

16TH DECEMBER 2022



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome back...

We have made it! The holidays are almost upon us. Once again can I thank you all, on behalf of all the staff, for your incredible support this year towards us all. We have been moved by your kind words and generous gifts. We really do appreciate the time you take to speak to us, email us or write to us. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year together and we look forward to welcoming the children back in 2023.

Huge Thank you

A huge thank you to Suzanne and the members of the PTFA for the wonderful costumes they purchased for our Key Stage 1 Nativities, which were also used at the KS2 Advent Service. I wish you could have all seen the excitement on the children's faces when they saw them for the first time! They were so thrilled and I know that you will agree that they added to the children's confidence when performing.

They have all worked so hard during this Christmas period (as they do all year) organising quizzes, reindeer food, snowman soup, letters to Santa, raffles and helping Santa by wrapping presents for the children. They give so much time so generously and we are all very grateful in school for their kindness and enthusiasm. Thanks to your contributions at the events and purchasing the Christmas goodies, they were able to buy new costumes and provide prizes and presents for the Christmas parties next week. Thank you so much to every one of you.

Blessing of the Crib

Thank you to Gerard, Henry, Theo, CJ, Vada, Mila, Lena, Eleanor and Dottie who came to the 'Blessing of the Crib' and joined us in celebrating with the other Kirkham Schools. It was a lovely occasion for our community and I hope that next year even more of you will be able to us.

Next Week

Monday 19th December

Christmas Parties for all children – non uniform (party clothes)

Tuesday 20th December

2:00pm Carols 'Round the Tree
2:45pm School Closes (No ASC)

Coming Up

4th January

8:50am School Re-opens

5th January

2:00pm Whole School Mass

23rd January

Swimming re-commences for Year 5
Year 5 Bikeability (all week)

31st January

Individual and Family Photographs

8th February

4:00pm Parent Consultations

9th February

4:00pm Parent Consultations

10th February

3:30pm School closes for Half-Term

Clubs After Christmas

All clubs will start **week beginning 9th January**. A message will be sent out via MCAS in the New Year for you to sign up (Orchestra do not need to sign up).

Mondays

3:30pm Year 4 Computing Club
3:30pm Reception /Year 1 Creative Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm Orchestra

Wednesdays

3:30pm Year 2 Storytime Club
3:30pm Year 3/Year 4 Baking Club

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.

Advent Service and Nativities

We have had so many wonderful celebrations in school. Seeing the Reception children perform their Nativity with such confidence after only a term in school was fabulous. Our Year 1 and 2 children have loved telling the story of 'The Hoity Toity Angels' this week too. Then the beauty and spirituality of the Advent Service led by Key Stage 2 moved everyone who was there. The children throughout school have sung, read and performed with such joy reminding us all of the true meaning of Christmas. I cannot thank staff enough for all their hard work and the support and confidence they have given the children in preparing for these celebrations. We look forward to seeing you at 'Carols Around the Tree' on Tuesday at 2:00pm.

Festival of Carols

An enormous thank you to the thirty children and their families from Key Stage 2 who joined us at the United Reform Church for the annual Festival of Carols. They sang so beautifully and I have received numerous emails and thank you messages from people who were there and from Kirkham Club Day Committee. Thank you to Mrs Spacey and Miss Mallinson for preparing the children and giving up their time on a Sunday evening. The children certainly did us all proud.

Ribby Hall

We were so thrilled to receive a visit from staff from Ribby Hall this week. They have visited all the local schools in the area and came to present us with a cheque for £500 as a thank you to all our families and the school for supporting them. We are going to use the money to buy plants for our spiritual area in the Spring so that all our children and families can enjoy the benefit.

My Child at School - MCAS

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.