

3rd May 2024



THE WILLOWS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy May!

Yet another week has flown by! I do hope you all enjoy the extra day's holiday on Monday.

We love the month of May in school. Although it is always busy, we enjoy the fact that, as we have already witnessed, the weather improves, and we are able to play on the school field and enjoy our lovely surroundings. Fingers crossed for more days like we have had recently and that we can have Sports Day this year!

Skipping Challenge

When Raeya in Year 4 found out that one of her friends would be going into hospital for an operation, she decided to set herself a challenge to support her friend. She is hoping to complete 10,000 skips in the month of May and at the same time raise money for Alder Hey's Children's Charity. We thought this was such a thoughtful act that we said we would advertise her 'just giving page' in case anyone in our school family would like to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/raeya-171423848185>

We are so proud of you Raeya! What a lovely idea!

PTFA

On Friday 17th May, at 6:30pm, the PTFA will host their first Quiz Night in the school hall.

The quiz will be appropriate for children and adults to play. Neil, who hosts quizzes in Kirkham, will be leading the questions as well as some bonus prize rounds.

Tickets are priced at £2.00 and are available on MCAS. 1st prize - £50, 2nd prize - £20, 3rd prize £10.

There should be no more than six players on a team. Refreshments and a raffle will be available.

We really hope that you can join us.

Next Week

Monday 6th May

School closed for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May

Reception trip to Ridgeway Farm

Thursday 9th May

Reception Forest School

Saturday 11th May

11:00am First Communion Mass at St. Joseph's

Coming Up

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATS for Year 6

Monday 13th May

Year 3 swimming resumes on Mondays

Friday 17th May

Year 2 trip to Fleetwood Museum
6:30pm PTFA Quiz Night

Sunday 19th May

3:00pm May Procession at St. Joseph's.

Tuesday 21st May

Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd May

Year 1 Trip to Brockholes

Thursday 23rd May

Year 6 Forest School
2:45pm Year 3 Prayer & Liturgy

Friday 24th May

3:30pm School closes for holiday

Thursday 6th June

8:50am School re-opens
Year 2 Forest School

Friday 7th June

Musical Theatre Workshop Years 2-5

Saturday 8th June

Kirkham Club Day

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.

May Procession

The Annual May Procession takes place on **Sunday, 19th May** in the grounds at St. Joseph's. It begins at **3.00pm** with a short service in the church, followed by a procession around the grounds of St. Joseph's. The procession finishes with the crowning of a statue of Our Lady by The Willows and St Joseph's May Queens, attended by their retinues. **The children who have just had their First Holy Communion are invited to come in their communion outfits to especially accompany the statue with flowers.** However, all parishioners and families from the schools are invited to come along and bring flowers to be laid before the statue during the outdoor service. Everyone is welcome! *(Fr Andrew)*

EYFS Area

I am sure you have all noticed the incredible work that has gone into developing the EYFS Outdoor Area recently. So many people have generously donated their time and resources and we cannot thank them enough.

Thank you to....

Sid at Ribby Hall for preparing the area, power washing, cutting back bushes and helping us lay the bark.

Ribby Hall for the kind donation of the bark and to Mr Barnes for transporting it – the children will now be able to use this area in all seasons!

D & A Scrivens & Son for the donation of soil. The children have already planted bulbs and seeds in their own tyre so they can look after them throughout the year.

Morrisons for the donation of plants to go in the tyres. Grundy's for the donation of paint.

And a huge thank you to Elsie's Mum Stacie who has co-ordinated the work and given her time so generously to help throughout the project.

You are all superstars!

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.