

A Note from Miss Cousin

As we edge ever closer to Christmas, the school is buzzing with energy and excitement! There have been so many incredible things happening recently. We've welcomed visitors who have spoken so highly of the enthusiasm and positive atmosphere in our school—something we're immensely proud of.

This Advent, we've been reflecting on the theme of *calm and bright* during our worship, cherishing the peace and joy this season brings. Being part of the St Wilfrid's family is certainly my *bright and calm*, and I feel truly blessed to share this journey with such a wonderful community.

The new drop-off arrangements for Years 3, 4, and 5 seem to be working smoothly, and it's been so lovely to receive your kind words and encouragement. Remember to collect Year F, 1, and 2 from the playground—please ensure they remain in line until then.

A massive thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and engagement with your children's education.

Here's to celebrating this special time of year together!

A Festive Thank You!

A huge thank you to St Wilfrid's Church for hosting the wonderful *Experience Christmas* workshops and Christingle church worship. Find it in our [Christian Distinctiveness highlights](#).

An almighty thanks also to our amazing PSA, staff at St Wilfrid's, and all the parents/carers who contributed so generously with their time and donations to our Christmas Fair this year which raised an impressive **£2,125.24** with the raffle ticket money still to be included. Special thanks to Mr Freestone too for providing the delicious cobs! What better way to celebrate the festive season and showcase the children's entrepreneurial spirit than with a week-long celebration of togetherness and Christmas cheer! 🌲 ✨

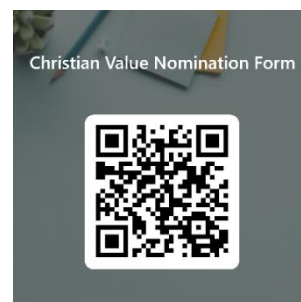


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A huge thank you to Mrs Wood for organising a wonderful Family of Schools Carol Concert at Colonel Frank Seely! Special thanks also to Mrs Wood and Mr Clapham for leading our choir in a beautiful "Silent Night Mash-Up." It really was an incredible performance and very special evening with a great community feel! You can watch it [here](#).

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 'love'.*



Courageous Advocacy – Fundraising Success!

We are so proud of the incredible fundraising efforts by our school community. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised:

- **Macmillan Cancer Support:** £406.19
- **Children in Need:** £362.96
- **Poppy Appeal:** £234.89
- **Cancer Research UK:** £54 in association with Braiswick Photographic

This brings our total raised for charity this year to **£1,057.04!**

Our next fundraising event is in support of the **British Heart Foundation**. We will be collecting donations at both the **Nativity** and **KS2 Carol Concert** – please do contribute to this fantastic cause.

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers, and supporters for their ongoing generosity. **Most of all, what an amazing job the children are doing in leading the way and being the change they want to see in the world.**

Thank You for Your Support!

A huge thank you for registering our school with ASDA! Together, we've raised an amazing **£360.15** for our school. This funding will go directly towards enhancing our children's learning and creating valuable experiences. We're so grateful for your continued support in helping us make a positive impact.

Thank you!

Together we have raised

£360.15

St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School

Completed!

CASHPOP FOR SCHOOLS

[See results!](#)

Feeling Proud



A huge well done to Harriet and Violet Lee for completing their Beauty and the Beast performances at the weekend. They performed three shows across the weekend at the Bonnington Theatre in Arnold and did an absolutely fantastic job singing, dancing and acting. Harriet was Narrator 3 and at one point was the only person on stage saying one of her lines. How utterly fantastic – budding actresses in our midst!



A very proud moment for everyone when Edward he got his 200m badge! Well done Edward, keep up the good work!

Leo captained his Saturdays under 10 squad to be runner ups in the winter league for football and contributed to his Sunday under 10s squad also being runner ups in the Sunday winter league. He will go to the Theatre Royal and be presented with a trophy. Couldn't be prouder of him and his team! Well done!



Darcy has achieved her Brownie Gold Badge the highest award in brownies. Good luck in January as you move to Guides.

George has completed stage 1,2 and 3 ice skating lessons in just 8 weeks. He has started ice hockey lessons this week and went straight to stage 2. Well done George your confidence on the ice must be growing so quickly!



A big well done to our Off By Heart Poetry Competition finalists! Their recitals were full of heart and beautifully brought the poems to life. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and love for poetry – we're so proud of them all!

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	99.33%	99.33%	95.86%	98.67%	98.00%	94.84%	94.64%	97.26%

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Attendance	96.00%	95.33%	92.41%	91.00%	93.33%	94.19%	93.57%	93.70%

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.

Meet the New Staff

We're so lucky to have such a fantastic team supporting your children's learning journey. If you haven't had the chance to meet our 'newbies' yet, I've included some mug shots below. Don't be shy—make sure to say hello!



Headteacher – Miss Cousin



Year 2 Teacher – Miss Chambers



Office Administrator– Mrs Fisher



Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Martin



S Club Playworker



Readers

We would welcome anyone who can commit to listening to children read. Please let Mrs McCoulough know the days and times you are available via the office.



Sad Goodbye and A Happy Hello

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Miss Winfield at the end of the Autumn term. She has been with us for a long time, and her dedication will be greatly missed. We want to thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

At the same time, we are pleased to announce that Miss Cullen will be taking on a new role as S Club Playworker starting in January, while also continuing her work as Midday Supervisor during lunchtimes. We're excited to have her in this new role and know she will do a fantastic job.

Please join us in thanking Miss Winfield and welcoming Miss Cullen to her new position!

Parking

We continue to experience issues with parking along Renal's Way during drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember to be courteous to our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways, double parking, or creating congestion. Your cooperation is vital in ensuring the safety of all children and maintaining good relationships with our community. Consider walking part of the way if possible or parking further from the school to reduce traffic near the gates. Thank you for your understanding and support in making our school a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

By making these small changes, you can make a positive impact on the environment too and support sustainability. Walking or car sharing not only decreases traffic but also reduces carbon emissions, helping to create a cleaner, greener community for everyone. Every small effort counts toward protecting the environment and promoting a more sustainable future! Something we are currently working on with the Let's Go Zero and Carbon Net Zero initiatives.



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. 🎉



As we explore fresh ways to connect with you on these platforms, we appreciate your patience as we fine-tune our posts and stories.

💎 *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](#).

Diary Dates	
Friday 13 th Dec	Y3 School Trip Cresswell Craggs Christmas Tree Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
Mon 16 th Dec	Reception Nativity 2pm at school
Tuesday 17 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm at school
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

