

A Note from Miss Cousin

What a wonderful and joy-filled few weeks it has been in school. We began with a hugely successful Odd Socks Day, celebrating our "Power for Good" theme and reminding ourselves how important kindness, individuality and respect are in our community. It has been equally lovely welcoming families into school for our parent tours for the 2026 intake.

Our Year 4 pupils represented us brilliantly on their recent trip to Newstead Abbey. We were delighted to receive a letter of praise commending their behaviour, engagement and conduct throughout the day. They showed maturity, curiosity and a genuine enthusiasm for learning.

Another highlight has been our Off By Heart Poetry Competition. The performances were an incredible display of commitment, courage and creativity. What filled me with particular joy - both during the poetry finals and at our recent gymnastics event - was seeing our children not only perform with confidence, but genuinely celebrate and applaud the achievements of other pupils. Their warmth, encouragement and positivity reflected the very best values of our community.

It was also a pleasure to welcome our Year 5 parents in for our Meet and Eat event - thank you for joining us and for contributing to such a warm, positive atmosphere.

And finally, a heartfelt thank you for all your generous donations for Children in Need. Your kindness makes a real difference.

We speak often about creating a culture of opportunity at our school - a place where children can discover their strengths, embrace new experiences and surprise themselves with what they can achieve. Everything we offer as we 'learn and grow together' truly allows our children to experience '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 'Love'.*

Feeling Proud



A huge well-done to our Golden Box and Celebration Worship recipients! They continue to show the way as true role models, both inside and outside of school—living out our values and demonstrating "life in all its fullness" through their actions every day.



Jemimah took part in marching for Remembrance Sunday today with guides then went to the church service in Woodborough. It was a lovely service and she did really well – well done Jemimah.



Edward and Elsie who, realising that the remembrance parade route had litter on it, went out (in their PJ's!) and completed a pre parade litter pick as they wanted to make sure the environment was nice, clean and tidy as a mark of respect.

They then both marched excellently, Elsie being a flagbearer and Edward reading a poem during the church service.

All of the children who participated in the parade from brownies, guides, beavers and cubs were excellent and did St Wilfrid's proud.



Last month Sofia helped her Nanny organise a charity event for Breast cancer and she helped raise £300. She helped with the raffle and the prizes and she even made up a guessing game after our dog Minnie. What an amazing achievement!



Eddie passed his 10m backstroke award and passed Stage 2. Great work Eddie!



Elizabeth passed her grade 1 key board with a distinction! We're so proud of her and her achievements!



Oliver created a Remembrance Day artwork using leaves, and he was really proud of it and so he should be. He also had a very exciting moment at school this morning when he got to see the Forest European Cup. It was a big highlight for him!

Evelyn received her 10m front crawl badge. Well done Evelyn – great work!



Evie achieved her 25m badge just 3 weeks after joining stage 3 and Ellie got her 10m badge this week - Ellie is flying through her badges at the moment and we're so proud of how hard they're both trying!

Charlotte ticked off her final 1% this week in her stage 9 swimming journey by swimming 800m. She put her head down and through sheer determination and resilience powered up and down the pool. We are so proud of what she has achieved! Well done Charlotte!



Kindness Challenge



Edward, Elsie and Wilfrid showed acts of kindness for the community they live in by completing a litter pick in the October half term holiday with the Godfrey family! They were so dedicated to the cause we ended up wading knee deep in water through the Lambley dumbles collecting all the litter in there!

They have also been keeping a close eye on our lovely next door neighbour who is in her 90's, popping round with homemade apple crumbles, jars of chutney or homegrown fruit and veg spending time chatting and keeping her company! As always we are super proud of them.



Isabella is continuously thinking of others and putting every creature big or small first.

We woke up early one morning to find a hedgehog stuck in a hole near to our property (we are renovating). Isabella was instantly excited about being able to be up close to a wild hedgehog.

Her patients and kindness were paramount when having to be up close with a frightened animal. Isabella then went onto wanting to

make sure it had a safe and snuggly place to hide with a nice drink of milk. Isabella kept a close eye on the hedgehog until it made a full recovery and scuttered off further into the hedgerow.

We also visited 'Wheelgate' adventure park during the holidays and Isabella continues to show kindness.

Not only to her little brother, helping him play on the slide but to other children on the adventure playground as well. I was extremely proud when another parent went out of her way to stop me to say how kind Isabella had been. She had helped her daughter climb up the steps and let her go first around the park, putting another child first, who Isabella could see was struggling.

