



# The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Another couple of weeks have flown by and I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. It has been lovely to see the children working hard and enjoying their learning. Fingers crossed for some better weather so we can get on the grass!

## Online Safety

Cyberbullying:

Continuing with the theme of cyberbullying this week, the link below has lots of excellent information and advice. Even if you and your child aren't currently struggling with the issue, it really is good to be armed with knowledge before anything happens so that things can be dealt with effectively if they do.

Check out the link below for some fabulous advice and top tips:

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>

## Key Stage 2 SATs

As I am sure most of you are aware, Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests next week. The children (and staff) have worked incredibly hard all year to make sure they are ready, prepared and feeling confident. Whilst the tests are important, they only give a snapshot into our children's abilities - they don't show how our children are responsible, caring, role models, artists, musicians, sports persons; they only assess English and Maths. Please keep our Year 6 children in your thoughts as we get ever closer to the tests.

## Year 2 SATs Tests

Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 2 children have been taking their SATs tests. Unlike the Year 6 tests, Mrs Aris uses these to confirm her own teacher assessments. The information from the tests is provided to the Department for Education however, Mrs Aris' assessments of the children's ability hold the most weight. Please do not worry about the Year 2 tests, Mrs Aris has done a fantastic job of preparing the children and we make sure the children feel no pressure during this time. They have been begging to go with Mrs Aris to do them!

## Supervision before school.

There has been an increase in the number of children in the playground from as early as 8:25am. Please can I remind everyone that although parents/carers and children are welcome to come into the playground area before school there is no supervision for children until the start of the school day, at 8.50am. Therefore parents/carers are





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required to remain with their children and be responsible for their own children before this time.

At 8:50am the doors are opened to the infant classrooms and a member of staff is on duty in the Junior Playground to supervise KS2 children.

Any child that is present on the school premises before 8:50am and unaccompanied by an adult will be brought into Breakfast Club and the parent will be charged £2 drop off rate to ensure the safety of the children.

### The Infant Area

Our rabbits Flopsy and Mopsy (named by Reception) are settling well into their new home in the Reception Area. They are delighted to meet visitors but please can we ask that no-one comes into the Infant Area before or after school without the permission of a member of staff. They have been a little overwhelmed with the attention they have been receiving. May we also remind everyone that the infant play equipment must not be used before or after school. This is for the safety of the children and to ensure that equipment does not get lost, damaged or misplaced.

### Mr. Whall goes for a run...

This week Mr. Whall - Isaac's Dad and one of our Governors, came into school to lead an assembly for the children. During May, he is completing one of the toughest road running challenges in the UK - 10 full marathons in 10 days around the Lake District! That's 262 miles, on foot, up and down the big hills of Cumbria.

To support Mr. Whall (with what he describes as a mad challenge), we will be running our own marathon with him. You should have received more details from Mr. Sharrock as well as sponsorship forms to support the Brathay Trust. Please contact Mr. Sharrock if you have not received this information.

### Kirkham Music Centre

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Lancashire Music Service re-launched Kirkham Music Centre. They held a free Open Day at their new venue Kirkham and Wesham Primary School which many children attended. Each week they will be holding the following classes:

4:00-4:30pm Brass Blasters. This is for all children who are currently involved in whole class wider opportunities (in our school Year 4) to develop their brass skills even further.

4:30pm-5:00pm Beginner Band for any brass or woodwind players from beginners upwards.

5:00-5:30 Choir. This is suitable for all ages and all abilities.





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The cost will be £15 for the whole of the Summer Term regardless of how many of the groups your child attends. So they could attend all three groups every week and it would still only be £15. The Music Service are also offering additional lessons for brass, guitar, strings and woodwind.

This is an amazing opportunity for the children to develop musical skills. If you require any further information please contact Julie Rayton on 07824434282 or [julierayton@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:julierayton@lancashire.gov.uk).

### The Willows Eggs...

As our new hens are settling into their new home we will soon be selling their eggs to our families. There will be a little stall by their house with an 'Honesty Box' for a donation should you wish to buy any of the eggs. Please return the egg boxes to school once finished with.

### Sports Day

As in previous years, we have timetabled our Sports Day to be this half term in the hope that we have some nice weather. Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be on the morning of **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have theirs in the afternoon of the same day. The morning session will start at around 9:30am and the afternoon at 1:30pm. We would love to see as many of you as possible there. There may even be the opportunity to show off your competitive sides...

### First Holy Communion

This **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, the children from our school and parish who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time. Please keep Aleksandra, Anna, Ava, Ben, Brandon, Charlotte, Chloe, Chloe, Christopher, Evie-Marie, Francesca, Isabel, Jack, Jack, James, Kacper, Lucas, Niamh, Scarlett and Victoria, and their families in your prayers.

### Parish News

The annual May Procession takes place **NEXT Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May in the grounds at The Willows**. It begins at **3.00pm** with a short service in the church, followed by a procession with the statue of Our Lady (which will be carried on Club Day) to a place in front of the willow trees where it will be crowned 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 children and families** are encouraged to join the Parish and First Communicants and bring flowers to be laid before the statue during the outdoor service.





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Everyone is welcome! Once again, we thank the Ladies Circle for offering to serve refreshments after the *May Procession*. (*Fr Andrew*)

### Club Day

The lists of Banners for Club Day are currently displayed in the Year 2 Classroom window (the window next to the main path). Contact details are displayed on each poster. If you have any questions or queries please contact the people responsible for relevant banner.

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 12<sup>th</sup> May**

11:00am First Holy Communion Service

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 SATs Week

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 4 Forest School

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May**

3:00pm May Procession

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 Trip

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May**

5:00pm BHS Meeting

6:15pm SEC Meeting

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May (subject to weather)**

9:30am KS1 Sports Day

1:30pm KS2 Sports Day

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

9:00am Year 5 Prayer & Liturgy

Year 4 Forest School

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May**

School Closes

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June**

School Opens

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 4 Forest School

6:30pm Induction Evening

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Kirkham Club Day

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 5 Trip to St. Bede's

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Class Photographs

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Forest School

9:00am Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Transition Day

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June**

9:15am Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Forest School

9:00am Year 2 Prayer & Liturgy

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Year 6 Transition Day @ St. Bede's

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June**

One World Week

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Transition Day

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June**

7:00pm St. Bede's New Intake Night

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Forest School

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Transition Day





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### **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 Forest School  
9:00am Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

### **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July**

3:30pm PTFA Summer Fayre

### **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July**

5:00pm Full Governors

### **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> July**

2:00pm Year 5/6 Production  
6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

### **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July**

6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

### **Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 Forest School

### **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July**

5:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

### **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July**

6:00pm PTFA Disco

### **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 1 Forest School

### **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July**

9:15am Leavers' Mass  
1:30pm Leavers' Assembly  
2:30pm School Closes

### **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

8:50am School Opens

