



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The Willows Remembers...

This week we held our 'Willows Remembers' week. All of the children have been working on different activities to learn about and commemorate the Centenary Year of World War One.

As we did for the Winter Wonderland Week, we held a wonderful showcase of the children's work today. There was a huge display of work in the hall, along the junior corridor and in the Library. Our 'showcase' will be available for you to view until 6:00pm. There will also be performances from our school orchestra until 4:30pm.

Yesterday our Year 6 children led a wonderful Remembrance Day Prayer and Liturgy and we thank them for their reverence and thoughtful reflections. On Sunday 11th November Jemma, Joseph, Lucy and Taylor will be representing our school at the Remembrance Day procession and laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

Year of the Eucharist

Throughout the next year, we will be taking part in a number of Diocesan and school events to help the children to consider the place of the Eucharist on our own faith journeys. Some of these events will be in school, some will be as part of our local family of Catholic Churches and some will be as part of the Diocese of Lancaster.

Bishop Paul's Video Message

On Friday 2nd November, our school community joined together to officially start the Year of the Eucharist. We very much enjoyed watching a video message from Bishop Paul calling us to take time to reflect on what the Blessed Sacrament means to us as individuals. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be taking part in activities and lessons that will help guide our thinking.

Holy Hour

For those of you who don't know, a Holy Hour is an incredibly special time where we find ourselves in the presence of Jesus. On **Friday 23rd November**, each class will be joining Fr Andrew in church for Benediction. As this is such a special occasion, we would like to invite our families to join their classes. If you are unfamiliar with Benediction, follow what the staff and children do - there will also be some booklets available in church for you to follow.





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During the following times, each class will be in Church for Benediction:

10:30 - 10:45 - Reception
10:45 - 11:00 - Year 1
11:00 - 11:15 - Year 2

11:15 - 11:30 - Year 3
11:30 - 11:45 - Year 4
11:45 - 12:00 - Year 5
12:00 - 12:15 - Year 6

As you can see from the timetable, we have a very strict plan to ensure all the children can take part. I would therefore like to ask, if you will be joining a class, please ensure you arrive promptly.

Car Park

Fr. Andrew has been over to school to ask us to remind everyone to please consider where and how they park over at church. Please only use the marked bays and do not park on the footpaths or grass. If we do not adhere to the rules the Parish are considering shutting the gates and we will not be able to use the car park at all which would be very difficult for everyone. Please, please would you think carefully about your own actions and consider the impact on everyone involved with school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PTFA News

On **Wednesday 14th 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.

Parish Sale of Work

On **Sunday 25th November**, the Parish will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre. Friends, family and parishioners are invited into school from **2:00pm until 4:00pm** to browse various items (and cakes) available for sale. We have our usual Santa's Grotto and other stalls include face-painting, 'Pick the Snowman's Nose', 'Fancy baubles', 'Guess





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the Weight of the Cake' and many other attractions. Any donations of cakes can be brought to school on Friday 23rd November or from 12pm on the day itself.

Tinsel Trolley

Following on from our fabulous day last year, on **Thursday 6th December**, Mrs. McKee from Care and Share will be coming into school to host this year's Tinsel Trolley Collection. The children will take part in a variety of games and activities in return for donating some items to local charities and hostels.

We would be grateful for any donations of items such as hats, scarves, gloves, socks, gift items, toiletries, chocolate biscuits and Christmas related food items.

Cupcake Competition

Earlier this week, your child brought home a "Design a cupcake" competition form. If your child would like to take part, their designs need to be returned to school by **Wednesday 28th November** together with 50p. The winning children will then make their cupcakes - photos will be on the website.

Reception Outdoor Learning Area

It has come to my attention that the equipment used in the Reception Outdoor Learning Area is being damaged and left out after school. Please note that this equipment is for the children to use during their school day. I would be grateful if you would ensure your child does not use any of the equipment after 3:30pm, this includes the bikes and scooters. Thank you for your cooperation.

The School App

We are once again working very closely with Parent Apps to deliver a brand new app to our school family. This app promises to be much more reliable and will allow us to send you messages directly, rather than just to groups.

Over the coming weeks, Mr. Wylde will be 'rolling' the app out to parents for you to sign up to. If you have any feedback about the new app, please feel free to email Mr. Wylde.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. S. A. Barnett
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Please don't forget to register with 'Easyfundraising'.
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa





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Tues 13th Nov

12:30pm Year 3/4 Athletics Comp

5:00pm Staffing & Finance Meeting

Wed 14th Nov

6:00pm PTFA Disco

Fri 16th Nov

9:00am SGO Group at The Zone

Sat 24th Nov

4:00pm Kirkham Lights Switch On

Sun 25th Nov

2:00pm Parish Christmas Fayre

Mon 26th Nov

5:00pm Full Governors Meeting

Tues 27th Nov

12:30pm Year 5/6 Athletics Comp

Fri 30th Nov – Sat 1st Dec

I'm a Year 6 Get Me Out Of Here

Wed 5th Dec

Carol Singing at Moor Villa

Thurs 6th Dec

Tinsel Trolley Day

Fri 7th Dec

Carol Singing at Morrisons

Mon 10th Dec

2:00pm Reception Nativity Show

Tues 11th Dec

2:00pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show

6:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show

Wed 12th Dec

6:30pm Year 1/2 Nativity Show

Thu 13th Dec

Christmas Lunch

Fri 14th Dec

Carol Singing at Morrisons

Mon 17th Dec

KS1 Christmas Party

Tues 18th Dec

7:00pm KS2 Advent Service in Church

Wed 19th Dec

KS2 Christmas Party

Swimming for Year 6 cancelled

Thurs 20th Dec

1:30pm Carols around the Tree

2:00pm School Closes for Christmas

Mon 7th Jan

8:50am School Opens

