

### A Note from Miss Cousin

It has been such a joy to welcome back our children and families, and the atmosphere around school has been incredible. The smart uniforms, excellent behaviour, lovely manners, and the positive way everyone has returned have been nothing short of exceptional. As I've walked around school this week, I've found myself smiling constantly - with permanent goosebumps - seeing just how ready and enthusiastic the children are.

We're really looking forward to the year ahead. The diary dates (see below) are already filling up, and that's just with what we know so far! It promises to be a year full of exciting opportunities, learning, and celebrations.

Here's to a brilliant year ahead together!

### 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 'Kindness'.*

### Feeling Proud



We're starting the year with some shining role models! A big well done to all of this week's Golden Box and Celebration Worship award winners - your hard work, kindness, and dedication set the perfect example for everyone.



Big congratulations to Flo for achieving the 25M badge! This is a huge milestone and a testament to excellent work and dedication.



Well done to Harriet on getting her 200metres badge and passing stage 6 yesterday at swimming. We are very proud.



Well done Felix on achieving his 5 meter swim at the start of the summer holiday.



We are super proud of Violet who managed to achieve her level 2 skills award in gymnastics.



Ayla has been awarded her Grade 7 in gymnastics – great achievement Ayla, well done!



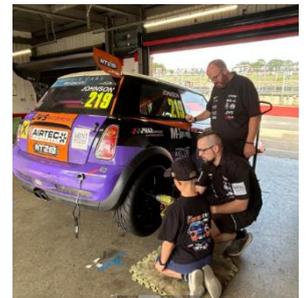
Oliver was thrilled to receive the player of the week in his football training session and his team won their first match of the season 13 - 2 and Oliver scored a hat trick. Well done, Oliver, we are so proud of his hard work, efforts and dedication.



Over the summer holidays Matilda has turned into a fish and achieved her 5m backstroke, 5m front crawl and all of Stage 1! We are so, so proud of her for taking such huge leaps with her confidence in swimming.



In August, Noah and Thea supported their dad at Brands Hatch race weekend. Noah was a brilliant mini mechanic, while Thea cheered him on. Together they helped mark a milestone as Dad completed his first three race weekends—rookie sticker off!



Charlotte managed to dig deep and find the stamina to swim 24 lengths to gain her 600 metres even after spending 2 hours earlier in the day in the pool swimming and practicing her diving! We are super proud of her!



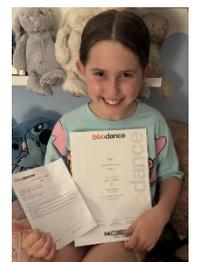
Henry worked super hard in order to achieve his 10 metre backstroke certificate. As a result of his love for swimming, he has now completed stage 2 and now moves onto stage 3. We are so proud of our swim star!



Olivia passed her next tap exam before the holidays but just got awarded her certificate this evening. I'm so proud of her progression in tap. She is so naturally talented. She had the ambition of getting a Merit and a Merit she was awarded. Well done Olivia!



We are so proud of Poppy achieving her swimming badges. Her confidence has grown rapidly over the summer and she is thriving. It's all just clicked into place. Well done Poppy



## Calverton Library Reading Challenge



A big congratulations to Charlotte, Oliver and Meredith who took part in our Summer Reading Challenge! Your dedication to diving into books this summer has been inspiring. Don't forget to send in your certificates so we can celebrate everyone's amazing achievement and share your success with our community!



## Voluntary Contributions for Trips and Visits

At St Wilfrid's, we are proud to offer a wide range of trips and visits that enrich our pupils' education and were praised by Ofsted in our Outstanding judgement.

These contributions are voluntary, and no child will ever be excluded for financial reasons. However, many trips are currently running at a loss. As the school makes no profit from these activities, this situation is not sustainable and may mean we have to reduce the number of visits in future.

If you are unable to contribute, please speak to us in confidence – support is available, and some families may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. For those who can contribute, we kindly ask that you pay at least the suggested amount. Your support is greatly valued and helps us continue to provide these enriching experiences for all pupils.

## Parking Near School – Please Be Courteous

We'd like to kindly remind everyone to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school. Although there may not be any formal restrictions, please bear in mind:

- Local residents and businesses need safe access to their homes, drives, and premises.
- Emergency vehicles, including ambulances, must always be able to reach the nearby care homes.

