



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely week it has been in school. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the snow on Wednesday and built some fabulous snowmen!

School Council Cake Sale

The School Council organised a wonderful cake sale last Friday which raised an amazing £239.61 towards the purchase of new play equipment and buddy benches. Our PTFA have kindly said that they will match any money raised. Thank you to you all for your support and a special thanks to Mrs Aris and our School Council for organising the event.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Millie (Year 6) and Xanthe (Year 4) on achieving their Gold Award for the Lancashire Reading Trail. This is a challenge run by our local library. For every book they read they were given a sticker to take them one step further along the trail. They received a bronze certificate once they had read ten books, a silver certificate when they had read thirty books and a gold certificate (with a prize) once they had completed fifty books. We were delighted that Stephanie from Kirkham Library was able to come into school and present Millie and Xanthe with their awards. Why not pop into Kirkham Library with your child and join the Lancashire Reading Trail?

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 and a special lunch. To make this occasion even more special, on the Thursday we are inviting the children to dress up as a book character.

Parish News

This is a final reminder about Sacramental Preparation as the forms must be returned this week. Please note that if you wish your child to be prepared for these Sacraments forms are available from the office and **MUST** be returned to school or the presbytery by Friday 8th February. If you have any questions then please contact Father Andrew as this is organised by the Parish not school.

Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday, 5th February, is National Safer Internet Day. **Safer Internet Day** is celebrated globally to promote the **safe** and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. In school we use every opportunity we can to teach the children how to stay safe online and on Tuesday the children will be sharing their learning





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with each other. So much with technology has changed since Mr Knight did his last 'Top Tips' that we have decided to include this section again on our newsletters to help you with supporting your child. Each week Mr Knight will highlight an area and give you a link to follow should you requires further information.

Mr Knight's Top Tips

Guide to buying devices:

With so many different devices available it can be difficult to decide which is right for you and your child. Check out the link below for some really useful advice about different mobile phones, consoles, tablets and other devices. If somebody got a device for Christmas, it's still worth a look as it has some useful information.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/tech-guide/>

School Photographs

Once again, on **Tuesday 5th February**, we will be having our individual and family photographs taken by Tempest Photography. Throughout the day we will ensure that all children have an individual photograph taken as well as one with any siblings they may have. If you would like the opportunity to have a photograph taken with any other siblings who may not be at our school, please arrive at the School Office for 8:40am and Mrs. Barnes and Miss Stedman will arrange this.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for their consultation appointments. We have already had an 85% uptake using the online booking system which is wonderful. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please complete the form which you can find on the app or contact the school office.

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.

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





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Mon 4th Feb

3:30pm No Year 2 Computing Club

Tue 5th 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)

9:15am Year 1 & Year 4 Class Mass

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

