



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

What an amazing World Book Day we had yesterday. The image of Mr Sharrock playing basketball with the children dressed as Gangsta Granny is one which will keep me laughing for a very long time! Thank you to all staff for their tremendous efforts in dressing up as book characters and to you all for supporting the children. Please do look at the website for photographs of the day.

Mr Knight's Top Tips

Social Media Networks:

What's wrong with my child using Snapchat, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook...?

Are you aware that social media networks have age ratings? Most of them are 13 years of age for a reason.

What's the harm in them watching a few videos online or chatting with their friends?

Check out the link below to make sure that you are fully aware of what your child can access on the different social media networks:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/age-can-child-start-social-networking/>

Year 2 SATs & Year 6 SATs

Lancashire Adult Learning are providing one-off sessions for parents in Year 2 and Year 6 focussing on essential key information about the SATs assessments. They will look at a range of topics and will provide a variety of fun informal activities and resources to support the children at home. The sessions are for 8-12 parents will be held in school. Please note that these sessions are for adults only and we are unable to offer crèche facilities for pre-school children. A separate letter has been sent home today to parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6. Please reply as soon as possible as we need to confirm numbers with the Adult Learning Team.

Thursday 14th March 9:30am - 11:30am Year 6 SATs - Maths

Thursday 21st March 9:30am - 11:30am Year 2 SATs - Maths

Monday 25th March 9:30am - 11:30am Year 6 SATs English

Tuesday 26th March 1:00pm - 3:00pm Year 2 SATs - English

PTFA

Our PTFA will be hosting a Race Night at 7:00pm on Friday 15th March at Wesham Community Centre. Tickets are available from the School Office at a cost of £6.00 which includes a hotpot supper. As the Community Centre has a bar please note that this is an adult only event. We hope you are able to join us.





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PTFA Own Clothes Day

Own Clothes Day will take place on **Friday 22nd March**. In return for coming to school in their own clothes rather than in uniform we are asking the children from each class to bring in an Easter Egg or chocolate gift that can be used for our **Easter Bingo on Friday 5th April**. The Bingo will take place in the school hall and everyone is invited to join us at 6:00pm for this fantastic annual event.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Ava, Conor, Harmony, Izzy, Jemma, Lewis, Lucy, Ryan, Seth and Taylor who recently represented the school at the Kirkham and District School Swimming Gala. They all swam superbly and we were thrilled to place second overall. A fabulous achievement!

Lent

Well done to Year 1 who led the school in prayer on Tuesday around the theme of Lent. They all spoke out so confidently. We were so proud of them. The following day Father Andrew led a beautiful Ash Wednesday Service in school. This was also attended by our Diocesan Leader of Education Mrs Wright. She wrote to me afterwards to say she felt 'privileged to share worship and distribution of ashes with the whole school. The reverence in prayer, heartfelt singing and the obvious care and compassion shown towards the youngest pupils and those with additional needs by everyone present made a lasting impression.' We were all so touched by her comments.

Stations of the Cross

The children are beginning to prepare for Easter by meeting with Father Andrew in Church to follow the Stations of the Cross. Please encourage your child to talk to you about the various stations and the journey Jesus went through during His last days. You are more than welcome to join us at any of the reflections.

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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Mon 11th Mar

5:00pm S&F Meeting

Tues 12th Mar

7:00pm Reconciliation Prep Meeting

Thu 14th Mar

10:30am Year 6 Stations in church

Fri 15th Mar

7:00pm PTFA Race Night

Mon 18th Mar

5:00pm Full Governors

Tue 19th Mar

10:30am Year 5 Stations in church
7:00pm Reconciliation Prep Meeting

Wed 20th Mar

4:00pm Dodgeball at Carr Hill

Thurs 21st Mar

10:30am Year 4 Stations in church
7:00pm First Reconciliation Service

Fri 22nd Mar

PTFA Own Clothes Day

Sun 24th Mar

Butterfly Service @ Brian House

25th - 28th Mar

Year 5 Bikeability Week

Tues 26th Mar

10:30am Year 3 Stations in church
12:30pm Year 6 Orienteering
7:00pm First Communion Prep Meeting

Wed 27th Mar

2:30pm Year 4 Wider Opps Concert
4:00pm Dodgeball at Carr Hill

Thurs 28th Mar

9:00am Reception Prayer & Liturgy
10:30am Year 2 Stations in church

Tue 2nd Apr

10:30am Year 1 Stations in church
1:30pm Reconciliation Service (Years 3-6)
7:00pm First Communion Prep Meeting

Thu 4th Apr

10:30am Reception Stations in church

Fri 5th Apr

6:00pm PTFA Easter Bingo

Mon 8th Apr

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

Tues 9th Apr

6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Wed 10th Apr

School Closes

Tues 23rd Apr

School Opens