It has also been brought to our attention that, on occasion, bad language and abusive behaviour have been used during drop-off and pick-up times. This will not be tolerated. We are a school that prides itself on living our values – respect and kindness are at the heart of what we do. Using abusive language or behaving disrespectfully does not show our children those values in action.

Please also remember that if you park over someone's drive – whether you believe it is an obstruction or not – you may be asked to move. We ask that you respond calmly and respectfully and be considerate of others. Finally, we encourage families who live in the village to walk to school wherever possible. This supports our Climate Action Plan and promotes Healthy School, Active Lives for all of our children.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe, respectful, and active.

## Christmas Cards

This year's Christmas Card design packs will be sent home on Friday, 10th October. Like last year, the designs are to be completed at home and handed back to school by Monday, 3rd November. This will allow us to get them ordered in time for Christmas. More on this to follow.

## A Kind Reminder About Contacting Teachers

We really value the relationship between home and school, and we know how important it is for families to stay connected with their child's teacher. To help everyone maintain a healthy balance, we kindly ask that messages on **Class Dojo** are sent between **8:00am and 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday**. Our teachers will do their best to respond within their working hours.

Before reaching out, please take a moment to check the newsletter, any letters sent home, and your child's class page on the school website, as many common questions can be answered there.

Thank you so much for your understanding.

## New School Photographer – Red Feather Photography

Following valuable feedback from parents last year, we took the time to review our school photography options. As a result, we're delighted to announce that Red Feather Photography will be our official school photographer this year. Highly recommended by both parents and governors, Red Feather is known for their warm, professional approach and beautiful, high-quality images.

**Individual photographs** will be taken on **Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September**.

On **Monday 15th**, we're inviting families to come in for **sibling photos**, including younger pre-school-aged children, at 8:15am, before the school day begins.

### Timetable:

Monday: Sibling photos, Foundation, Year 2 and Year 5

Tuesday: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6

**We have tried to avoid PE days so children are already in uniform but if they will be having sibling photos, please feel free to send your children in school uniform with their PE kit to change into.**

### 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!

Session Attendance Summary (01 Sep 2025 - 05 Sep 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	100%	98.89%	100%	91.40%	96.11%	94.44%	99.44%	97.01%

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. You can out the weekly attendance figures by clicking the 'Attendance' tab on the [homepage](#) of the school's website.



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

Please do catch up on all the fun on our [Instagram highlights](#).

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



Diary Dates 2025-26	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 trip to Creswell Craggs
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Space Centre trip 2:30pm 'Welcome Back' tea and catch-up for new and existing parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	5:30pm Early Reading Parent Meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photographs
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 trip to Safety Zone
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	9:45am Year 6 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church
	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Languages Day – wear something French!
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9:00-11:30am Life Education - Parent Workshop at St Wilfrid's School.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	National Poetry Day – Launch Off By Heart Poetry Competition
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Zumba
Week Comm 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents/Carers Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Meet and Eat
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Bright for Sight Day – wear something bright!
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 Reading Cafe
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9:45am Year 5 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church DISCO
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 trip to The National Holocaust Museum Break-up for half term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	HALF TERM
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school Return Christmas card designs
Week Comm 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Meet and Eat
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:45am Year 4 Remembrance Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Paceball Y4 Visit to Newstead Abbey
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y2 Reading Cafe
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Calverton Christmas light switch-on
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:45am Whole School Christingle Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church 5:30-7pm Family of Schools Christmas Concert at CFS
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	F2 2pm Nativity at school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 2pm and 6pm Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break-up for Christmas
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Foundation, Year 1 and 2 Little Mermaid by Nottingham Playhouse
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Meet and Eat
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Fencing
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 Reading Cafe
Week Comm 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Careers Week
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	DISCO
Week Comm 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day Y4 Reading Cafe
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9:45am Year 3 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church

	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break-up for half term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Visit to Newstead Abbey
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Visit to Gainsborough Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Breakfast with Books
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading Cafe
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Meet and Eat
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Archery
Week Comm 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9:45am Year 2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break-up for Easter
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Quidditch
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y5 Reading Cafe
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	F2 Field Farm
Week Comm 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Partake Ancient Egyptians Day
	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9:45am Year 1 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church DISCO
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break-up for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Colour Run
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	F2 Meet and Eat
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Reading Cafe
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Golf
Week Comm Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production TBC
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9:45am Year F2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	PLAYSCHEME

