



## The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed a slightly longer break than normal. It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school this week. As we approach the much colder weather, please could I remind you that each child should now be coming to school with a coat.

### The Willows Remembers...

Next week, we are having a 'Willows Remembers' week. All of the children will be working on different activities to learn about and commemorate the Centenary Year of World War One.

I know that all the teachers have been working hard over the past few weeks to plan an exciting week of activities for all the children. As we did for the Winter Wonderland Week, we would like to invite our families into school to view all the fantastic work that I know will be produced.

Given that the Winter Wonderland Week was so well received, we have decided to change the way in which you can view your child's work. Almost all of the school will be open from **3:30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** for you. There will be a huge display of work in the hall as well as various other pieces in classrooms. Our 'showcase' will be available for you to view until 6:00pm.

Please note, After School Club will be in the Year 6 classroom. If your child is in After School Club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, please go round to the Year 6 door (on the junior playground) to collect your child.

### Prayer and Liturgy

On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, our Year 6 children will be leading our Remembrance Day Prayer and Liturgy. This promises to be a very special occasion not only because it is the Centenary Year following World War One, but also as it forms an integral part of our Willows Remembers Week. Families of children in Year 6 are invited to join us at 9:00am for our Prayer and Liturgy.

### Poppy Appeal

Throughout this week, 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:





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

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

### PTFA News

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.

As in previous years, our infant children will be invited to their disco at 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Please drop your child off at the **school office at 6:00pm** and collect them from **their classroom at 7:00pm**.

The junior children should be dropped off at the **school office at 7:15pm** and collected again, from the **office, at 8:15pm**.

Entry is charged at £2.50, this includes a drink, sweets/crisps, and glow sticks.

### Parent Forum Elections

Mr. Wylde would like to extend his thanks to all those who put their names forward to be part of our Parent Forum. The following people have been elected onto our Forum.

#### **Reception**

Mrs. Green - Saffron's Mum  
Vacancy

#### **Year 3**

Vacancy  
Vacancy

#### **Year 1**

Mrs. Boylan - Gerard, Bridget &  
Theresa's Mum  
Vacancy

#### **Year 4**

Mrs. Bailey - Xanthe's Mum  
Mrs. Davies - Evie's Mum

#### **Year 2**

Vacancy  
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#### **Year 5**

Mrs. Tyson - Grace's Mum  
Mr. Heard - Rivin's Dad

#### **Year 6**

Vacancy  
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As you can see, there are a number of vacancies yet to be filled, if you would still like to be part of our Parent's Forum, please contact Mr. Wylde.

### Farewell...

Lastly, I am sad to inform you that Mrs. Davies has decided to resign her position as a teacher at The Willows from January 2019 in order to take a break from full-time teaching. Mrs Davies has been a huge part of our Willows family and her dedication, commitment and care for every member of our school community have been unquestionable - she will be greatly missed by us all. They are huge shoes to fill!

We are delighted to be welcoming back Miss Burdett to The Willows as she completed a very successful teaching practice placement here last year in Year 4 and already knows many of the children. Miss Burdett is currently teaching Year 4 at another school. She will be spending a number of days in school before Christmas in order to work with Mrs Davies to ensure that the transition for the children is as smooth as possible. Please do take the opportunity to introduce yourself to her and welcome her to our school.

### Welcome

This week we welcomed Ciaran into our Year 4 class - he has already settled into our school family. I know you will join us in making him feel welcome.

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/thewillowsschoolpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolpta)





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### 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

4:00pm Kirkham Lights Switch On

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

2:00pm 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

### Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

Carol Singing at Morrisons

### Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

KS1 Christmas Party

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

7:00pm KS2 Advent Service in Church

### Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

KS2 Christmas Party

### 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

