



## The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### **Incorrect Dates**

Please note: In your child's Reading Diary, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June is recorded as an INSET Day. This is not the case and your child should be in school. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### **Butterfly Service**

Thank you to all those from the choir who have signed up to take part in the Butterfly Service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Your child should arrive at Brian House for 1:30pm, in the full school uniform. Please arrange to collect your child at 3:00pm. Parents are more than welcome to stay at Brian House to watch the children sing.

### **Year 3 Trip to Ribchester**

On Wednesday this week our wonderful Year 3 children embarked on an adventure to the Roman Museum in Ribchester. Mrs. Spacey, Mrs. Duncan, Miss Burdett and I accompanied the children. I was blown away with how fantastic the children were. They are an absolute credit to their families and our school. Well done Year 3.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Last night, 20 children from Year 3 made their First Reconciliation. Congratulations to these children on receiving such a special Sacrament. Over the coming weeks they will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their next Sacrament.

### **Year 4 Brass Concert**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 4 children will be sharing their progress and learning with parents and families. If your child is performing, you are invited to join us at 2:30pm.

### **PTFA Easter Bingo**

Once again, our wonderful PTFA will be hosting our annual Easter Bingo on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all those who donated chocolate today in return for wearing non-uniform.

This year, tickets are being sold online (as well as in the office) to hopefully make it a little easier for parents. Each ticket costs £1.00 and includes one game of bingo. You will





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be able to buy more games on the night. There will also be a raffle and colouring competition as well as refreshments, sweets and popcorn available.

Due to the impressive success of last year's bingo, tickets will be limited to 200. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Our Year 3 and 4 children are well on with the practicing for their production of Hosanna. Tickets will be on sale soon, from the school office, or online. Mrs. Barnes and Miss Stedman will be sending information out soon - please look out for this.

### Dodgeball Competition

On Wednesday this week, children from Year 6 took part in a Dodgeball Competition at Carr Hill. Well done to Bethany, Charlie, Ellen, Jack, Kaylum, Lewis, Lucy, Rosa, Scarlett and Thomas who represented our school so well.

### Recognition for Mr. McKeown

I am sure some of you may be aware; Mr. McKeown has been nominated for Rock FM's Service with a Smile Award. The ceremony will take place this evening and from everyone at school, we wish Mr. McKeown the best of luck!

### Lenten Mission

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, The Willows will be holding a whole school charity fun fayre taking place in the school hall, organised and led by our Key Stage 2 children. The aim of this event is to raise money for the charity CAFOD this Lent, a mission that was addressed to us by Year One in their recent Prayer and Liturgy.

We ask that all children bring £1.00 into school for the event, which will be handed in to their class teacher on the morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and exchanged for 5 raffle tickets. These raffle tickets will be used by the children when they are taken into the hall later that morning for the fayre to either buy some crafts or simple dessert items pre-made by the Key Stage 2 children or play games and activities. Due to the time of the event and the space available, this event is not open for parents and families to attend.

### Welcome

This week we welcomed Mrs. White into our Year 1 class. Mrs. White is a student teacher from Edge Hill University - she will be with us for the next nine weeks. I am sure you will all make her feel welcome in our school family.





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### Farewell

Similarly, it is time for us to say thank you and good luck to a long-standing member of our staff. Miss Roberts, after being part of our Willows Family for many years, is moving on to pastures new. Miss Roberts' last day will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

From all of us at The Willows, good luck Miss Roberts and thank you for everything you have done for our family!

### Reminder

School will close following After School Club on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. We will return to school on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8:50am**.

*As some people didn't receive the last Newsletter, please see below.*

### 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/>

### 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.





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### 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  
Headteacher

*Please don't forget to register with 'Easyfundraising'.*  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolpta](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolpta)





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

Butterfly Service @ Brian House

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

School Opens

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

Year 5 Bikeability Week

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

10:30am Year 3 Stations in church

12:30pm Year 6 Orienteering

7:00pm First Communion Prep Meeting

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**

2:30pm Year 4 Wider Opps Concert

4:00pm Dodgeball at Carr Hill

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

9:00am Reception Prayer & Liturgy

10:30am Year 2 Stations in church

**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr**

10:30am Year 1 Stations in church

1:30pm Reconciliation Service (Year 3-6)

7:00pm First Communion Prep Meeting

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Apr**

10:30am Reception Stations in church

**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

