



The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Another half-term has flown by and it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying our vast outdoor spaces.

Sports Day

Thank you to all our families and friends who joined us for Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many people supporting our children to celebrate their sporting talents. I was overwhelmed by the love and care all our children showed each - working together as a team, backing their friends so everyone achieved!

Thank you also to all the staff who worked so hard to make it such a success!

We're also ever so pleased that, for the first time in many years, we have managed to hold Sports Day on the day we actually planned it for!

May Procession

Last Sunday was another wonderful occasion in our church's calendar. The May Procession is a time when we recognise and celebrate Mary as the mother of Jesus. It was amazing to see so many of our children and families supporting the parish.

Online Safety

Getting off devices:

How long is too long? They never go outside these days? It's like it's glued to their hand. They're very anti-social!

With us heading towards summer, it is understandable to think about being outside and doing more, but, devices are amazing things that take us to magical worlds that are rich, engaging and immersive, so it can be really difficult to drag ourselves and our children away from them. We hear about the constant battle between some children and parents and the amount of time that they spend on their devices. Check out the link below for some excellent advice and tips on how to balance the online world with the real world, no matter the age.

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/5-strategies-for-getting-kids-off-devices>

Supervision before school.

Please be aware that despite the reminders via the app and on the newsletter a number of children have been found unaccompanied on the school playground before 8:50am. Governors are very concerned about the safety of the children as there is no staff supervision until 8:50am. Please note that after half term any





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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 the 'not booked in' drop off rate of £2.50 as we want your child to be safe. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 5 Prayer & Liturgy

Yesterday, our Year 5 children led our whole school Prayer and Liturgy - helping us to further understand Jesus' ascension into heaven. We always love the liturgies led by the children and it is heart-warming to see our younger parishioners sharing in and spreading God's wonderful news.

Well done Year 5, you led us beautifully and I know your families are just as proud of you as we are.

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.

Welcome back...

This week we welcomed Mrs. Hayes back to school following her maternity leave. She will be working with classes across school over the coming weeks.

Finally

Tomorrow Miss Cross will be getting married to Mr Atkinson. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the very best for their future life together. We look forward to welcoming 'Mrs Atkinson' back after the holiday.

From all of us at The Willows, we hope you have a lovely and restful break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. A. Barnett
Headteacher

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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa*

Please do not forget to read the diary section on the next page...





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Wed 5th June
School Opens

Thurs 27th June
Year 1 Forest School

Thurs 6th June
Year 4 Forest School
6:30pm Induction Evening

Mon 1st July
Transition Day

Sat 8th June
Kirkham Club Day

Thurs 4th July
Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

Tues 11th June
Year 5 Trip to St. Bede's

Fri 5th July
3:30pm PTFA Summer Fayre

Wed 12th June
Class Photographs

Mon 8th July
5:00pm Full Governors

Thurs 13th June
Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 4 Prayer & Liturgy

Tues 9th July
2:00pm Year 5/6 Production
6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

Mon 17th June
Transition Day

Wed 9th July
6:30pm Year 5/6 Production

Tues 18th June
9:15am Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

Thurs 10th July
Year 1 Forest School

Thurs 20th June
Year 1 Forest School
9:00am Year 2 Prayer & Liturgy

Tues 16th July
5:00pm Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

Fri 21st June
Year 6 Transition Day @ St. Bede's

Wed 17th July
6:00pm PTFA Disco

Mon 24th - Fri 28th June
One World Week

Thurs 18th July
Year 1 Forest School

Mon 24th June
Transition Day

Fri 19th July
9:15am Leavers' Mass
1:30pm Leavers' Assembly
2:30pm School Closes

Wed 26th June
7:00pm St. Bede's New Intake Night

Tues 3rd Sept
8:50am School Opens

