

**A Note from Miss Cousin**

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to all our families! The first couple of weeks back have flown by, and it's been wonderful to see the children return with big smiles, ready to learn and eager to make the most of the new term.

As we settle into the new term, we're placing a huge focus on uniform and behaviour across the school. It's important that all children come to school wearing the correct uniform and displaying positive attitudes, both in class and around school. We kindly ask parents to support us in reinforcing these expectations at home. A smart uniform and good behaviour help create a positive learning environment, and we want all of our children to feel proud to be part of our school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards - it makes such a difference. Here's to a positive and productive term ahead!

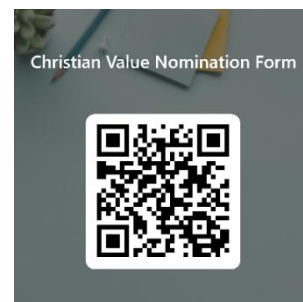
**Nativity and Carol Service Collections**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed during our Nativity performances and Carol Services at the end of the Autumn Term. We're delighted to share that we raised a total of **£340.96!** Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will go a long way in supporting our school projects.



**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**



Eddie achieved his 5m badge for backstroke and then a week later, the same for front crawl!! Well done Eddie. You've shown confidence in the water! Keep up the great work. And keep moving up those stages.



A huge well done to all the children who were recognised in our celebration and Golden Box worship for their fantastic achievements inside and outside of school. From super swimmers and committed Brownies to budding authors having their work published – your hard work, dedication, inspiring character, and talents make us incredibly proud. Keep shining and sharing your successes! 🌟👏



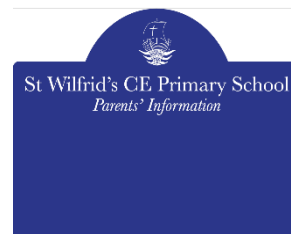
**100 Reads!**

Wow! That's an impressive pace of around 7 reads a week—almost one every day! What an amazing achievement, especially considering you're all Foundation students. We're still reviewing all the diaries, so if we've missed you, be sure to check the next newsletter. Great job, everyone—let's keep up the fantastic effort!





A massive thank you to one of our parents for their hugely generous donation of £2,000 towards our new signage. We are so, so grateful.



We'd also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PSA, who are currently funding several important projects, including DaART, a reading comprehension scheme, and new books for the school. A special thanks to all the parents who help make these events happen — your support is invaluable!

### Children's Mental Health Week – "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"

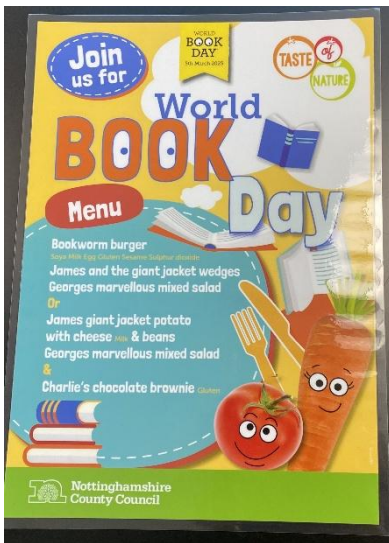


We are excited to let you know that we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week, which begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. This year's theme, "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself," ties in perfectly with our school's vision of 'Learning and Growing Together'.

Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in activities to help them think about their emotions, strengths, and personal growth.

To mark the week, the School Council has planned a special event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February called "Know Myself Day." On this day, children are invited to come to school wearing clothes that make them feel comfortable and happy. This could be their school uniform, joggers, pyjamas, or even their favourite party outfit! Some children may prefer to simply bring their slippers for the day – it's all about feeling comfortable in yourself. If they'd like to bring a small cushion to use during the day, they are welcome to do so. We are really looking forward to a week focused on self-awareness, confidence, and wellbeing!

### World Book Day and Breakfast with Books!



We are excited to announce our first-ever Breakfast with Books event on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, in celebration of World Book Day!

children can come dressed as a character from their favourite book or in an adventure-inspired outfit or just in whatever they feel cosy in to curl up and read – it could even be pyjamas! Please don't feel the need to buy anything new.

There will also be an adapted Friday dinner menu to mark the occasion.

A separate letter with full details, including how to order breakfast, will be sent out soon. We can't wait to celebrate the magic of books with our

school community! 📖 ✨



### Big Garden Birdwatch 2025

We're excited to be taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch 2025, and we'd love for you to join in at home! **Between January 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**, spend some time spotting and counting the birds in your garden or local area. Your findings help track how different bird species are doing across the country. At school, children in Foundation and Year 2 will be joining in with birdwatching activities during Forest School. Let us know how you get on with your birdwatching at home—we'd love to hear about the birds you see! Sign up [here](#).

## Our New [Website](https://www.stwilfridsprimary.com/) Is Live!

We've been busy over the Christmas break working on our new website, and it's now up and running! We're still adding new content and making tweaks, but feel free to take a look around. We hope you find it helpful and easy to use — keep checking back for updates! <https://www.stwilfridsprimary.com/>

## Calling All Photographers!

We're looking to add photos of our children in action to the school website to help showcase everything that makes our school special. If photography is a hobby of yours and you'd be happy to offer your skills, we'd love to hear from you! Your help could make a real difference in presenting our school in the best light. Please get in touch if you can help!

