

A Note from Miss Cousin

It's been such a wonderful few weeks in our community – thank you to everyone who has taken part in our recent events, from *Genes for Jeans Day* to celebrating *European Day of Languages* with a focus on French. Thanks to your generosity, together we raised £102 for genetic research. It was also a joy to see how much the children enjoyed the French-themed activities, celebrating language and culture in such a fun way. It was also wonderful to be back in church with Year 6 leading worship on this half term's value of kindness – a fantastic start, setting the bar high and reaching beyond expectations. Looking ahead, we're excited for our *Macmillan Coffee Morning* and a *Zumba taster session*, amongst other events which you can find in the diary dates below. We truly are living life in all its fullness!

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



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.



We are really proud of Joshua for completing Stage 7 swimming and gaining his 400m badge.

Ezra only started playing cricket in April and quickly moved to hardball, he has since had a trial with Notts CCC.

Nathan worked really hard during his football team's second match of the season.



His coach gave him some extra words of wisdom before the match, which Nathan listened to and took on board. His hard work and determination paid off and he was awarded the "Player of the match" award! Well done Nathan! Super proud of you!





Leo won coaches player of the year for under 11s, on Saturday he scored a hat trick for Arnold town and won player of the match and repeated it again on Sunday for Lowdham.

Georgie achieved Skills Award Level 3 and 2 at gymnastics over the summer and has progressed to tumbling class.

She also learnt how to play pickle ball with her Nana!



Logan had a brilliant week last week with his sports activities. On Friday he was awarded the 'Quick Cricket Star' for his age group for all his hard work this season at the Calverton Cricket Club. On Saturday he was given the coaches Man of the Match trophy for playing a fantastic game and scoring a hat-trick for his Calverton Lightning Wolves team. Logan puts 100% into everything and we are forever proud!



We are so proud of Felicity. At the weekend she took part in her first Regional Climbing Competition. She held her own against some incredibly experienced climbers. Well done Felicity.



Felix has passed his 5-meter backstroke and has now moved up to stage 2. Excellent work Felix!

We're so proud of Florence, who has been busy collecting Blue Peter badges! She has already earned the Eco Badge for her fantastic recycling and vegetable-growing efforts in our allotment, the Book Badge for her love of reading and creative book illustrations, and the Sport Badge for her dedication to horse riding. And the excitement doesn't stop there - Florence also has the classic Blue Peter Badge on the way, awarded for her brilliant Plaster of Paris handstand model created in Year 4, which even won her a *golden box*!



A huge well done to Esme for her Rookie Lifeguard silver stage 1.

Calverton Library Reading Challenge



A big congratulations to Isla who also took part in our Summer Reading Challenge! Your dedication to diving into books this summer has been inspiring.

Open Mornings/Afternoons– We can't wait to show you around!

If you have a child, or know someone with a child, who will be starting school in September 2026, put a date in your diary to attend one of our Open Mornings/Afternoons.

- Wednesday 12th November 2025 9:30am 10:30am
- Tuesday 18th November 2025 2pm-3pm
- Thursday 27th November 2025 9:30-10:30am

If you would like to book on one of these mornings, please click here or use the QR code. Please contact the school if you would like to have a tour at any other time – we will be delighted to show you around our school

Opening Mornings/Afternoons



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We now have a gate banner with a QR code! Simply scan the code to join our supporter network through Easyfundraising. Every time you shop online, your purchases can help raise funds for us at no extra cost to you. Scan the QR code today and start supporting us effortlessly!



Help Our School Win £300 with Notts Outdoors!

Notts Outdoors – Nottinghamshire's Outdoor Education Service – is celebrating its 40th birthday with a **county-wide Environmental Art Competition** – and we'd love our school to win!

We're inviting **all KS1 and KS2 children** to create a piece of outdoor artwork **at home** using natural or sustainable materials. Your artwork should celebrate:

- Notts Outdoors' 40th birthday
- Outdoor learning
- Bracken the hedgehog mascot

Once your child's artwork is ready, please **bring it into school by Thursday 16th October** so we can submit our entries by the closing date, 17th October. Winners will be announced the week commencing 3rd November. Two winning schools (one KS1, one KS2) will each receive a **£300 voucher** towards a Notts Outdoors trip, day visit, or activity – what a great way to support outdoor learning!

Our School Council: Leading with Courage and Compassion

This year, our School Council is getting involved in a wide range of charity events – a wonderful opportunity for them to put their learning into action and truly “be the change they want to see in the world.” These activities help our young leaders grow in confidence, take responsibility, and make a positive difference in their community.

