

24th November 2023



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

All about Christmas...

With December just around the corner, I thought now would be a good time to let you know about all the Christmas activities that are coming up.

PTFA Frosty Fayre - Sunday 26th November

The PTFA will be hosting the 'Frosty' (Christmas) Fayre in school from 12:30pm. There is no charge for this event.

Brass 4 All Concert - Tuesday 5th December

Year 4 will show us how well they are progressing with their brass instruments in their Christmas Concert. Parents of Year 4 children are invited to join us at 2:45pm.

Blessing of Kirkham Crib - Monday 4th December

This will take place at Kirkham Town End at 6:30pm. All children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. There is no need for your child to wear school uniform as they will need to wrap up warmly.

Reception Nativity Plays - Thursday 7th December

Our youngest children will kick off our Christmas performances with 'The Big Little Nativity.' Tickets and information are available on MCAS. There will be two performances, 9:30am and 2:00pm. Children can be collected after the second performance.

Band and Choir Concert - Saturday 9th December

Collaborating with Preston Concert Band, our children will host 'An evening of seasonal music...' at **St. Michael's Church in Kirkham**. Children in the band or choir should arrive at 5:30pm. Families and friends are invited to the performance, starting at 7:00pm. There is no charge for this event however donations will be gratefully received.

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Plays -

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December

Tickets for 'One Bright Star' performed by children from Year 1 and Year 2 are available on MCAS. Following the afternoon performance, these children can be collected early. For the evening performances, children should arrive back at school to prepare by 5:45pm.

Next Week

Sunday 26th November

12:30pm PTFA Frosty Fayre

Monday 27th November

Year 5 visit to Morrisons

3:30pm CLUB: Football

Tuesday 28th November

Reception Family Fun Day

3:30pm CLUB: Band

Wednesday 29th November

3:30pm CLUB: KS2 Dance

3:30pm CLUB: Year 5/6 Archery

Thursday 30th November

Year 2 Forest School

3:40pm Parent Meeting Academisation

Coming Up

Monday 4th December

6:30pm Blessing of Kirkham Crib

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

2:30pm Brass, String & Band Concert

6:00pm KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch

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.

Brass, String and Band Concert - 12th December

Those children who have 'paid' music lessons with Mr. Squires Evans will showcase their talent in a Christmas Concert at 2:30pm. Children (including woodwind players) in the band will also share their progress with us.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 13th December

Our amazing cook, Jo, will be preparing the children's Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Please use MCAS if your child would like the Christmas Lunch. Please note, there will be no other options on this day.

Woodwind Concert - Thursday 14th December

Children who have 'paid' music lessons with Mr. Irwin will be showcasing their talents at their Christmas Concert from **9:00am** in the school hall.

Christmas Parties - Monday 18th December

The ever-popular Christmas parties will take place on Monday 18th December during school. Mrs. Aris and Mr. Sharrock will send out more information and donation requests nearer the time.

PTFA Christmas Discos - Monday 18th December

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their disco from 6:00pm to 6:45pm – please drop off at the Office and collect from classrooms. Years 3 to 6 will have their disco from 6:50pm to 7:35pm – please drop off and collect from the office. Entry costs £3.00 and includes a drink and either sweets or crisps.

KS2 Advent Service - Tuesday 19th December

We will be hosting our fantastic **Advent Service at St. Joseph's church** this year. **All children** from KS2 are expected to attend. Children should arrive at the Mowbreck Lane entrance from 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

Carols Around the Tree - Wednesday 20th December

Finally, to end the term as one big family, we will be hosting Carols Around the Tree again. The celebration will start at 1:30pm. Children should be collected at approximately 2:30pm from the infant playground. Parents are most welcome to join us however due to limited space in the hall, ex-pupils cannot be accommodated.

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.