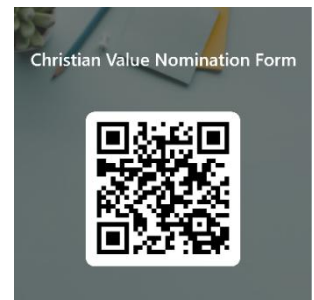


A Note from Miss Cousin

The sun is shining, spring is in the air, and there's a lovely energy around school as we begin this half term. The children have been working so hard, throwing themselves into their learning, and making the most of all the opportunities on offer. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm in the classroom and beyond. We have also been so proud to hear the wonderful compliments from visitors about our school - not just about how welcoming it is, but also about the children's fantastic attitudes and the amazing work they are doing every day. They are a real credit to themselves and to you. There is lots to look forward to over the next few weeks, with trips, performances, and special events ahead. Please check the dates at the bottom of the newsletter so you don't miss anything. Thank you, as always, for your support - we are looking forward to a brilliant half term!

Value Awards

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards for living out the value in action: **translating the value into a virtue (kindness, love, respect, resilience, faith and joy)** through every day actions. 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. *This half term our focus value is 'Respect'.*



Feeling Proud

Massive congratulations to our incredible actresses-in-the-making – Jemimah, Darcy, Cali, and Esme – for their outstanding performances in 'Treasure Island'! Well done, we thoroughly enjoyed it.



A huge well done to our **Handwriters of the Week** – great effort and super neat work! We're also celebrating those who've achieved **amazing things outside of school** – we love hearing about your successes! And a special shoutout to everyone who went the extra mile with **homework posters** on how our school keeps us safe.



A huge **congratulations** to our amazing students who have earned the **Golden Box** and **Christian Value Awards** this week! Their **excellent work across a range of subjects** and **beautiful presentation** have really stood out. #welldone #shiningbright #proudmoment



Hero is excited to share his success in the 25m backstroke! He's thrilled to have earned his badge and has worked so hard to achieve it. A huge well done to him!

Just before half term Charlotte gained her 400 meters swimming badge, by completing 16 lengths at Carlton Forum. This consisted of all 4 strokes, front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Charlotte was totally focused and set a fantastic example to the new swimmers in her group, by just getting on with the task in hand! Well done Charlotte we're all super proud of you!



Flo finally riding the massive Clydesdale Charlie, we shared in a previous newsletter, and even having a canter on her own.

Joseph is working really hard in the Stage 4/5 group, even when he is made to swim lots of lengths! Just before half term he earned his 25m breaststroke badge. We are so proud!



Edie and Isla took part in an Acrobatics dance competition with their dance school and came 3rd in their age group! We're so proud of the hard work the girls put in - they choreographed the routine themselves and put in lots of practice to get it looking fab. The girls only joined the dance school a few months ago so did brilliantly to get 3rd place in the under 10's category performing against others who compete week in week out. Well done Edie and Isla, you should be really proud of yourselves!

Sidney has made a tremendous achievement, he's a "little water boy", loves his swimming but getting these achievements was no easy task, he's worked very hard and we are all immensely proud.



Alicia received player of the week at football training, for good overall football techniques and passing skills

100 reads






A huge congratulations to one of our incredible Foundation class students who has reached 100 reads since September! Keep up the fantastic work! #100reads #youngreader #proudmoment



40 Acts for Lent: A Challenge in Generosity

40 days of Lent. 40 ways to be generous.

This Lent, take on the 40 Acts of Generosity challenge! Each day, choose an act of kindness, complete it, check it off, and celebrate. (See pics below!) These acts cost little to nothing—but they could change everything. Get creative! You could take it even further with ideas like:

-  Creating a 'thank you' tree with gratitude-filled leaves
-  Hosting a Share-a-Cake Day
-  Becoming Kindness Ninjas, leaving surprise notes and gifts
-  Crafting art from recycled materials
-  Setting up a prayer wall for reflections

Share your acts of generosity with us and we'll celebrate together in Celebration Worship! Let's spread kindness and make a difference this Lent.

