

28th March 2024



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy Easter

Its hard to believe that yet another term has gone by, and we will soon be beginning our final term of the year. It has been a term full of opportunities for the children, the pop-up pool, Holocaust Memorial, Chinese New Year, Y4 residential and the visit of a Roman Soldier, to name but a few. Thank you again for your support and we all wish you a happy, holy and enjoyable Easter.

Easter Production

What a fabulous production of 'Hosanna' we enjoyed this week by our Year 3 and 4 children. They reminded us of Jesus' journey and the sacrifice he made for us in words, song and movement. We are so proud of each and every one of them for the part they played. Thank you to Mr Sharrock, Mrs Wilks, Miss Mallinson and all the staff for their hard work.

Reconciliation

Congratulations to Lena, Raeya, Sophie, Ethan, William, Edward, Lily, Theo, Dolly-Marie, Max, Evie, Isaac, Emelia, Max, Quinn, Taylor and Sophie who all received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time recently. It was wonderful to be part of their special evening and I ask you to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. Congratulations also to Raeya who has been chosen as the May Queen and Theo who is to be the cushion bearer.

PTFA

Chocolate Bingo- Thank you so much to everyone who supported us through donations and through attending the event. Just over 170 people attended! The event raised over £900 which is just phenomenal. Thank you to Rachel for being our 'caller' for the evening.
Raffles – thank you for supporting the raffles at our Easter Show.
All the profits will the PTFA have raised will be used to purchase new reading books for the library and classrooms.

First Week Back

Wednesday 10th April
9:50am School re-opens

Thursday 11th April
Year 3 Forest School

Coming Up

Monday 15th April
Class Photographs

Tuesday 16th April
Year 3 swimming
7:00pm First Communion Preparation

Thursday 18th April
Year 5 Forest Schoos

Tuesday 23rd April
Year 3 swimming
7:00pm First Communion Preparation

Thursday 25th April
Reception Forest School

Tuesday 30th April
Year 3 swimming
7:00pm First Communion Preparation

Thursday 2nd May
Year 1 Forest School

Tuesday 7th May
Reception trip to Ridgeway Farm

Thursday 9th May
Reception Forest School

Saturday 11th May
11:00am First Communion Mass

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May
KS2 SATS for Year 6

Monday 13th May
Year 3 swimming resumes on Mondays

Friday 17th May
PTFA Quiz Night

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.

Outdoor Learning Day

We have all had a wonderful day today learning outside. The children have loved all the activities, and it has been a fabulous way to finish the term together. Keep an eye on the website for photographs! Thank you to Mr Sharrock for organizing the day and to all the staff for throwing themselves into all the activities!

Measles Information

The Director of Public Health has asked us to share the following information with you.

As I am sure you are aware, we continue to see confirmed measles cases in the Northwest. To support local families in accessing the MMR vaccine, a small number of community pharmacies have been able to set up a walk-in service for 5 – 11-year-olds, who may be overdue their vaccination.

The MMR vaccine is the best way to protect our children and the wider school community.

I know you will all be busy in school preparing for the Easter Holidays, hence why it was important to contact you now, as the service on offer is a walk-in service, with no appointment needed, which we hope some families may take advantage of during the school break. Please see the attached poster for further information.

School Lunches

Please can I remind everyone to order their child's lunch on the app before the children come to school. This applies to all infants as well as children in Key Stage 2 who require a lunch. Thank you.

We received notification this week from Lancashire County Council that when we return after the Easter Holiday the cost of a school lunch will be increased to £2.70. I apologise for this, but we have no choice as we cannot supplement the cost from the school budget. Thank you for your support.

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.