

1st December 2023



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Advent begins

This Sunday marks the start of Advent. We began our preparations in school today by introducing our Advent Wreath. Thank you, Year 3, for leading the Liturgy so beautifully. Fr Andrew and the Parish have also provided every child in school with an activity book or a calendar to help the children with their Advent journeys.

Thank you also to local businessman Pete Marquis for providing all the children with an Advent Calendar.

Blessing of the Crib

We have been invited to attend the annual Blessing of the Crib on Monday 4th December at 6:30pm at Kirkham Town End. We would love to see as many children as possible there, particularly any children in Key Stage 2 to help with the singing. However, all children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no need for the children to wear school uniform as they will need to wrap up warmly. The service should be finished by 6:50pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Frosty Fair – thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTFA Frosty Fair last weekend. It was so lovely to see so many families. I know the children particularly enjoyed meeting our special visitor Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to join us. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA who worked so hard to organize a fabulous afternoon. We still have 3 unclaimed raffle prizes...

Orange ticket 467

Orange Ticket 480 and

Grey ticket 586

Prizes can be collected from the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 13th December. As in previous years, children can come to school on this day wearing Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumper. They do not need to wear ties either.

Next Week

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

Coming Up

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

Thursday 14th December

9:00am Woodwind Concert

Monday 18th December

Christmas Parties

6:00pm KS1 Christmas Disco

6:50pm KS2 Christmas Disco

Tuesday 19th December

7:00pm KS2 Advent Service @ St. Joseph's

Wednesday 20th December

1:30pm Carols Around the Tree

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.

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.

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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.