

13th September 2024



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back the children back to school and especially to welcome our new Reception children who had their first full day in school today. I have been so impressed with how focused all the children have all been and I have loved hearing about all the wonderful things they have enjoyed doing over the summer. Thank you to everyone who came to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. If you missed these sessions and have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher through MCAS.

School Lunches

Please could all the parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ensure that they 'order' their child's school lunch on the school app in advance. It helps our wonderful cook Jo enormously if the children have selected their option before they come to school.

Parents of children in Years 3-5 need to order their child's lunch and pay in advance for the meal. Many thanks.

PTFA

On Wednesday this week, our wonderful PTFA met in the staffroom to discuss the various events they are going to plan this year. Our new chairpersons are Sarah (Felicity (Y1) and Joey (R)'s mum) and Nina (Jayden (Y1)'s mum).

Anyone is welcome to join the PTFA. If you would like to get involved, please do come along to the meetings. The next meeting is in November.

The PTFA would really appreciate you starting to use EasyFundraising. Simply go to the website, sign up and follow the links when you are shopping online. By simply following these links, the company will donate money to our PTFA. We recently received a cheque for £70.00! Easy fundraising indeed.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa

Next Week

Monday 16th September

4:00pm Year 6 Football Team at AFC

Thursday 19th September

9:00am Reception Eye Test

Year 5 Forest School

6:00pm Carr Hill Open Evening for Y5 & Y6

Coming Up

Monday 23rd September

4:00pm Year 6 Football Team at AFC

Wednesday 25th September

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 26th September

Year 4 Forest School

Reception New Starters Photograph

2:45pm Welcome Assembly

6:00pm St. Bede's Open Evening for Y5 & Y6

Sunday 29th September

11:00am Welcome Mass at St. Joseph's

Monday 29th September

4:00pm Year 6 Football Team at AFC

Thursday 3rd October

Glow Volleyball Festival in school

Year 3 Forest School

Friday 4th October

PTFA Film Night

Monday 7th – Friday 11th October

Year 6 Residential

Monday 7th October

No Swimming for Year 4

Year 3 visit to Kirkham Roman Exhibition

Thursday 10th October

2:45pm Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

Monday 14th October

Reception Diwali Workshop

Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum North

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.

Welcome Assembly & Welcome Mass

On **Thursday 26th September at 2:45pm** we will be holding our Welcome Assembly. Parents of children in our new Reception Class are invited to join us as we 'officially' welcome the children to our Willows Family. We respectfully ask that no more than 2 people per child attend, as we simply can't fit any more people in the hall. On **Sunday 29th September at 11:00am** at St. Joseph's Church, the Parish would like to formally welcome all our new families into the Parish. This Mass is for anyone to attend, not just those who are new to school and the parish.

Year 6 Positions of Responsibility

This week, our Year 6 children gave their speeches to apply for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. At The Willows, we strongly believe all the children in Year 6 have the capability of being our Head Boy or Head Girl. Since the start of term, Year 6 have been busily preparing their speeches. The children were incredible, and we were so proud of each and every one of them.

Following the speeches, every child and every adult in school voted, in a closed ballot, for who they would like to be our Head Boy and Head Girl. The votes were counted today and then the results announced to Year 6.

Head Boy – George

Head Girl – Isabelle

Deputy Head Boy – Matthew

Deputy Head Girl – Zara

Head Buddy – Luke

GIFT Club Leaders – Victoria, Georgina and Aidan

St. John House Captains – Heidi & Patrick

St Teresa House Captains – Matilda & Henry

St Joseph House Captains – Emily-Rose & William

St Cecilia House Captains – Darragh & Kimberley

Congratulations to all our Year 6 children who are Buddies to our youngest children in school, definitely the most important job of all.

Mrs Johnson (Chair of Governors) will present the children with their badges next Friday.

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Please use the **Data Collection** tab on MCAS to keep us up to date with any changes to addresses, telephone numbers or email addresses. Thank you.