

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



# THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## The Willows Big Lenten Walk

During Lent we are busy raising money for CAFOD's Lent appeal which is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia.

Every £1 raised will help to fight global poverty and will provide fishing communities with the tools that they need to keep themselves safe and feed their families.

The children are all very excited to get out walking and we have already managed to raise a fantastic £95! This is already enough to provide fishermen with a tracker to help find fish and stay safe on the water. If you are able, and would like to donate, you can donate directly to our CAFOD fundraising page online by clicking here:

[The Willows Big Lent Walk](#)

Thank you for your continued support!

## Our Lenten Journey

We began our journey through Lent this week when Fr Andrew visited Year 6 and helped them follow Jesus' final journey through the Stations of the Cross. He will be visiting each class over the next few weeks. Our Lenten Journey will finish with Year 3 and Year 4 recounting Jesus' final few days through the musical 'Hosanna'. Tickets are on sale on MCAS.

Performances are:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm and  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm and 6:30pm.**

## PTFA – Chocolate Bingo

The PTFA Chocolate Bingo (previously known as the Easter Bingo) will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6:00pm. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March we are asking children in Reception to Year 3 to bring in an Easter Egg for the Bingo and Years 4-6 to bring a bottle which will be used at the summer fair. In return the children can come to school in clothes which are non-uniform.

The PTFA are currently raising money to purchase new reading books for the library and classrooms.

## Next Week

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

2:45pm Reception Prayer & Liturgy  
7:00pm Reconciliation Preparation

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

3:50pm – 6:30pm Parent Consultations

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day  
3:50pm – 6:30pm Parent Consultations

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 Forest School

## Coming Up

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

5:00pm Full Governors Meeting  
7:00pm Reconciliation Preparation

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Year 4 Residential

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 visit to Kirkham Library

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Non-Uniform Day for the Chocolate Bingo  
7:00pm First Reconciliation Service

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

2:45pm Year 1 Prayer & Liturgy

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

6:00pm PTFA Chocolate Bingo

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

6:30pm Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Show

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

7:00pm First Communion Preparation

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

2:00pm & 6:30pm Year 3 & 4 Easter Show

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Outdoor Learning Day  
3:30pm School closes for Easter

## 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.

## Parent Consultations

Our next Parent Consultations will take place this week on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (3:50pm-6:30pm).**

Please note that there are enough appointments for everyone to be able to meet with the class teachers on these two evenings and therefore we respectfully ask you to book a slot on one of these two evenings. Teachers cannot accommodate appointments on other evenings due to their own work commitments.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day across school on Thursday 7th March and your child is invited to come dressed up as a book character for the day.

The costume could be your child's favourite book character or utilising a costume you already have at home. Please do not feel that you have to go out and buy a new costume; there are lots of characters you can creatively use your own clothes for, like Charlie Bucket from Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, Matilda, Horrid Henry or the children in pyjamas in The Midnight Gang.

Children across school will be doing lots of fun activities throughout the day to build their love of reading. KS2 children need to bring a coat and a pair of wellies or walking boots in a plastic bag as they will be going on a book orienteering hunt around the school grounds.

## After School

Please can I respectfully remind everyone that all the children, including pre-school children are **not to use ANY KS1 play equipment after school.** Staff are not insured to supervise after school finishes and therefore school cannot take responsibility for any accidents that may occur.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thewillowsschoolptfa](http://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.