#generosity 1 List 5 things you are thankful for	#encouragement 2 Surprise someone with a compliment	#provision 3 Do you have a duplicate of something, like a sticker or toy? Consider giving one to someone who'll love it	#connection 4 Smile at ten people today	#wisdom 21 Help someone with a task they find difficult, like reaching or putting on shoes	#converse 22 Learn how to say 'hello' in sign language	#family 23 Make a friendship bracelet and give it away	#care 24 Tidy up for someone without being asked
#share 5 Share a ruler, eraser or colouring pencils with someone who asks to use them	#language 6 Learn to say hello to someone in their first language	#wonder 7 Tell someone what makes them special to you. This can be in a letter, or in conversation	#offerings 8 Decorate a giving jar to start collecting loose change, or pocket money that you save just to give away	#gratitude 25 Make a thank you card for your classroom/ school cleaners	#service 26 Offer to carry a friend's schoolbag	#presence 27 Help someone with a challenge and support them until they're confident	#prayer 28 Take some time to sit quietly and give thanks for all the things you have and all the people you love
#blessing 9 Help with washing up after art lesson or load the dishwasher at home/child-minders or school	#support 10 Say thank you every time someone does something for you today, no matter how small	#brew 11 Offer to get a drink for a grown up or fill a friend's water bottle	#seen 12 Smile at everyone who goes past you	#dormion 29 Turn the lights off as you leave an empty room throughout the day	#neighbour 30 Is there someone in your class or school you haven't talked to? Start a conversation and see where it leads	#nourish 31 Eat the healthy bits of your lunch first and really enjoy any treats	#believe 32 Ask your teacher to tell you a story of a time when they were generous, or experienced generosity
#bestow 13 Make a poster about a local food bank and share it with your class	#hospitality 14 Leave fresh water or seeds out for the birds, or refill your pet's food/ water bowl at home	#appreciation 15 Find something you have in common with 5 different people	#equip 16 Find something broken and fix it	#courage 33 Cheer when someone does something great today	#light 34 Turn a piece of scrap paper into something artistic and give it away to someone	#welcome 35 Invite someone to sit next to you at lunch today	#percentages 36 Let someone go ahead of you in a queue
#lead 17 Thank the person who gave you lunch today	#value 18 Notice something an adult in school does today to help you and say thank you	#message 19 Draw a picture that will make someone smile and give to them	#kindness 20 Offer to carry someone's schoolbag or allow someone to take your place in the lunch queue	#love 37 Tell someone how much you love them, then show them with little acts of love	#gifts 38 Share one of your favourite things with a friend	#time 39 Ask someone how they are feeling today and listen to their answer	#reflect 40 Congrats on reaching 40! Share which challenges were your favourites



Red Nose Day – 21st March 2025

Get ready to have fun and make a difference! On **Friday, 21st March**, we're celebrating **Red Nose Day** with a **non-uniform day**—wear something **red** to show your support.

We'll also be holding a **bake sale at the end of the day**, so we'd love **donations of cakes and treats** to help raise funds for this great cause.

Let's come together to spread joy and support those in need. Thank you for your generosity!



School Meal Price Update

Nottinghamshire County Council is increasing the cost of a school meal. Starting from 1st April, the new price will be **£3.16 per meal**.

Reminder: No Vaping or Dogs on the Playground

For the health and safety of our children, we kindly ask all visitors to refrain from vaping and to keep dogs, including puppies, off the playground. Let's work together to keep the air fresh and our outdoor play areas safe and enjoyable for everyone.

School Start Time Reminder

Just a quick reminder that our school gates 'open' at 8:40am for KS2, giving Years 3, 4, and 5 plenty of time to come through the gates and into class for an 8:45am start. Please note that Year 6 has a slightly different start time due to SATs and their early start offer.

While there have been no changes to the start time, we want to emphasise that supervision will not commence until 8:40am due to insurance requirements and staff start times. Parents have shared that they prefer the current drop-off system, where children walk in independently at 8:40am, rather than waiting in line on the playground until teachers collect them. Either way, school staff are not available for supervision before 8:40am regardless of when you arrive so if you are early, please ensure there is parental supervision.

