



# The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Wow! Another half term has almost come to an end! It doesn't seem like 7 weeks since we were singing the 12 days of Christmas around our tree! This half term has been lovely: so much hard work and exciting learning has taken place. We are all looking forward to the weather warming up a bit though.

## Mr Knight's Top Tips

Parental controls on devices:

- Can your child download apps whenever they want?
- Do they have access to in-app purchases?
- Do they know the password to the main account on their console?
- Are you 100% sure?

Settings are the most important things that you can use to keep you and your child safe on a device. Please follow the link below and make sure that all of your devices have passwords, restrictions and other key features set up correctly. The advice covers phones, tablets and consoles (PS, Xbox, Wii U, Switch) as well as PlayStation Network accounts and Xbox Live.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

## Hair cuts

Please can I draw your attention to page 12 of the Reading Diaries regarding the school policy on uniform.

*Pupils may only have one, natural hair colour. Excessive styles (shaved heads - no shorter than a 'number two', shave lines, steps etc.) are not allowed. Headbands, scrunchies and bobbles should be either red, black or green. No coloured hair braids are allowed. Long hair should be tied back.*

We are seeing an increase in the number of children with shave lines, steps and partly shaved heads. These are not allowed as stated in our school policy.





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### 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 head lice 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.

### Sporting Success!

Earlier this week children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Dodgeball competition at Carr Hill. Well done to Isabel, Kaylum, Lewis, Lucy, Madeline and Rivin who came first out of fifteen schools!

### World Book Day (advanced warning)

All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

We would like to invite parents and family members of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 into school for our World Book Day morning session (9:00-9:30am) to join in with reading activities and games. We have planned a fun packed day for the children.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be focussing on stories written by the fabulous author Julia Donaldson. Children will listen to many stories from this author alongside taking part in fantastic and fun activities. We are excited to share this special day with you and your child celebrating reading.

Key Stage 2 classes will be focussing on stories written by David Walliams in the week leading up to World Book Day. Each class will choose their own David Walliams book, using this as a theme for the week.

On World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) parents and family members are invited to join us for a showcase and interactive activity session from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Here family members will be able to join the children in the school hall to look at some of the class work we have produced and get involved in crafts, quizzes and activities.

### Parish News

Father Andrew has spoken to us this week and has extended the deadline for First Communion forms. Please make sure any remaining forms have been posted through the Presbytery door by the end of Mass on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**.





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### Message from Fr Andrew

Could anyone parking up in the bays in front of the Presbytery kitchen windows please refrain from leaving their engines running as the fumes are seeping into the kitchen. This mainly happens when parents are picking up their children from school in the afternoon. There is no double glazing on any of the windows of the house and many of them have gaps through which the wind comes often. While a bit of a breeze is an inconvenience to me, exhaust fumes are a more serious danger to my health. Thanks. *(Fr Andrew)*

### Reminder

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

### Safer Internet Day

This week all of our children took part in Safer Internet Day. This is a day devoted to helping children understand how to be safer online and use the internet responsibly. Over the coming days, Mr. Knight will be updating the 'Latest News' section of the website with information about the children's learning - please have a look.

### Congratulations

Today we are saying, 'Good Luck' to Miss Gillette as she is getting married this weekend. When she returns next week she will be known as Mrs Hogg. We wish her and her fiancé Mr Hogg lots of luck for their wedding day and future life together.

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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### Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

3:30pm Year 2 Computing Club  
5:00pm SEC Meeting  
6:15pm BHS Meeting

### Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

Parent Consultations (evening)  
9:15am Year 1 & Year 4 Class Mass

### Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Parent Consultations (evening)

### Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Year 4 Trip - Park View 4 U

### Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

School Closes

### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

School re-opens

### Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

KS2 Swimming Gala  
6:30pm PTFA Meeting

### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

5:00pm S&F Meeting

### Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

9:00am Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

### Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Mar

10:30am Ash Wednesday Service in School

### Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

World Book Day &  
Special Lunch

### Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

5:00pm Full Governors

### Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

7:00pm First Reconciliation Service

### Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

PTFA Own Clothes Day

### Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Butterfly Service @ Brian House

### 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Year 5 Bikeability Week

### Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar

12:30pm Year 6 Orienteering

### Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

9:00am Reception Prayer & Liturgy

### Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr

6:00pm PTFA Easter Bingo

### Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr

2:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance  
6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance

### Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Apr

6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance

### Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Apr

School Closes

### Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr

School Opens