We also want to give our children exposure to a variety of charities, helping them understand different needs and causes, and inspiring them to think about how they can contribute to making the world a better place. Our aim is to make these opportunities inclusive and accessible for everyone, celebrating diversity and ensuring that every pupil feels seen, valued, and able to take part – no matter their background, ability, or perspective. In doing so, we hope to nurture a culture of equity, inclusion, and belonging where every voice matters.

Please don't feel any pressure to donate to every cause or take part in every event – the goal is simply to support a variety of charities while giving our pupils the chance to develop their leadership skills and experience the power of courageous advocacy in action.

Junior Park Run



Junior parkrun is a free, community event where participants can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate. It's a 2k course aimed at 4-14 year olds, along with their families and friends, and takes place every Sunday morning. It's all about being positive, inclusive, and having fun, with no time limits and no one finishing last!

We're excited to announce that we've signed up, and over the coming month, we'll be looking at taking part in junior parkrun events. We encourage everyone in school to join us!

Whether you want to walk, run, volunteer, or just cheer on, it's a great chance to get together and enjoy the experience as a community. Let me know if you head down and, together, we can celebrate you!

Roots After School Church – Our First Session Was a Success!

We had a fantastic time at the very first **Roots** after school church at St Wilfrid's! It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together after school, enjoy fun crafts and games, and explore the Christian faith through songs, stories, and prayer. Snacks and engaging activities were enjoyed by all, and the atmosphere was full of laughter, learning, and friendship.

We're excited to welcome even more children to the next session on **Thursday 13th November from 3.30pm**. For more information or to request a consent form, please contact office@stwilfrids-church.co.uk.

Come and join us – it's a great place to grow, play, and connect!



Start Time Reminder

Just a quick reminder that our school gates **open at 8:40am** for KS2, giving Years 3, 4, and 5 plenty of time to walk into class for an **8:45am start**. Please note that Year 6 has a slightly different start time due to SATs and their early start offer.

Important: School staff are **not available for supervision before 8:40am**, so if you arrive early, please ensure your child is supervised at the main gates. For families needing extra support, we do offer a **breakfast club**, though spaces are limited. If the club is full, you are welcome to add your child to the **waiting list**, and we'll do our best to accommodate them as soon as possible. On rare occasions when you need extra help, don't hesitate to reach out - we'll always try to help if we can.

Safety Reminder: Please allow your children to **walk up from the top gate independently** rather than walking around the side of the school with them. This helps keep drop-off smooth, safe, and consistent for all children.

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 (08 Sep 2025 - 12 Sep 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.67%	98.67%	96.21%	96.13%	95.00%	97.00%	96.33%	97.00%

Session Attendance Summary (15 Sep 2025 - 19 Sep 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	97.33%	98.00%	92.41%	98.06%	96.00%	99.67%	96.33%	96.86%

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.



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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 29 th September	9am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day – Launch Off By Heart Poetry Competition
Friday 3 rd October	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Zumba
Week Comm 6 th October	Parents/Carers Evening
Wednesday 8 th October	Y6 Meet and Eat
Thursday 9 th October	Bright for Sight Day – wear something bright!
Friday 10 th October	Y1 Reading Cafe
Thursday 16 th October	9:45am Year 5 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church DISCO
Friday 17 th October	Y6 trip to The National Holocaust Museum Break-up for half term
Monday 20 th – Friday 31 st Oct	HALF TERM
Monday 20 th -Friday 24 th Oct	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school Return Christmas card designs
Week Comm 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 12 th November	F2 2026 Intake Tour 9:30-10:30am Y5 Meet and Eat
Thursday 13 th 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 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18 th November	F2 2026 Intake Tour 2-3pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Paceball Y4 Visit to Newstead Abbey
Friday 21 st November	Y2 Reading Cafe
Thursday 27 th November	F2 2026 Intake Tour 9:30-10:30am
Friday 28 th November	Calverton Christmas light switch-on
Wednesday 3 rd December	9:00-11:30am Life Education - Parent Workshop at St Wilfrid's School.
Thursday 4 th 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 th December	F2 2pm Nativity at school
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 2pm Nativity at school
Thursday 11 th December	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 2pm and 6pm Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 19 th December	Break-up for Christmas

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

Wednesday 10 th June	F2 Meet and Eat
Thursday 11 th June	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 th June	Y6 Reading Cafe
Thursday 18 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 19 th June	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 24 th June	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 26 th June	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop - Golf
Week Comm Monday 29 th July	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production TBC
Thursday 2 nd July	9:45am Year F2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Monday 6 th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th July	Y6 Residential
Thursday 23 rd July	Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July	INSET
Tuesday 28 th July – Friday 7 th August	PLAYSCHEME



