

# Willow Park Junior School

2025-2026

## SCHOOL CALENDAR



| <b>2025 1<sup>st</sup> Term</b> |       |   |
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| <b>AUGUST</b>                   |       |   |
| Thursday                        | 21    | Dean's Meeting and class preparation  |
| Friday                          | 22    | Staff Mass / Staff Meetings / Form and classroom preparation                          |
| Monday                          | 25    | Classes commence (See start-up schedule)  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                |       |   |
| Monday                          | 1     | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting   |
| Tuesday                         | 2     | 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Programme Meeting for parents at 7pm           |
| Wednesday                       | 3     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Form Programme Meeting for parents at 7pm           |
| Thursday                        | 4     | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Form Programme Meeting for parents at 7pm           |
| Monday                          | 8     | Music and Sports Programme Commences  |
| Tuesday                         | 9     | Junior & Senior Infants Programme Meeting for parents at 7pm                          |
| Thursday                        | 11    | Rugby Information Meeting   |
| Mon-Thu                         | 22-25 | Book Week   |
| Wednesday                       | 24    | Willow Wheelers Introduction evening – 7pm Cafeteria                                  |
| Friday                          | 26    | <b>Staff In-Service Day</b> (Classes suspended)                                       |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>                  |       |   |
| Wednesday                       | 1     | <i>Smartphones and Internet Safety</i> - Talk by Eoghan Cleary                        |
| Thursday                        | 2     | <i>Feast of Claude Poullart Des Places, co-founder of the Holy Ghost Congregation</i> |
| Monday                          | 6     | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting   |
| Mon-Fri                         | 6-10  | Bullying/Cyberbullying Awareness Week   |
| Thursday                        | 9     | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)  |
| Friday                          | 17    | WPA Golf Day  |
| Friday                          | 24    | Halloween Dress up Day  |
| Friday                          | 24    | Mid-Term begins – Classes end as normal   |
| Mon-Fri                         | 27-31 | <b>Mid-Term break</b>   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>                 |       |   |
| Monday                          | 3     | Classes recommence  |
| Thursday                        | 6     | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)  |
| Monday                          | 10    | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting   |
| Mon-Fri                         | 10-14 | Science Week  |
| Tuesday                         | 11    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Form Enrolment Mass (College Chapel – 6pm)                            |
| Friday                          | 14    | WPA Ladies' Lunch ( <i>Leopardstown Pavilion</i> )                                    |
| Friday                          | 21    | Parent/Teacher Meetings   |
| Friday                          | 28    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Form Cake Sale  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                 |       |   |
| Monday                          | 1     | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting   |
| Thursday                        | 4     | Family Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Form (school gym)                     |
| Wednesday                       | 10    | Carol Service (school gym at 7.30pm)  |
| Thursday                        | 11    | Junior & Senior Infants' Nativities (Hub at 10.30am/11.30am)                          |
| Friday                          | 12    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Form Christmas Performance (Hub at 10.30am)                           |
| Friday                          | 19    | <b>End of First Term</b> - Classes end at 12.30pm                                     |

| <b>2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Term</b> |                   |  |
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| <b>JANUARY</b>                  |                   |  |
| Tuesday                         | 6                 | Classes recommence   |
| Thursday                        | 8                 | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)                       |
| Monday                          | 12                | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting                              |
| Wednesday                       | 14                | Willow Wheelers AGM – 8pm  |
| Mon-Fri                         | 19-23             | Diversity and Inclusion Week                                     |
| Mon-Fri                         | 26-30             | Catholic Schools Week  |
| Mon-Fri                         | 26-30             | Bullying/Cyberbullying Awareness Week                            |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                 |                   |  |
| Monday                          | 2                 | Bank Holiday – St Brigid’s Day – School closed                   |
| Thursday                        | 5                 | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)                       |
| Monday                          | 9                 | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting                              |
| Tuesday                         | 10                | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Musical – Matinée for 6 <sup>th</sup> Form  |
| Wednesday                       | 11                | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Musical – school gym at 7.30pm              |
| Thursday                        | 12                | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Musical – school gym at 7.30pm              |
| Friday                          | 13                | Mid-term begins – Classes end as normal                          |
| Mon-Fri                         | 16-20             | Mid-term break   |
| Wednesday                       | 18                | Ash Wednesday  |
| Monday                          | 23                | Classes recommence   |
| Monday                          | 23                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession – J2 (school chapel at 2pm)           |
| Tuesday                         | 24                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession – K2 (school chapel at 2pm)           |
| Thursday                        | 26                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Confession – P2 (school chapel at 2pm)           |
| <b>MARCH</b>                    |                   |  |
| Thursday                        | 5                 | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)                       |
| Friday                          | 6                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Form Grandparents’ Day (school gym)              |
| Saturday                        | 7                 | WPA Parents’ Social Event ( <i>Burlington Hotel</i> )            |
| Monday                          | 9                 | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting                              |
| Mon – Fri                       | 9 – 13<br>16 – 20 | Seachtain na Gaeilge   |
| Tuesday                         | 17                | Bank Holiday – St Patrick’s Day – School closed                  |
|                                 |                   | Reconciliation for 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form - TBC |
| Saturday                        | 21                | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Rugby Festival                              |
| Thu-Fri                         | 19-20             | Service of Light – 6pm (College Chapel – 6pm)                    |
| Mon-Wed                         | 23,24,25          | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Killary Trip                                |
| Thursday                        | 26                | 4 <sup>th</sup> Form Football Tournament                         |
| Thursday                        | 26                | Current Infants’ Open Morning                                    |
| Friday                          | 27                | End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term – Classes end at 12.30pm             |
| Mon-Fri                         | 30 - 3            | Easter Holidays  |

| <b>2026 3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b> |          |  |
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| <b>APRIL</b>                    |          |  |
| Mon-Fri                         | 6-10     | Easter Holidays  |
| Monday                          | 13       | Classes recommence   |
| Thursday                        | 16       | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)                             |
| Fri-Sat                         | 17-18    | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Confirmation – St John the Baptist Church         |
| Monday                          | 20       | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting                                    |
| Mon-Fri                         | 20-24    | Arts Week  |
| Thursday                        | 23       | Songs in the Park  |
| <b>MAY</b>                      |          |  |
| Sunday                          | 3        | Willow Wheelers 100 Mile Cycle   |
| Monday                          | 4        | Bank Holiday in May – School closed                                    |
| Thursday                        | 7        | WPJS Pupil Council Meeting (8am – Library)                             |
| Saturday                        | 9        | First Holy Communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Form – St John the Baptist Church |
| Wed-Fri                         | 13,14,15 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Share Village Trip                                |
| Saturday                        | 16       | Sports Day – Spring fair – Open Morning                                |
| Monday                          | 18       | WPA Committee Meeting – BoM Meeting                                    |
| Tuesday                         | 19       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Form Family Mass                                       |
| Thursday                        | 21       | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Graduation Mass                                   |
| Friday                          | 29       | <b>End of school year</b>  |