

A Note from Miss Cousin

Can You Believe We're Nearly There? I keep saying it, but I honestly can't believe we're nearly at the end of a whole year together! I'm so grateful for all the love and support this amazing community has shown me and the school.

The past couple of weeks have been absolutely wonderful: sports days for all key stages, meet and eats, trips out, sporting events, transition activities, reading cafés... and that's just a taste of the extras! It's been full of energy, achievements, and those lovely moments that remind me why this place is so special.

I'm really looking forward to the jam-packed and exciting remainder of the term, with lots more celebrations and great things still to come!

A quick note: if parts of this week's newsletter come across a bit moany - that's really not the intention! I've had a few queries from parents, and this seemed like the best place to clarify some things. But don't worry - it's still packed with celebrations and good news.

Here's to making the most of these last few weeks of 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 'Joy'.*

Feeling Proud



We are incredibly proud to celebrate the children who have been recognised for their hard work and dedication both in and out of the classroom. Whether it's academic achievement, acts of kindness, community involvement, or extra-curricular success, these students are great examples of what it means to be well-rounded and committed individuals. Keep up the amazing work - your efforts truly make a difference!



Charlotte dug deep and completed her 800 meters. Her stamina is really starting to develop and she's still able to ensure her strokes are to the required standard! Well done Charlotte!



Finley was so nervous but he still went on to complete a 5k muddy run with obstacles, all to raise money for cancer research. As a team, the family raised £140.

Finley just keeps on surprising Mum and Dad and always does so with 100% effort and commitment. Well done Finley!

It's been a fantastic season for Benjamin, who recently added a silver medal at the CABSC Junior Gala to an already impressive haul - including two golds and a bronze at Notts ASA Counties 2025. He helped his team to a close 2nd place finish in the Derby & Notts Junior League Final - missing out on the top spot by just one point!

At the Long Eaton Sharks Open Meet, Benjamin achieved multiple PBs and brought home 1 gold, 2 silvers, and 2 bronzes across six challenging events. With six qualifying times already secured for Counties 2026, the future is looking bright. Well done, Benjamin!



Luna and Seren went to the Peak District and ended up wild swimming, they were very brave as it was freezing! But they went for it and really enjoyed it, they also went climbing over big boulders.



Eddie was very proud tonight when he got his final 5m swimming award, this time for breaststroke. So he should be! Well done Eddie.

We are so proud of Felicity and Arthur who both achieved a personal best at this week's Junior Parkrun at Gedling Country Park. Felicity finished 9th and Arthur 11th out of a field of 72 runners! They pushed themselves so much on the hills in the heat. Well done Mooneys – great work!



A huge congratulations to Charis on receiving his life-saving award. This is a remarkable achievement and highlights the importance of learning essential life-saving skills. Well done, Charis!



100+ reads!

Our students have shown amazing commitment by reading regularly throughout the year-just 3 times a week adds up to **117 reads** across the school year! That's why we celebrate **anything over 100 reads** - it shows consistent effort, dedication, and a real love of reading. Well done to everyone who's reached this milestone.



Joseph, Oliver and Matilda have achieved **300 reads** since September! What an incredible achievement and excellent groundwork to creating not only successful readers, but successful writers too!

Keep up the fantastic work-every read counts!

#youngreaders #proudmoment.



Meet and Eat is Back!

With the kitchen back in action, we're thrilled to announce the return of *Meet and Eat*! After a brief pause, we're looking forward to gathering again over delicious food and good conversation.

Upcoming Meet and Eat Dates:

Year 2: Wednesday 9th July

Year F: Wednesday 16th July

Can't make it this time? No worries - Meet and Eat will be back again next year!

New Uniform Supplier – JustSchoolWear

We're excited to let you know that our school uniform is now available directly through **JustSchoolWear**. You can visit their shop in Arnold, where they have a full range of sizes to try on, then order online [here](#) for home delivery - or, if it's easier, choose to collect your order from school.

We still have some uniform items in stock at school in various sizes, and **we are selling some items at a reduced cost - so make sure you check with us first! Items available and prices listed below:**

x 2 book bags = £13 each

x 63 Ties = £3.40 each

x 8 Jumpers = £15 each (1x24", 4x28", 4x34")

x 19 Cardigans = £17 each (6x28", 9x32", 4x34")

x 27 White PE Polo-shirts – please note these can continue to be used for PE = £7 each (3x24", 4x26", 3x28", 6x30", 7x32", 4x34")

x 10 House Colour Polo-Shirts = £7.99 each (Ash 2x24", 4x26", Maple 2x24", 2x30")

x 33 PE Shorts = £4.95 each (1x 18/20", 13x 22/24", 9x26/28", 9x30/32")

x 37 PE socks = £5 each (18x 9-12 shoe size, 12x 12-2, 7x3-5.5)

x 8 Winter Coats = £20 (7x 5-6years, 1x7-8years)

x 16 Shower-Proof Coats = £18 (5x 3-4years, 1x 5-6 years, 3x 7-8 years, 6x 9-10years, 1x 13years)

x 40 Zipped PE Hoodie = £16 (12x 5-6 years, 5x 7-8 years, 13x 12-13 years, 10x small adult)

Keeping Our School Safe for Everyone

We kindly remind students and families that bikes and scooters (including electric) must not be ridden anywhere on the school site. For everyone's safety, they should also be walked across the school crossing at all times. We also kindly remind all parents and visitors that vaping and smoking are strictly prohibited on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our environment safe and healthy for everyone.

