

17th November 2023



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a special week...

What a fabulous week we have had but there is no doubt that for us all the highlight of the week was celebrating Krzysztof's wonderful news which in his words was, "I beat cancer!" We are so proud of him for how he has dealt with his illness over the last three years and seeing him ring the bell by video was very emotional. We are so proud of you Krzysztof!

An evening of seasonal music...

Our school band and choir are busily rehearsing for their performances with Preston Concert Band on **Saturday 9th December**.

The concert will now take place at **St. Michael's Church** in Kirkham as the Vigil Mass will be being said at St. Joseph's.

Children from the school band and choir should arrive at 5:30pm for their rehearsal. Families and friends are invited to join them from 6:30pm for the concert.

Please check MCAS for more information.

There is no charge for this event.

PTFA Frosty Fayre

On Sunday 26th November (next Sunday), the PTFA will be hosting the 'Frosty' (Christmas) Fayre in school from 12:30pm.

They have planned lots of exciting games and activities – including face painting, as well as a VERY special visitor making an appearance.

There is no charge for the event so we would love to see you there.

Next Week

Monday 20th November

3:30pm CLUB: Year 5/6 Football

Tuesday 21st November

3:30pm CLUB: Band

Wednesday 22nd November

NO CLUBS DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

Thursday 23rd November

Year 1 Forest School

Friday 24th November

2:45pm Star Award Assembly

Sunday 26th November

12:30pm PTFA Frosty Fayre

Coming Up

Monday 27th November

Year 5 visit to Morrisons

Tuesday 28th November

Reception Family Fun Day

Thursday 30th November

Year 2 Forest School
3:40pm Parent Meeting Academisation

Tuesday 5th December

Year 4 Forest School
2:45pm Year 4 Brass Concert

Thursday 7th December

9:30am Reception Nativity Play
2:00pm Reception Nativity Play

Saturday 9th December

5:30pm or 7:00pm Music Concert

Monday 11th December

2:00pm KS1 Nativity Play
6:00pm KS1 Nativity Play

Tuesday 12th December

6:00pm KS1 Nativity

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.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Alexandra, Alice Elliott, Gerard and Oliver who represented the school so well at The Remembrance Day Parade this year. I received an email from the Town Clerk thanking the children and accompanying adults for taking part.

Year 6 Trip to The Imperial War Museum

Year 6 travelled to Manchester this week to visit The Imperial War Museum North. They had a fabulous day which wasn't even dampened by the delays in the trains on the way home. The following day I received a telephone call from a member of the public who had been travelling home on the same train as the children. She had been so impressed by their behaviour, their conversations, and their manners that she had felt compelled to phone school to say how they had made the journey home so enjoyable for her! I cannot tell you how proud Mr Wylde, Mrs Spacey, Miss Rayton and I were to receive such lovely comments. Well done Year 6!

Holidays and term dates

The term dates for the next academic year have been added to the website.

You can find these under:

- www.willows.lancs.sch.uk
- Parents
- Term Dates

Academisation

On Monday, you should have received information about the consultation for us to convert to academy status.

Please look at the Academy page on the school website and provide any feedback using the form on the same page.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa

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.