

17th May 2024



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a week!

As I am sure most of you are aware, Year 6 have been taking their SATs tests this week and I couldn't be prouder of them for the way they conducted themselves throughout some tricky papers. The children (and staff) have worked incredibly hard all year to make sure they were ready, prepared and feeling confident and they certainly were! However, these tests don't show what responsible, caring, talented, role models our children are and it is this that makes me so very proud. Well done Year 6!

Academy Update

This week we received a letter from Vicky Beer the Northwest Regional Director for the Department of Education granting permission for The Willows, St. Joseph's and Holy Family to join the Blessed Edward Bamber Trust on 1st September 2024. We are already working closely with the Trust and benefitting for the opportunities it is creating.

The only upcoming change is that there will be 2 additional INSET days to those already published for which the children will NOT be in school. I have attached the updated Holiday Dates to this newsletter.

PTFA

Tonight, Friday 17th May, at 6:30pm, the PTFA will host their first Quiz Night in the school hall.

The quiz will be appropriate for children and adults to play. Neil, who hosts quizzes in Kirkham, will be leading the questions as well as some bonus prize rounds.

Tickets are priced at £2.00 and are available on MCAS. 1st prize - £50, 2nd prize - £20, 3rd prize £10.

There should be no more than six players on a team. Refreshments and a raffle will be available.

We really hope that you can join us.

Next Week

Sunday 19th May

3:00pm May Procession at St. Joseph's.

Tuesday 21st May

Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 1 Trip to Brockholes

Thursday 23rd May

Year 6 Forest School

2:45pm Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

Friday 24th May

3:30pm School closes for holiday

Coming Up

Friday 17th May

Year 2 trip to Fleetwood Museum
6:30pm PTFA Quiz Night

Thursday 6th June

8:50am School re-opens
Year 2 Forest School

Friday 7th June

Musical Theatre Workshop Years 2-5

Saturday 8th June

Kirkham Club Day

Monday 10th June – Friday 14th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 13th June

Year 4 Forest School
2:45pm Reception Prayer & Liturgy

Friday 14th June

Own Clothes Day for PTFA Summer Fair

Thursday 20th June

Year 3 Forest School
2:45pm Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

Thursday 27th June

Reception Forest School
Year 3 Trip to Fairhaven Lake

Communication

Contacting teachers

Use the Messages tab on MCAS, press the + button and choose your child's teacher. Send a message from here.

Remember you won't get an instant response.

Contacting the Office, Mrs Barnett or Mr Wylde

Use the Messages tab on MCAS, press the + button and choose The Willows Catholic Primary School

Use this option for anything that does not need to go to a teacher. You are more likely to get a quicker response using this method.

If you need to tell us something – always ring the Office

If you need to book into After School Club, change something etc. please ring us – 01772 684371.

IN AN EMERGENCY – ALWAYS RING.

Open Door Policy

Communication is key to ensuring your child is happy and thriving at school. It makes sure everyone feels valued as part of our Willows Family.

We operate on open door policy where you can speak to your child's class teacher any time after school – please give teacher's time to dismiss their class first.

If you would like a longer appointment, please send them a message on MCAS or contact the Office.

May Procession

The Annual May Procession takes place this **Sunday, 19th May** in the grounds at St. Joseph's. It begins at **3.00pm** with a short service in the church, followed by a procession around the grounds of St. Joseph's. The procession finishes with the crowning of a statue of Our Lady by The Willows and St Joseph's May Queens, attended by their retinues. **The children who have just had their First Holy Communion are invited to come in their communion outfits to especially accompany the statue with flowers.** However, all parishioners and families from the schools are invited to come along and bring flowers to be laid before the statue during the outdoor service. Everyone is welcome! *(Fr Andrew)*

Sports Day

Fingers crossed that the weather remains good this week so that we can hold our Sports Day on **Tuesday (21st May)**. Key Stage 1 will be holding their Sports Day in the morning, with events starting at 9.15am on the school field and we expect this to last until approximately 11.00am. Key Stage 2 will be holding their Sports Day in the afternoon, starting at 1.30pm and will finish at around 3.00pm with a mixed year-group relay where all classes gather by the running track, before the overall Sports Day results are announced.

To save time on the day, children in ALL classes across school will come to school in their P.E. kit and wear this for the entire day. Teachers will ensure this is sent home on Monday night and we ask that parents return this P.E. kit on the Wednesday so that it is in school for curriculum P.E. lessons. A reminder that children cannot participate in sporting activity or P.E. wearing earrings or jewellery so please ensure this is taken off before school. Please ensure your child is wearing sun cream and a hat and has a water bottle in school if it is hot weather.

We hope to see as many parents and families as possible next Tuesday, at what should be a fantastic celebration of the children's talents and sporting enthusiasm.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa

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