If you need support, we do offer a breakfast club, but please note that spaces are limited. If the club is full, you are welcome to add your child to the waitlist, and we'll do our best to accommodate them as soon as possible. On those rare occasions when you need extra help, don't hesitate to reach out - we'll always try to help if we can.

Spring is in the Air!

As the weather improves, we'll be making the most of it by spending more time on the field during break and lunch. Please ensure children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 have wellies or appropriate outdoor footwear to change into, keeping them comfortable for outdoor fun while helping to keep school floors clean!

Attendance Matters: Striving for 97%!

Our school aims for a 97% attendance rate - a target set to ensure students are getting the most from their education. While 96% attendance is roughly in line with the national average, anything below that means important learning time is being missed. Over the last two weeks, we will share how we've been doing, but remember, attendance makes a big difference. Let's work together to meet our goal and give every student the best chance to succeed!

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	98.33%	98.21%	96.00%	92.00%	97.67%	96.33%	97.86%	96.60%

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.33%	100%	96.00%	97.00%	99.33%	97.33%	95.71%	97.82%

Our goal is to promote a positive atmosphere for all students. The class certificate rewards are exciting for the children and encourage teamwork. When a class earns five certificates, they enjoy an extra break. Thank you for your support as we create a positive school environment.

Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)



We're thrilled to announce that our school is becoming more active on Instagram!

To maintain our presence on Facebook, we've also created a **new page** to keep you updated with all the latest events, activities, and highlights. 🎉

💡 *Missed something?*

Don't worry! You can catch up by checking out the Instagram **Highlights** section to see what we've been up to.

Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your continued support as we grow our online presence. 🙌



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

📷 School Photos – Date Change!

Please note that School Photos will now take place on 2nd April instead of 2nd May. Mark your calendars! We've also chosen a new photo layout this year. We'd love to hear your feedback to help us plan for future years. Let us know what you think!

Diary Dates	
Thurs 13 th March	Cross Country Y2-Y6 (children TBC) Self-esteem Workshop Y4 Sleep Workshop Y3
Friday 14 th March	Time Travelling at Southwell Minster Y5
Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st March	Careers Week
Mon 17 th March	Online Safety Parent Forum 5:15pm school hall
Tues 18 th March	Parent Webinar – Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing
Wed 19 th March	YF and Y5 Experience Easter at St Wilfrid's Church 1:15pm-2:45pm
Thurs 20 th March	Meet and Eat Year 5
Fri 21 st March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Reading Café Year 1
Sat 22 nd March	David and Goliath Choir Dress Rehearsal time TBC
Thurs 27 th March	Meet and Eat Year 4
Thurs 27 th March	David and Goliath Choir Performance time TBC
Fri 28 th March	
Thurs 27 th March-2 nd April	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 2 nd April	School Photos
Thurs 3 rd April	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am

Friday 4 th April	Reading Café Year 2
Fri 4 th April	Break up for Easter
April 7 th - Fri 11 th April	Playscheme open
Tues 22 nd April	Children return to school Y4 Egyptians Partake Day
Mon 28 th April	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting 5:30pm
Fri 2 nd May	Reading Café Year 3
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 th May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	SATs Week
Fri 16 th May	Reading Café Year 4 Year 6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Sun 18 th May	Village Get Together
Thurs 22 nd May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am Disco
Fri 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 nd – Wed 4 th June	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Mon 2 nd June	Children return to school
Wed 4 th June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Friday 13 th June	Reading Café Year 5
Mon 16 th June	Y6 trip to Nottingham University
Thurs 19 th and Fri 20 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Mon 23 rd and Tues 24 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 27 th June	Reading Café Year 6
Thurs 3 rd July	CFS Induction Day
Tues 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production (time TBC)
Wed 9 th July	
Fri 11 th July	Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Mon 21 st -Thurs 24 th July	Y6 Hathersage Residential
Fri 25 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service Last Day for pupils
Mon 28 th July/Tues 29 th July	Inset Day
Mon 28 th - Fri 8 th August	Playscheme open

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH CALVERTON

Mothering Sunday
service

30 March 10am

Everyone is welcome as we give thanks for those who have loved and nurtured us