

27th September 2024



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another busy week!

We have had another lovely week in school which has included our Welcome Assembly where we 'officially' welcomed all the children new to our school to our Willows Family. It is always a very special occasion for us all.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Please could I remind all parents that any child attending Breakfast Club needs to be brought in and signed in by an adult. Similarly, any child being collected from After School Club must be collected and signed out by an adult. This is a condition of our Safeguarding and Insurance Policies. Thank you for your support.

Dance Festival

We are excited to have been chosen to take part in this year's Wyre & Fylde Dance Festival at Blackpool Opera House on Tuesday 26th November. Mr Knight Mrs Wilks and Mrs McKee are busy rehearsing the pupils. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

PTFA

The PTFA are busily organising a family film night **on Friday 4th October at 6:00pm.** There will be 4 films for the children to choose from. Each film will start at 6:15pm. The cost of entry is £3.00 per child and adults are free. Please note **children MUST be accompanied by an adult.** Popcorn, sweets and drinks will be on sale on the night.

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

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

6:00pm PTFA Film Night

Coming Up

Monday 7th – Friday 11th October

Year 6 Residential

Monday 7th October

No Swimming for Year 4

Thursday 10th October

Year 2 Forest School
9:10am Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME

Friday 11th October

Year 4 French Day

Monday 14th October

Reception Diwali Workshop
Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum North
PCSO Visits to Year 1 & Year 3

Tuesday 15th October

Year 3 visit to Kirkham Roman Exhibition
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

Thursday 17th October

Year 1 Forest School
2:45pm Year 4 Prayer and Liturgy
3:30pm School closes for Half-Term
4:00pm Parent Consultations

Friday 18th October

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 29th October

8:50am School re-open
Reception Forest School

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

This **Sunday 29th September at 11:00am** at St. Joseph's Church, it is our Parish Welcome Mass. The Parish would like to invite all the children who are new to school to this Mass to formally welcome them to the Parish of The Holy Cross. We will join the parishioners for Mass (children can sit with their families and do not have to be in school uniform) and then at the end of the Mass Fr. Andrew will invite all the children who are new to school to the front of church and introduce them to the Parish. Staff will be there to help and support the children. Fr. Andrew will then give the children a short blessing before they return to their families. This Mass is for anyone to attend, not just those who are new to school or who are Roman Catholic. We hope that as many of you as possible can join us.

Parking

As you know, Father Andrew and the parish allow us the use of the church car park for drop off and collection each day. They provide this to us free of charge. Please could I ask that you park respectfully and do not, under any circumstances, park on the grass.

Likewise, we have received complaints from the neighbours around church about children running through the trees and pulling branches down. Please could you ensure your child is always supervised and respects our beautiful church grounds.

Netball Success!

Congratulations to Alana, Edward, Emily-Rose, Josie, Kimberley, Lily, Raeya, William and Zara, who came second in the recent netball tournament. The competition took place over 2 weeks and included many of the local primary schools. Their teamwork and the respect they showed to each other was commented on by many people. A special mention to Alana who was named 'Player of the Tournament'. Well done, Team! Thank you to Mrs Wilks and Mrs McKee for coaching and supporting them.

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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.