Mummy and Daddy are extremely proud of Isabella and she always exceeds to surprise us with her kind nature.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Please complete the short questionnaire: your feedback and views are very important to us so we can continue to give your children the best possible school experience. The overview of these results will be shared on our website and with staff and Governors and will feed into our school development plan so adjustments can be made where necessary. [Parent/Carer Questionnaire Autumn 2025 – Fill out form](#)

Parent/Carer Questionnaire
Autumn 2025



After-School Club

ACE Sports After-School Club is continuing for the remainder of this academic year, with a different activity each half term - just like last year!

Club Days:

- Monday: EYFS and KS1
- Thursday: KS2

Current Sessions:

- Autumn Term: Football (continuing until the end of term)

Upcoming Sessions:

- Spring 1: Multi Skills (EYFS & KS1) / Basketball (KS2)
- Spring 2: Tennis (EYFS & KS1 & KS2)
- Summer 1: Rounders (EYFS & KS1 & KS2)
- Summer 2: Athletics (EYFS & KS1 & KS2), including Sports Day practice.



Booking Information:

ACE will send out the link to book the clubs and we'll share it with parents as soon as it becomes available.

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 26th Jan)** 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!

Pupil Premium – Help Us Help Your Children!

School budgets are tighter than ever, and Pupil Premium funding helps us provide extra support, clubs, trips, and resources for eligible pupils.

Check if you qualify here: [Free School Meals and Milk – Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Need help? Pop into the office. Families who sign up will receive a free school tie and be entered into a £100 food voucher prize draw!

Parking Considerations

We kindly remind you to be mindful when parking on Renals Way. Please ensure vehicles are not left over driveways or in a way that restricts access for neighbours. Even short stops can cause inconvenience so we ask everyone to take an extra moment to park considerately. Thank you for helping keep Renals Way safe and accessible for all.

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 our final Open Morning.

- 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



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 (03 Nov 2025 - 07 Nov 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	98.67%	98.33%	99.31%	97.10%	98.33%	98.33%	95.00%	97.86%

Session Attendance Summary (10 Nov 2025 - 14 Nov 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.67%	99.33%	98.67%	98.39%	98.67%	98.00%	96.67%	98.48%

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	
Tuesday 25 th November	3:30pm PSA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Wednesday 26 th November	8:30am PSA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Thursday 27 th November	F2 2026 Intake Tour 9:30-10:30am
Friday 28 th November	PSA Non-Uniform Day – donation of an item for the Christmas hampers. Calverton Christmas light switch-on
Wednesday 3 rd December	9:00-11:30am Life Education - Parent Workshop at St Wilfrid's School. Paceball Enrichment Taster Day
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 Last day to bring in your pre-loved Christmas jumper
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 3:30pm Christmas Jumper Swap in Y1
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 – PE Kit
Friday 23 rd January	Y3 Reading Cafe
Friday 30 th January	Y3 The Romans in Southwell
Week Comm 26 th Jan	Careers Week
Tuesday 3 rd February	Eco Club visit to Material Recovery Facility at Mansfield- 12:30 - 15:30
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 – PE Kit
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 – PE Kit
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
Monday 18 th May	Y6 Trip to Nottingham Trent University
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 – PE Kit
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

POSITIVE PLAYMATES

There are many children living with disabilities and additional needs who just want to play and have fun. Unfortunately, they don't often get the chance – there are often no playdates, no after school clubs, no holiday activities, no sleepovers... There are also so many people who want to do something amazing with their time and volunteer to help families in their community. Or they may need to volunteer as part of a Duke of Edinburgh award, a college course or to give them a sense of purpose and achievement.

This is why we've created Positive Playmates, part of Footprints CEC, which is a befriender programme across the East Midlands to provide parents and carers with children living with disabilities, a chance to have some more support in the home. And to give people who want to volunteer an opportunity to make a real difference.

Anyone aged 13 and above can volunteer to play with and entertain a child (under 16) in their own home for an hour a week or more. One parent will always be in the home to provide any care necessary; the volunteer's job is simply to play!

The volunteer will provide the child with company and entertainment and give the parent/carer an opportunity to have a break in another room, spend time with other siblings or do some boring but necessary chores!

We'd like to bring people together and would like this to benefit families and volunteers alike. We have created policies and code of conducts and have safeguarding documents and information on DBS checks etc. A family will create a child profile with a photo, name, age and location and information about the child and the family. A volunteer will fill in an application form. Then we match!

If you're a family with a child living with a disability or if you are interested in volunteering, please email Lucie at playmates@footprintscec.org or join the Facebook group @positiveplaymates. You can also leave a message with Footprints on 0115 958 6641. We can then send you all the information you'll need to become part of Positive Playmates!





“LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.”

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