



## The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### INSET Days

Please be aware that there is an error in the children's Homework Diaries. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the diary says we have an INSET day. This is a mistake, please be aware that we are in school on that day. Apologies for any confusion.

### 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.

### Poppy Appeal

This afternoon we have received the Poppies from the Royal British Legion. After half term, our Year 6 children will be selling poppies as well as other remembrance themed items at break times and lunch times. Below is a list of items and minimum suggested donations:

Rubber	50p
Reflector	50p
Pencil Sharpener	50p
Pencil	50p
Ruler	£1.00
Snap Bracelet	£1.00
Bracelet	£1.00
Stick on poppies	20p

*Please note, we only have a limited number of items, some sell out very quickly.*

### PTFA News

Thank you to all the children and parents who joined us for our Welcome Mass and then afterwards for our Treasure Hunt and celebration in school. It was wonderful to see so many of our new families.

The next event which our PTFA will be hosting is on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00pm, this evening!** They will be organising a Family Movie Night where you can bring your child





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and enjoy a host of films with them. This week, the children have been 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.

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, 2:00pm to 3:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm, sessions which you are welcome to attend. If your child has received a letter inviting them to the evening session, please remember they should arrive at their classroom at 5:45pm in full school uniform.

### Year 6 Residential

Earlier this term our Year 6 spent the week at Tower Wood in the Lake District. They had an amazing week sailing, skiing, canoeing, climbing, walking etc. I was lucky enough to be able to spend two days with them and was so impressed with their resilience and team work. They were an absolute credit to our school and their families. If you want to see all the amazing things they got up to then have a look at the hundreds of photos Mr Wylde has put on the website. (Go to Curriculum and then to Residential). A huge thanks goes to Mr Wylde, Mr Sharrock and Mrs Spacey for giving up their time so generously to allow the children to make some incredible memories. Thank you also to Fr Andrew for taking the time to visit the children and spend his precious time with them.

### Parents Consultations

Thank you to all those families to took the time to meet with their children's class teachers this week.

I am aware that some parents didn't get a notification on the app to tell you appointments were available. As a result, if you were unable to make an appointment, our class teachers will be more than willing to meet with you after half term. You can use the "Contact Teachers" page on the app or ring the school office to make an appointment.

### Church Car Park





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Fr. Andrew has been over to school to ask us to remind you to please consider where you park over at church. Please only use the marked bays and do not park on the footpaths or grass. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Welcome

Recently we welcomed Rivin and his family to our school. Rivin has joined our Year 5 class and has already settled in so well making lots of new friends.

### Elections

Earlier this term our Year 6s each gave a speech to the children in Key Stage 2 saying why he/she would like to be Head Boy or Head Girl. All the staff and the children were completely blown away by every single speech. The confidence with which each one of them presented was stunning and the content of the speeches was humbling to listen to. One of the Year 3 children said, "I don't know who to vote for as they were all so good." We all know exactly how they feel. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our school. Well done Year 6.

Below you will find a list of the different jobs each child has been given:

Head Boy Joseph	Head Altar Server Theresa
Head Girl Jemma	St John the Evangelist House Captains Elise & Freya
Deputy Head Boy Taylor	St Joseph House Captains Ella & Marco
Deputy Head Girl Lucy	St Cecilia House Captains Rebecca & Kaylum
Head Buddy Rosa	St Teresa of Calcutta House Captains Scarlett & Thomas

**Well done to everyone - we are all incredibly proud of you!**

### Prayer and Liturgy





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Thank you to our Year 6 who led a wonderful Welcome Assembly recently. It is always a lovely occasion to see our oldest children being so caring and helpful towards our youngest children as they are formally welcomed into our school family.

Last week, Year 3 led our Harvest Liturgy. Again this is a special liturgy whereby our school family comes together to support those in need from our community. Mrs. McKee from Care and Share was thrilled to see so many donations; we cannot thank everyone enough. Year 3 led the liturgy so wonderfully and I know that everyone is incredibly proud of them.

### Parent Forum

Mr. Wylde has sent out letters this week to begin reinstating our Parent Forum. If you have not received a letter in your child's bag, please email Mr. Wylde on [bobwylde@willows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bobwylde@willows.lancs.sch.uk) and he will be happy to send you one.

### Whole School Mass

On **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November**, our school will be going over the church to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. You are more than welcome to join us in church at 9:15am.

### Half-term holidays

I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that school closes for half term after school today. School will then re-open on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 8:50am.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs. S. A. Barnett  
Headteacher

*Please don't forget to register with 'Easyfundraising'.*  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa)





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### **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

### **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

9:15am Whole School Mass  
2:00pm Open Day  
5:45pm Open Evening

### **5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

The Willows Remembers Week

### **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

9:00am Year 6 Prayer & Liturgy

### **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**

3:30pm The Willows Remembers  
Showcase

### **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

5:00pm Staffing & Finance Meeting

### **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov**

6:00pm PTFA Disco

### **Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**

9:00am SGO Group at The Zone

### **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Kirkham Lights Switch On

### **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Parish Christmas Fayre

### **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**

5:00pm Full Governors Meeting

### **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov**

12:30pm Year 5/6 Athletics Comp

### **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

I'm a Year 6 Get Me Out Of Here

### **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Tinsel Trolley Day

### **Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

2:00pm Reception Nativity Show

### **Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

2:00pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show  
6:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show

### **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**

6:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show

### **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

7:00pm KS2 Advent Service in Church

### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

1:30pm Carols around the Tree  
2:00pm School Closes for Christmas

### **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan**

8:50am School Opens

