



## The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### Unwelcome Visitors

A number of parents have informed us that some unwanted visitors have returned in some of the classes. I would be grateful if you could take the time over the weekend to check your children's hair and treat if required. Unfortunately, this is a common problem in all schools and the only way to eradicate the problem is for every child to have their hair checked and if necessary treated on a weekly basis with head lice solution. Please check your child every Friday and make this 'Bug Busting Day'. Thank you for your co-operation.

### PTFA News

On Tuesday, the PTFA held their first meeting of the academic year. We are very lucky at The Willows to have such a wonderfully supportive PTFA who are so eager to provide opportunities for our families.

On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, there will be tea, coffee and cake served in the school hall after the Welcome Mass as well as a treasure hunt and raffle. This will be the first opportunity for our families to join together and socialise, it would be fantastic to see everyone there.

The next event which our PTFA will be hosting is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. They will be organising a Family Movie Night where you can bring your child and enjoy a host of films with them. Over the coming weeks, the children will be voting for which films they would like to watch in the different classrooms during the event. There will be sweets, drinks and popcorn on sale for you to buy. Please look out for the flyers which will be going out soon.

Following this, on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, the PTFA will be running our ever popular discos. Once again there will be two separate discos, one for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and another for Years 3 to 6. Again, please keep an eye out for the details.

### Reception 2019

If you have a child and their fifth birthday falls between the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, you need to apply for their primary school place. Schools throughout the area are in the process of planning events where you can go and visit. Our Open Day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. As in previous years, we will have two sessions which you are welcome to attend: one in the afternoon and one in the evening. More details will be published online and the usual banner will be up outside church.





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### Year 6 Residential

Please could I remind parents of children in Year 6 that all payments for Residential must be made by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Year 5 Class Mass

Unfortunately, Year 5 were unable to attend Mass this week. Please accept our apologies if you were in church expecting your child. Mr. Knight is working with Fr Andrew to arrange another date, we will communicate this to you as soon as possible.

### Year 4 Wider Opportunities Brass Lessons

This week, our Year 4 children had their first brass lesson with Mr. Dawson. Over the coming weeks and months each child will learn to play a brass instrument. Once the children have learnt the basics of their instrument they will be allowed to bring it home to practice. Just as with reading and spellings, practice at home is essential for the children to make progress in their playing.

### Welcome Assembly

This week we have distributed the invites for our Welcome Assembly. If you have not received one and feel you should, please check in your child's bag and contact school if necessary. I would appreciate it if you could return the invite to school regardless of whether you intend to join us or not. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. S. A. Barnett  
Headteacher

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### **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**

9:15am Year 4 Class Mass  
12:30pm Y5/6 Football Comp

### **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

9:00am Welcome Assembly  
6:00pm St. Bede's Open Evening

### **Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

11:00am Parish Welcome Mass

### **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Year 6 Residential

### **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct**

4:00pm Y5 Football Comp

### **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**

9:15am Year 3 Class Mass

### **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Oct**

9:15am Year 2 Class Mass

### **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**

4:00pm Y6 Football Comp  
5:00pm BHS Governors Meeting  
6:15pm SEC Governors Meeting

### **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

9:15am Reception & Y6 Class Mass  
12:30pm Y5/6 Girls Football Comp

### **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**

9:15am Year 1 Class Mass

### **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Oct**

4:00pm Y6 Football Comp

### **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**

12:30pm Y5/6 Tag Rugby Comp

### **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct**

3:30pm School Closes  
6:15pm PTFA Family Movie Night

### **Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

8:50am School Opens

