

28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Happy Bank Holiday

I am sure you, like all of us, you are looking forward to the first of our Bank Holiday weekends. As one of our Year 2 children said today in our Star Award Assembly, 'We can spend some special time with our families'. What more could we wish for? Have a lovely weekend.

## Red, White and Blue Day

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May the children are invited to come to school wearing anything red, white or blue or any combination of these colours. We will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles with a 'Street Party Lunch' and each class will be enjoying a day filled with research and activities relating to the coronation.

## School Lunches

I know we are all aware that the cost of living has increased. Food and fuel have increased enormously and therefore Lancashire County Council have no choice but to increase the cost of school lunches. From Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June a lunch in school will cost £2.50. Thank you for your support.

## Keep Healthy

Mr Sharrock has been busy organising lots of different active experiences for the children across Key Stage 2 to promote positive health and well-being. All classes enjoyed a day of specialist cricket coaching; Year 3 enjoyed a rugby session; Year 6 have been working with the Healthy Heads Team and this week the BCyberwise Team are visiting school and working with all the classes in Key Stage 2.

## Next Week

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank Holiday

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Reception Trip to the farm  
3:30pm – Orchestra

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

3:30pm – Key Stage 2 Netball Club  
3:30pm – Year 1 & Year 4 Multi-Skills Club  
3:30pm – Year 3 & Year 4 Football Club

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Reception & Year 5 Forest School

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Red, White and Blue Day & Coronation Lunch

## Coming Up

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
KS2 SATs for Year 6

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
Class photographs

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
2:00pm Whole School Mass – Feast of the Ascension

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
11:00am First Communion Mass

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
3:00pm May Procession

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 5 trip to Liverpool Museum

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
3:30pm School closes for Half Term (After School Club is open)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
8:50am School re-opens

## 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.

## Year 6 SATs

As I am sure most of you are aware, Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests soon. The children (and staff) have worked incredibly hard all year to make sure the children are ready, prepared and feeling confident. Whilst the tests are important, they only give a snapshot into our children's abilities – they do not reflect what amazing artists, musicians and sports people they are and most importantly what responsible, caring, role models they are; they only assess English and Maths. We are so proud of each one of them regardless of the outcome of the tests. Please keep our Year 6 children in your thoughts.

## May Procession Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

The Annual May Procession takes place on **Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May** in the grounds at The Willows. It begins at **3.00pm** with a short service in the church, followed by a procession around the grounds of The Willows.

The procession finishes in front of the willow trees where the statue of Our Lady is 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 parishioners and families from the schools are invited to come along and bring flowers to be laid before the statue during the outdoor service. Everyone is welcome! *(Fr Andrew)*

## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Miss Harrison and her partner Mr Needham who welcomed baby Rory Joseph into their family last week. They are all doing well, and we are looking forward to meeting baby Rory in the near future.

## 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.