

A Note from Miss Cousin

What a wonderful first couple of weeks it has been! The children have settled in beautifully, bringing an incredible positive energy to the school. It's been such a joy to see how warmly they've welcomed our new staff members, making us all feel right at home.

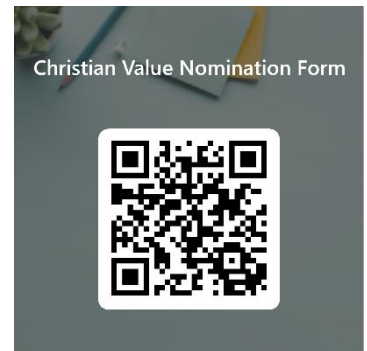
A big thank you to our fantastic teachers, whose love, energy, and dedication shine through every day! It's wonderful to see excellent learning happening in every classroom, and the positive impact is evident in the children's enthusiasm. The school environment is looking great, and it's all thanks to the hard work and care our staff put into making it a vibrant, welcoming place for our students to thrive. We're so proud of the team and excited for what's to come!

There's a real buzz around school, and we're so grateful for the support the whole school community has shown. It was lovely to meet so many of you at the recent "Meet the Headteacher" afternoon. If you weren't able to attend, please know that my door is always open—feel free to stop by if you have any questions or just want to say hello.

And if you haven't already, I'd love to see you at the school gates—please come by and introduce yourself!

Value Awards

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards for living out the value in action (**kindness, love, respect, resilience, faith and joy**). Please use our Values Nomination Form, accessible through the QR code or [here](#), to submit your nominations. We will celebrate this once every two weeks on a Friday morning in our Golden Box Worship which you will be invited to attend.



Feeling Proud



Well done to the children of our first ever Celebration Worship, celebrating swimming and summer reading challenges. Don't forget to send your pictures and a brief description to office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk and we will celebrate them with your child.

Congratulations to the Golden Box pupils for your outstanding achievements! A special well done to those awarded for living out our Christian values—Keep up the wonderful work!



Congratulations to all the St Wilfrid's children that completed the junior cricket season at Calverton Cricket club April-September 2024, and received their medals on Friday. Mrs Burvill said that it was great to see so many Y3s taking part, so a big well done to them (Arthur, Charlie, Edie, Edward, Ella, Isla, Jake, Lenny, Louis, Nathan, Noah, Maddison & Teddy).



Georgia Wragg, year 4, completed stage 4 in swimming AND gained 3 badges... all in one lesson!! Excellent achievement – well done!



Congratulations to Mrs. Brown for completing the Great North Run in support of Leukemia! This incredible achievement not only showcases her dedication and determination but also raises awareness and funds for such an important cause. We're so proud of her efforts and inspired by her commitment to making a difference. Well done, Mrs. Brown!



Education Sunday

A heartfelt thank you to St Wilfrid's Church for hosting a beautiful Education Sunday service. Our children did such a wonderful job reading prayers, verses, and warmly welcoming Miss Cousin as our new Headteacher by presenting her with a Bible. We are so proud of them all! Thank you also to Nigel Frith, the Director of Education at the Diocese, who spoke about love.



Parking

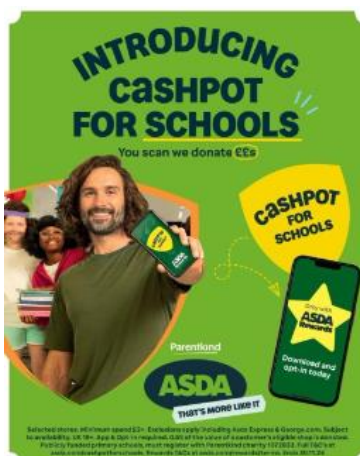
As we continue to ensure a smooth and safe school experience for everyone, we kindly ask that you remain mindful of our parking guidelines during drop-off and pick-up times. Please be considerate of our neighbours by avoiding parking over driveways or blocking access to Renals Way. Courteous parking helps maintain a positive community environment and ensures the safety of all our students.

Dogs

We kindly remind all families that, for the safety and wellbeing of our students, **no dogs** (with the exception of service animals) are allowed on the school playground. While we know many children love dogs, not all students are comfortable around them, and we aim to keep the playground a safe space for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring our school remains a welcoming and safe environment for all.

