



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It feels strange to say that we have been back two weeks, already! I trust you all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed the opportunity to spend some quality time together as families. All the staff have asked me to thank you for your good wishes and kindness towards them at Christmas. We are all very grateful and appreciative of your thoughts and generosity.

Wanted

Now that Christmas has been and your child has received many new toys you may be thinking of 'having a sort out'. Reception are currently studying 'Under the Sea' and Miss Ashworth would be delighted to relieve you of any plastic undersea creatures that you may have. Likewise, Mr McKeown would love any complete board games that are no longer wanted. The children are currently enjoying playing draughts and chess so any complete sets would be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Whole School Mass

On Tuesday morning, our children joined the parish to celebrate Mass together. We all really enjoy these Masses as it gives us a chance to come together, in the presence of God to celebrate the beginning of each new term. Thank you to all those who joined us.

Similarly, over the coming weeks, each class will be joining the parish for Mass. The dates for this half term are below - parents and families are welcome to join their child's class, or indeed any of the classes for these Masses.

School Council Cake Sale

The School Council are organising a raffle and a cake sale to raise money towards the purchase of new play equipment and buddy benches. Our PTFA have kindly said that they will match any money raised. The cake sale will take place in the infant playground next **Friday 25th January at 3:30pm**. Any donations of cakes will be gratefully received. The raffle will take place during February (more details will follow). If anyone has any prizes that they would like to donate then please see Mrs Aris.

World Book Day (advanced warning)

On **Thursday 7th March**, schools across the world will celebrate World Book Day. We will be hosting a themed week for the children which will include various activities in each class. To make this occasion even more special, on the Thursday we are inviting the children to dress up as a book character.





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Parish News

Father Andrew will be sending out a letter in the next few weeks about this year's programme to prepare the children to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. If your child is in Year 3 or above and has not received the Sacraments then please watch out for this letter.

Events on the App

As well as the Dates for Diary section below, all of our school events are listed on the Events tab of the new app. This is particularly useful if you would like to add an event to your device's calendar. Simply click the + button next to each event and your calendar will open.

If you have not yet activated your account for the app, please do so as soon as possible.

Rail Safety

This week we received an email from Network Rail. Following the significant amount of work being done on the railway network recently, they have seen a rise in the number of young people around the railway. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is exceptionally dangerous, particularly as the lines have now been electrified.

Over the coming weeks we will be doing some work in school so the children are aware of the dangers of being around the train tracks and how to be safe at stations and crossings. I would appreciate it if you could also talk to your child(ren) about this.

Welcome and Goodbye

Since Christmas - we have welcomed Miss Burdett back as Year 3 teacher and student teachers Miss Graham into Year 4 and Mrs Heys into Year 5. We have also welcomed Riley into Year 6 and Izzy into Year 5. I am sure you will join us in making them all feel most welcome in our family.

Finally we are saying goodbye to Jake who is joining another school outside the area. He will be returning in a few weeks for a formal farewell visit. We wish him well at his new school.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. S. A. Barnett
Headteacher

Please don't forget to register with 'Easyfundraising'.
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolpta





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Mon 21st January

3:30pm Year 2 Computing Club

Tue 22nd January

9:15am Year 2 & Year 3 Class Mass

Thu 24th January

9:00am Year 6 Prayer and Liturgy

Fri 25th January

3:30pm School Council Cake Sale

Mon 28th January

3:30pm Year 2 Computing Club

Tue 29th January

9:15am Year 1 & Year 4 Class Mass

Thu 31st January

9:15am Rec & Year 6 Class Mass

Mon 4th Feb

3:30pm No Year 2 Computing Club

Tue 6th Feb

Safer Internet Day

Individual and Family Photos

12:30pm Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition

Thu 7th Feb

9:15am Year 5 Class Mass

Mon 11th Feb

3:30pm Year 2 Computing Club

Tue 12th Feb

Parent Consultations (evening)

6:30pm PTFA Meeting

Wed 13th Feb

Parent Consultations (evening)

Fri 15th Feb

3:30pm School Closes

Mon 25th Feb

8:50am School re-opens