Understanding Authorised and Unauthorised Absences

We are currently reviewing attendance letters where necessary, following feedback from parents and ensuring we are following guidance from the Department for Education (DfE). We will no longer require you to complete a 'medical leave of absence form' but will request medical appointment evidence where there are concerns about a pupil's level of attendance. This approach ensures consistency, fairness, and compliance with both local and national expectations. We also respectfully request that, where possible, medical and dental appointments are arranged outside of school hours or during school holidays to avoid disruption to your child's education. However, in circumstances where this is not possible, please inform the office with your appointment information.

An authorised absence includes legitimate reasons such as illness (with clear symptoms), medical appointments or other pre-approved circumstances. An unauthorised absence is when a child is kept off school without a valid reason or without notification. While the vast majority of our parents are open and honest in their communication - something we genuinely value - there are, unfortunately, occasional instances where the information provided is not accurate. **Please remember that attendance is not just about figures - it is also a safeguarding matter, and we take it extremely seriously in our duty to keep every child safe and supported.**

We also ask that parents avoid sharing misinformation on WhatsApp or other social media platforms. We've recently seen messages suggesting that we "do not authorise attendance" when a child is sent home due to sickness or diarrhoea. This is simply not true. In such cases, we are following clear public health guidance to help prevent the spread of illness within the school community. Our priority is always the health and wellbeing of all children and staff.

We'd also like to clarify our approach to Calpol (or similar unprescribed medication). While we understand it can perk a child up in the morning - and we encourage parents to administer it at home if needed - our school policy is to administer Calpol only in exceptional circumstances. This might include situations where a child is recovering from a known illness and needs minimal support to get through the school day. Unfortunately, we cannot have a blanket agreement to administer Calpol regularly, as this would become a significant part of the daily routine. That said, if you feel your child needs Calpol during the day, please speak with Miss Cousin so that a specific arrangement can be made. In many cases, once in school, children often rally and manage much better

than expected.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in promoting strong attendance and open, honest communication. By working together, we can ensure that all children are safe, well cared for, and thriving in their learning environment.

Easy Fundraising



Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St Wilfrid's Primary School - Calverton with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share today by clicking [here](#).

KS2 Summer Production – We Need You!

Our much-anticipated KS2 Summer Production is nearly here! While Year 6 will be taking centre stage in the lead roles, we mustn't forget the vital role of our Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils, who form the heart of the choir. Their singing brings the whole show to life – without them, the performance simply wouldn't be the same.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring all choir members attend the evening performances. If your child is involved in other activities that week, we ask you to consider making an exception so they can be there for the production.

One day, it will be your child's turn to take the lead, and they'll need the same enthusiastic support from the choir. Let's set the tone this year by showing up, singing out, and making this production one to remember! Thank you.

Online Safety – A Shared Responsibility

We'd like to remind parents and carers about the importance of online safety, particularly when it comes to games and apps like *Huggy Wuggy* and others that may seem harmless at first glance. Please take a moment to consider the age restrictions on these platforms – these guidelines are not just about the game content itself, but also about the adverts, chat functions, and other content children may be exposed to.

We recently held a Parent Forum to discuss these concerns, and the notes and useful information can be found on our Parent Forum webpage [here](#).

Online safety is a team effort, and much of the exposure happens outside of school. We're asking for your continued partnership to help keep all our children safe online.



Summer Reading Challenge at the Local Library – “Story Garden”

Our local library is launching this year's Summer Reading Challenge, and the theme is *Story Garden*! Children are encouraged to read six books over the summer, collecting fun incentives along the way. The challenge begins on Saturday 5th July in all local libraries.

There's lots of information available on the Reading Agency website, or you can visit the Inspire website for more details. Families are also very welcome to pop into the library to sign up in person.

As a special extra, there's a creative challenge for children to design their dream treehouse! This can be done individually, by year group, or even as a whole-school project. It has been sent as an attachment to this newsletter.

The library team have told us how much they've enjoyed welcoming our pupils – they've been impressed by how engaged, polite, and enthusiastic the children are. Let's keep that wonderful reading spirit going all summer long!

A Little Heads-Up for Our New Starters in 2026 from Mrs Porter.

We're sending a big wave to all the children who were born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 who will be turning five during the 2026/2027 school year – can you believe how quickly that's come around?!

We know it feels like ages away, but just so you're in the loop... applications for school places will open in early November, with the deadline usually falling in mid-January (2026).

We'll be offering school tours for families of children starting in September 2026, so if this is you, now's the time to get in touch! Just give Mrs Porter or Mrs Fisher a call or pop into the school office, and we'll take a few details to make sure an invite finds its way to you. If you've already let us know, you're all set — no need to do anything else.

Have a younger one who won't be starting until after 2026? Not a problem! We can take their details too and send you an invite when their time comes. (Mrs Porter has even signed up a baby just one day old!).

If you know of any families who haven't yet started their journey with St Wilfrid's but might be interested, please point them in the direction of the school office - we'd love to hear from them!

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 (16 Jun 2025 - 22 Jun 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.00%	98.28%	86.33%	98.33%	95.67%	94.00%	95.71%	94.88%

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Attendance	93.00%	93.45%	95.33%	94.00%	99.00%	97.67%	99.29%	95.94%

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.



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

Diary Dates	
Tues 8 th July	KS2 Summer Production 6pm
Wed 9 th July	KS2 Summer Production 2pm and 6pm
Fri 11 th July	Y2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Fri 18 th July	Y6 Stepping Up Day at Southwell Minster

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 and Tues 29 th July	Inset Day
Mon 28 th - Fri 8 th August	Playscheme open


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Week 1 13th, 14th, 15th

Week 2 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Week 3 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th

👤 Ages 4-14 years old

🕒 Full day 8am - 5pm ➡ £25

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just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
"I have told you this so that
my joy might be in you and
your joy might be complete."
John 15:9-11

