

24th March 2023



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Almost Easter!

What a wonderful few weeks it has been! We have had so many events in school, World Book Day, Safer Internet Day, Sporting Competitions and Forest School to name but a few. We have even had visits from the Fire Service, Newsround and the Lancashire Evening Post! All fabulous experiences!

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to Ruby, Kimberley, Alicia, Holly, Darragh, Georgie, Charlotte, Victoria, Alfie, Archie, Luke, Georgina, Blake, Patrick, Henry, Toby, Isabelle and Heidi who all received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week and are now busy preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Reception Prayer and Liturgy

Huge thanks and congratulations to our youngest children in school who led our whole school 'Prayer and Liturgy' last week. Every child spoke with such confidence; everyone in school and the families who joined us were incredibly proud of them. It was hard to believe that they are only 4 and 5 years old. Well done Reception!

Sam's Superheroes Easter Fair

Mrs Jones asked me to pass on her 'huge thanks' to you all for your generous donations for the Easter Fair 'Sam's Superheroes' are holding this **Sunday 26th March** at Kirkham Community Centre from 1pm – 3pm. All the money raised will be used by the charity to provide activity packs for the children's wards at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. If you are in Kirkham on Sunday, then please do call in at the Community Centre and enjoy the fun!

Next Week

Monday 27th March

3:30pm – Year 3 Computing Club
3:30pm – KS2 Walking Club

Tuesday 28th March

9:30am Year 1 Class Mass
3:30pm – Orchestra

Wednesday 29th March

2:00pm & 6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Production
3:30pm – Year 5/6 Chess Club

Thursday 30th March

Year 3 Forest School
6:30pm Year 3/4 Easter Production

Friday 31st March

6:30pm PTFA Easter Bingo

Coming Up

Tuesday 4th April

3:30pm School closes for Easter

Monday 17th April

8:50am School re-opens
3:30pm KS2 Walking Club

Tuesday 18th April

3:30pm – Orchestra

Thursday 20th April

Year 2 Forest School

Thursday 27th April

Year 1 Forest School

Saturday 29th April

PTFA Race Night

Thursday 4th May

Reception and Year 5 Forest School

Tuesday 9th- Friday 12th May

KS2 SATs for Year 6

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.

PTFA News

Today we had our non-uniform day. Children in Reception and Years 1-3 brought in an Easter egg for prizes at our **Easter Bingo on 31st March** (tickets on sale on the App now) and children in Years 4-6 brought in a bottle for the 'Bottle Pull' at our **Race Night on 29th April** (tickets on sale from Mr Wylde). Thank you so much for your generous donations.

Also, your child should have brought home a Treasure Hunt sheet, this is a great, family friendly activity based around Kirkham. If you complete it and return it to school filled in with a £1 donation your child will be in with a chance of winning a prize. Entries in by **Thursday 30th March** please. For a full update on what the PTFA are currently doing, please follow the link below.

[PTFA Update](#)

Our Lenten Journey

We began our journey through Lent with a service together on Ash Wednesday. The children received ashes and presented their Lenten promises. The children have been visiting church to follow Jesus' final journey through the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Andrew. Year 5 and Year 6 will also be having a Reconciliation Service. Our Lenten Journey will finish with Year 3 and Year 4 recounting Jesus' final few days through the musical 'Roll Back the Stone'. Tickets are on sale on MCAS.

Performances are:

Wednesday 29th March at 2:00pm and 6:30pm and Thursday 30th March at 6:30pm.

World Book Day

Thank you for all your wonderful support on World Book Day. The children loved sharing their learning with their friends and family. The children looked amazing in their costumes and particularly enjoyed our 'Blanket of Books'.

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.