## 📌 Careers and Aspirations Week – We Need You!

Do you have an interesting job or career path you'd like to share? Could you inspire our students by running a 45 minute (give or take) workshop? We're inviting parents, carers, and friends of the school to come in during **Careers Week (w/c 17th March)** and talk to our children about your job or career journey! We can tailor the session to a year group that best suits your workshop, and we'll work with you to find a day and time that fits your schedule. Whether it's hands-on activities, sharing your experiences, or answering questions, your insight could make a huge impact on our students' future aspirations. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you! Thank you for supporting our Careers Week! ☀️

## Uniform

Apologies for any confusion but based on feedback from parents and consultations with governors, the PE uniform policy has been updated. Children may now wear black, grey, or white socks and a navy or white polo shirt for years F,1 and 2 PE. Thank you for your input and support in making this change.

## Celebrating Diversity



We continue to ensure that our toys, books, and resources reflect the diversity of our community. We want all our pupils to see themselves and their cultures represented in the classroom in a positive and respectful way, free from stereotypes. If you have any books, toys, or resources at home that showcase a variety of cultures, ethnicities, faiths, and experiences, we would be grateful for your donation. These items will help us continue to enrich our curriculum and make sure every pupil and family feels valued and included. Thank you for helping us celebrate the diversity that makes our school so special!

## 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	84.33%	97.33%	90.67%	91.00%	94.00%	94.19%	96.43%	92.54%

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Attendance	97.33%	97.33%	95.33%	96.67%	96.67%	95.33%	99.64%	96.88%

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.

We understand there's been a lot of illness going around recently, but regular attendance is so important for your child's learning. If your child is feeling a little under the weather, please send them to school with some Calpol — if they're too unwell to stay, we'll be sure to send them home. Trust us, we're not keen on spreading the love (or the germs)!

Please see a helpful poster with advice on when to send your child to school and when to keep them at home. *Thank you for your continued support in keeping attendance a priority!*

### Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

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.



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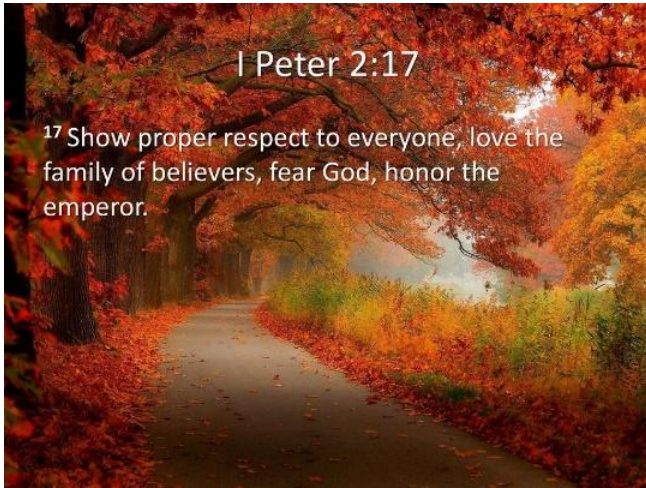
Don't worry! You can catch up by checking out the Instagram **Highlights** section to see what we've been up to.

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	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Off By Heart Finalists at Springwater Lodge
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Resilience Workshop Y2 and Y5.
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	National Lego Day – 10 x Y1 children to Springwater Lodge
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Springwater 7x Y2 readers.
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	MHST assembly and workshop with Y3.
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nott Alone event
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Disco
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Know Myself Day – wear what you're comfortable in.
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am Basic First Aid training for parents
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Breakfast with Books (letter separate)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Y2-Y6 (children TBC)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Self-esteem Workshop Y4 Time Travelling at Southwell Minster Y5
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Careers Week
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	David and Goliath Choir Dress Rehearsal time TBC
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	David and Goliath Choir Performance time TBC
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March-2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> March	YF and Y5 Experience Easter at St Wilfrid's Church 1:15pm-2:45pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photos
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	CFS Induction Day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> July/Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day



**Gedling North Family Hub Launch**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
**2.30 – 4.30pm at**  
**Arnbrook Family Hub and Arnbrook Primary School,**  
**Home Close off Bestwood Lodge Drive,**  
**Arnold, NG5 8NE.**

Come along and join us at the launch of your local Family Hub.  
 Come and meet our Network partners such as  
 ABL Your Health Notts, Homestart, the Healthy Families Team,  
 Jigsaw Homes, SEND Pact and more...



Cllr. Taylor will be officially opening Arnbrook Family Hub.  
 Light refreshments available.  
 Various activities for all ages.



Please see our Facebook page if you would like more information on  
 Family Hub Networks or email  
[FHGedling@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:FHGedling@nottscc.gov.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there 😊



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Children need to form good oral health habits from  
 an early age to help avoid tooth decay, to help form  
 these habits we will also be providing tooth  
 brushing and dietary education during the  
 appointment.