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'Learning and Growing Together; Living Life in all its Fullness'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity - on behalf of myself and the entire staff team at St Wilfrid's - to wish you a happy and restful summer break.

Looking ahead to September, I am delighted to be starting my second year as Headteacher at St Wilfrid's. It has been a privilege to lead such a warm, nurturing, and ambitious school community over the past year, and I look forward to continuing our journey together. This year has been a particularly significant one for us, as we successfully welcomed both Ofsted and SIAMS into school - with both inspections recognising the strengths, values, and vision that underpin everything we do at St Wilfrid's.

To all our families - both those returning and those joining us for the first time - I extend a heartfelt welcome. For our new starters, we hope your experience here will be filled with joy, encouragement, and a love of learning. You are now part of a school that places children at its heart, where potential is nurtured, and community values are strong.

At St Wilfrid's, we believe that a strong partnership between school and home is key to every child's success. To start the new term together, we're inviting you to a **'Welcome Back' tea and catch-up on Thursday, 11th September at 2:30pm**. This will be followed by a **drop-in 'Meet the Teacher' session from 3:30 to 4:30pm**, where you'll have the opportunity to say hello to your child's teacher and gather any useful information for the year ahead. Whether you're a new face or a familiar one, we'd love for you to join us for a cuppa, a biscuit, and a relaxed chat about what's to come.

This coming year, we remain focused on:

- Raising aspirations for all pupils
- Encouraging positive attitudes to learning
- Promoting excellent attendance and behaviour
- Nurturing emotional well-being across the school

With your continued support, I'm confident we can make a real and lasting impact.

You'll continue to receive regular newsletters and updates to keep you informed of school life, events, and key dates. While we do our best to avoid them, please bear with us if the occasional typo slips through - we're always aiming to improve our communication. I also encourage you to take time to explore our [school website](#), which holds useful information about our curriculum, policies, term dates, and much more. Some key bits of information have been included for easy reference.

Finally, I'd like to thank our wonderful staff and governors for their ongoing hard work and dedication. It's their passion, care, and commitment that make St Wilfrid's such a special place for your children to grow and learn.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back in September. Let's make the 2025-2026 academic year one to remember.

Kind Regards

Lauren Cousin

Timings of the school day

Please ensure your child is in school for their start (8:45 am KS2 and 8:50 EYFS and KS1). Children should be in their classrooms and ready to start lessons promptly at these times.

- Foundation, Year 1 and 2 children line up on the top playground near their classrooms, where their teacher will collect them at 8.50 a.m. A member of staff will be on duty from 8:45 a.m.
- Year 3, 4, 5 can filter into their classrooms from 8:40am.
- Year 6 children may filter into their classroom from 8:30 a.m. via the Y6 door to begin their morning activities.

School finishes at 3:25 p.m. for KS2 and 3:30pm for EYFS and KS1. Parents may wait to collect children on the playground or at the gates.

Please let the class teacher know if your upper key stage 2 child has permission to walk home on their own.

Learning and Curriculum

Staff have planned an exciting, broad and balanced curriculum for the new term. This will be sequential and build on the children's prior learning. Please be assured that when all the children are back we will be reviewing what challenge and support every student will need following informal base-line assessments in reading, writing and maths. At various points in the year, parents will be informed of what interventions (for both support and working at greater depth) their children receive.

Teachers will update their class pages and share their curriculum plans, so you know what the children will be learning. They will also inform you about forthcoming trips and visits as soon as possible.

Equipment in School

We allow year 5 and 6 pupils to bring in mobile phones and devices which connect to the internet/receive messages but these must be handed in to their class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

All stationery is provided so pencil cases etc will not be needed.

Children should have a refillable, named water-bottle, for water only: no juice/fizzy drinks.

All play equipment is provided for play-time: please do not bring toys and footballs in from home.

Book-bags are available from Just-Schoolwear: due to cloakroom space we request that children in EYFS and KS1 use these to transport reading books and homework to and from school. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a small bag or rucksack instead.

Uniform

I believe we should take pride in how smart the children at St Wilfrid's look and therefore we expect everyone to wear full school uniform. This consists of

- Mid grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue shirt / blouse (long or short-sleeved) and school tie
- Mid grey v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo (purchased from Just-Schoolwear) or without. Unbranded grey alternatives are acceptable
- Black shoes with grey socks or tights.

Children may come to school wearing correct school PE kit on the day they have PE/Games. Your child's class teacher will let you know when that is. The PE uniform consists of:

- A white button polo shirt (EYFS and KS1) if they wish and/or 'House' colour polo shirt
- Royal blue shorts or tracksuit
- Plimsolls or trainers.

* please note children need to bring a spare pair of 'outdoor' shoes to change into for general outdoor play and learning outdoors, especially in wet weather.

No 'branded' sports-wear or football kit is to be worn to school. If children wish to get changed into running clothes, dance clothes etc for after school clubs, they may bring this kit to get changed in to.

For safety and practical reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school. The only exception is one pair of stud earrings. Please remove earrings at home prior to PE and Games lessons.

Long hair should be tied back (to avoid spreading/catching nits) and nail varnish may not be worn.

See [website](#) for more details.

Lunches and snacks

Children in classes F, 1 and 2 are provided with fruit for snack-time. Milk is free for children until they turn 5, it can then be ordered and paid for through the cool milk scheme.

Children in classes, 3,4,5 and 6 can bring a healthy snack to eat at break time. NO chocolate, crisps, sweets or pastries. We suggest a small piece of fruit, carrot sticks, bread sticks, a plain biscuit or cracker, a piece of cheese, etc. Please also note we are a nut-free school so please be mindful of this when packing lunchboxes.

Travel to School Reminder

As a proud holder of the Gold Standard Sports Award, we actively encourage children and families to walk, ride, or scoot to school whenever possible. It's a great way to start the day! Please remember to wear a helmet for safety, dismount when crossing with Heather - our wonderful lollipop lady - and avoid riding scooters or bikes up or down the school driveway.

SClub

A gentle reminder that during SClub sessions, parents/carers are kindly asked to drop off and pick up only - not to remain on-site with their child. This is in line with our safeguarding policies, which are in place to ensure the safety and supervision of all children in our care.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep everyone safe.