Application dates for secondary school 2022 admissions opened on 9 am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and close 5 pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools\\_and\\_learning/1061/applying\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_place](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/applying_for_a_secondary_school_place)

**If you are planning to view secondary schools during the school day**, please confirm the date and time that your (Y6) child will be absent from St. William Perth and the school that you will be visiting.

### PTA

My thanks to all the members of the PTA who attended the meeting this Wednesday. It was wonderful to be able to meet in person in the school again after such a long time. I applaud the PTA for their creativity and determination in raising funds for the school, it has not been easy to do this during the pandemic and thank each and every PTA member for their efforts in raising much needed funds for the school. We look forward to be able to hold more events during the coming year. Watch this space for more information.





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## Catch Up Sessions

Our after school catch up lessons will be resuming after school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. A letter has been sent home advising those involved of the arrangements.

## Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 enjoyed their first swimming session at the Kings school. The second session will take place this Tuesday and continue through term 2 every Tuesday. Please make sure children come appropriately dressed and have a coat and umbrella as we will be attending the sessions even if the weather is inclement.

## MYG Club

Medway Youth Games Club led by Greenacre sports partnership continues each Tuesday this term. The club runs from 3:20 – 4:20. Please be advised that parent / carers need to collect the children at the end of the club.

**Contract Dining:** Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the return of the KS2 Baguette Bar has been postponed due to supply issues. A ParentMail will be sent as and when this issue has been resolved.

As you will be aware, there is national disruption to the food chain supply and regrettably, this has affected some deliveries.

**Monday's menu will now be tomato pasta or cheesy pasta in place of the planned hot subs / baguette bar.**

We thank you for your understanding.

## School Photographs

Our school photographers, Kittle Photography will be visiting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, all children are to wear their Winter uniform please.

**Muddy Madness:** Next Friday is our "Muddy Madness" event.

This event will take the form of a "muddy" obstacle course and each class will be given the chance to complete the course. Parents are invited to watch their child participate in the event. This is a fund-raising event for the school and we hope to use the money raised to improve the school building. A letter has been sent home today explaining the organisation. Once children have taken part parents are welcome to take them home early should they choose to.

## Parent Workshop – The Importance of Play

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10:15 – 11:15 a free workshop for all parents on the importance of play ran by our professional Play Therapist Donna McCrae will be taking place.

## School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50 We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

**Wednesday 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 Wednesday morning after 9:30. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward 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.

**Outstanding Monies:** We would be most grateful that, whenever possible, payment for school uniform is made by cheque rather than cash. Cheques are to be drawn to St. William of Perth RCP School, thank you. School Fund, School trips (on request), are to be paid via your child's ParentPay account please.

**Safeguarding:** 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/>

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>

**Introductory Talks for Parents in September 2021:** Thank you for all those parents who were able to attend the introductory curriculum talks. We received a very positive response to these and for many parents this has been the first time they have been back into school since March 2020. For those who were not able to attend the presentations have been uploaded onto the class pages of the school website.

**INSET DAY Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**





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## Harvest Collection

This year we will be supporting Medway Food Bank through our harvest appeal. Attached to the newsletter is a list of desired items. All donations will be greatly received.

## Praise Assembly Celebrations!

**House Points.** Team house winner this week: Yellow

**Walking Boot** Great walking on Wednesday this week. Year 6 came first place this week. Keep walking!

**Merit Award** Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly. Y 1 Hannah, Y 2 Isla-Rose, Y 3 Eire, Y 4 Jeremiah and Merentia, Y 5 Alfie, Y 6 Kekeli.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Medway School's Extra day of Holiday

We were informed over the summer by the LA that as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls during the half term i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 when most schools would be closed anyway, we are allowed to choose another day to make up for this. We will be choosing Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to be our extra day of holiday. The school will therefore be closed on this day.

We welcome Freya and Shanri who have joined our school community.

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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DIARY DATES		
<b>September</b>		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs	<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b>
	New Parent Tours begin	4 pm
<b>October</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Muddy Madness – Whole school Mud Run (Field)	<b>1:00 pm</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 NCMP	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshop – Importance of Play	<b>10:15 AM</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Ancient Greece Day Kent Life	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Final day of Term 1 (INSET DAY – No children in school)	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	
<b>November</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Start of term 2	Winter Uniform
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bags2School – PTA collection	