In conjunction with this half term's value of Kindness, we will be spreading kindness in our school community. Whether we play a game with a new friend or help someone with homework, it all helps create a better world. By taking part, we're also helping power Childline who are there for all young people online, on the phone, anytime. It's so easy to take part: pupils will pick up to nine kind acts using the worksheet we provide them, and complete these acts during October.

NSPCC



There's a new (very easy) way to support us! If you shop at Asda, just download the Asda Rewards app, opt in to Cashpot for schools, and choose to support St Wilfrid's CE Primary School (you may need to search by postcode-NG14 6FG) You'll still get your own reward points. The school just gets extra. Thank you!

Pupil Free School Meals and Milk: If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, apply online [here](#).

Open Mornings/Afternoons– We can't wait to show you around!

If you have a child, or know someone with a child, who will be starting school in September 2025, put a date in your diary to attend one of our Open Mornings/Afternoons.

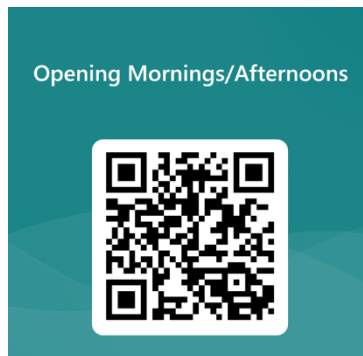
Thursday 7th November 2024 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday 13th November 2024 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 19th November 2024 9:30am-10:30am

If you would like to book on one of these mornings, please click [here](#) or use the QR code.

Please contact the school office if you would like to have a tour at any other time – we will be delighted to show you around our school.



Reminders:

Attendance

Following the Nottinghamshire County Council attendance policy, St Wilfrid's enforces a policy aimed at maintaining regular school attendance, which is crucial for a child's education. As part of this policy, parents who take their children out of school for holidays during term time without permission will face penalties. We will issue fines to discourage unauthorised absences, which disrupt a child's learning and affect their academic progress. Fines are £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days. Persistent absence may result in further legal action, including prosecution. St Wilfrid's encourages parents to prioritise their child's education by avoiding term-time holidays and ensuring regular school attendance. We thank you for your support in this.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins		3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

Behaviour

At St. Wilfrid's CE Primary School, we aim to foster a respectful and inclusive community based on Christian values. We expect all children to behave considerately, develop responsibility, and contribute positively to the school environment. To maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere, mobile phones must be handed in at the start of the day. Our behaviour policy emphasises positive reinforcement, fairness, and restorative practices, with tailored support for individual needs. We uphold high standards, addressing poor behaviour promptly. Bullying is not tolerated. Positive behaviour is rewarded and celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Diary Dates	
Friday 13th Sept	Reception Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 16th Sept	Reception Reading Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 19th Sept	Parent Forum – attendance and behaviour 5:30pm
Friday 20th Sept	Individual Photos (uniform if a PE day for your child)
Wednesday 25th Sept	Year 6 to Safety Zone
Friday 27th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 3rd Oct	Y6 Class Worship 9:45am
Week comm. Monday 7th Oct	Parents' Evening – more information to follow
Monday 7th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day for Young People – everyone, young and old, to wear yellow
Thursday 17th Oct	Y1 Harvest Service in school at 9:45am
Friday 18th October	Break up for half term

Monday 4 th Nov	Inset Day - children return to school on Tues 5th Nov
Thurs 7 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Week comm. Monday 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 2:00-3:00pm
Thurs 14 th Nov	Y4 Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 15 th Nov	Children In Need
Tuesday 19 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Friday 29 th Nov	Y1 and Y4 Experience Christmas at St Wilfrid's Church 9:15am-11:30am Calverton Christmas Light Switch On
Thurs 5 th Dec	Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 9:45am
Friday 13 th Dec	Y3 School Trip Cresswell Craggs Christmas Tree Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
Mon 16 th Dec	Reception Nativity pm (time and location TBC)
Tuesday 17 th Dec	KS1 Nativity at school pm (time TBC)
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 2pm and 6pm at St Wilfrid's Church
Fri 20 th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 3 rd -Sun 9 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 13 th Feb	Y2 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st March	Careers Week
Fri 21 st March	Comic Relief
Thurs 27 th March-2 nd April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 3 rd March	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 4 th April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 nd April	Children return to school
Fri 2 nd May	School Photos
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 th May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	SATs Week
Thurs 22 nd May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Wed 4 th June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Thurs 3 rd July	CFS Induction Day
Mon 28 th July Tues 29 th July	Inset Day

