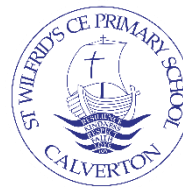


# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

## Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness



### A Welcome from Miss Cousin

Welcome to the new school year and our first newsletter! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed. A special welcome to our youngest learners in Foundation, as well as to all the new students, families, and staff who have joined us this year. We're thrilled to have the chance to work together and are full of excitement for what promises to be a rewarding and enriching autumn term.

Going forward, newsletters will be sent out fortnightly and will be a bit shorter than today's edition! However, as the first issue, we hope you find it both informative and useful, and we look forward to keeping you connected with all the wonderful happenings at our school.

### Our School Vision

#### Vision:

'Learning and growing together; Living life in all its fullness'

John 15:1-17 – Vine and branches

John 10:10 – Life in all its fullness

#### Mission statement:

St Wilfrid's church of England Primary school lies at the heart of the **community** it serves. We work **together, inclusively**, as part of our local and wider community, striving to enable all children and members of our school to live life 'in all its fullness'. Driven by our Christian values, through the provision of an **inspiring, engaging and creative** curriculum, we aim to equip children with the knowledge, skills and experiences that will enable them to **thrive in an ever-changing world**.



### Our Christian Values

We seek to promote the six Christian values of Respect, Resilience, Joy, Kindness Faith and Love. The basis of our values can be found in Matthew 7:7-12 'So, in everything do to others what you would have them do to you' and Galatians 5:12 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

We will focus on a Christian Value each half term:

Autumn 1: Kindness

Autumn 2: Love

Autumn 3: Respect

Autumn 4: Faith

Autumn 5: Resilience

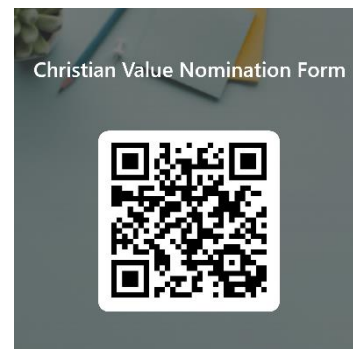
Autumn 6: Joy

However, children may be recognized and awarded for demonstrating any of these values throughout the entire year.

### Value Awards

We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards for living out the value in action (**kindness, love, respect, resilience, faith and joy**). 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.

We would love to hear about your child's activities outside of school! Whether it's a sporting achievement, something accomplished through Brownies or Scouts, a family hike, or a wonderful day out exploring somewhere new, we want to celebrate these moments. We will alternate between our Golden Box Worship and Celebration Worship to recognise these accomplishments. Please send your pictures and a brief description to [office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk) and we will celebrate them with your child. **Please note, the proud@ email address is no longer being monitored. If you have sent anything to be shared over the holidays, please forward to [office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk) with the subject 'Celebration Worship' as we would hate to miss it!**



## Feeling Proud

A huge well done to Alfie and Millie who both swam a mile (64 lengths!) at the end of the school holidays.



Huge congratulations to Mrs Wood for her incredible 25 years of dedicated service with Nottinghamshire County Council! We are truly fortunate to have her as a cornerstone of our school community. Her unwavering commitment and passion have made a significant impact, and her contributions over the years have been invaluable. Here's to celebrating her remarkable milestone and the continued positive influence she brings to us all!

## Enrichment

We are offering clubs this half term which include Yoga, Archery, Minecraft, Worship Club and Choir. This offer will continue to grow - keep your eyes peeled!

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

## **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 2025, put a date in your diary to attend one of our Open Mornings/Afternoons.

Thursday 7th November 2024 9:30am-10:30am

Wednesday 13th November 2024 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 19th November 2024 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 office 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



**Parent Consultation Evenings** We are looking forward to meeting with you for the first of this school year's consultation evenings which will be held in the week of 7th October. These will be scheduled every term, but teachers will always be happy to speak to you about **any** aspect of your child's learning at *any* time. Appointment letters will be sent out in due course.



## **Online Safety**

The internet – on the whole - is an inspiring and positive place: it is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Please visit our Online Safety Advice page on the website <https://www.stwilfridsprimary.com/e-safety> which we are working on to offer you up-to-date presentations, resources and videos to help you keep your children safe online. You can also visit <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> for more information and advice.

A parent forum on online safety will be held in due course.

## "The MILLION word gap"

How many words will your child have heard by the time they are 5 years old?

Never read to: 4,662 words

1-2 times per week: 63,570 words

3-5 times per week: 169,520 words

Daily: 296,660 words

5 books a day: 1,483,300 words

### The Importance of Reading at St Wilfrid's

Reading is a vital life skill, and we want every child at St Wilfrid's to succeed in it. That's why we place reading at the heart of our curriculum. In the Foundation Stage, we use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, a DFE-approved synthetic phonics programme, to help children master phonics. They will have a reading book of which they can decode 95% of their books based on the sounds they've learned. But reading is more than just decoding words—it's about fostering a love for books. We encourage reading for pleasure, as this not only enhances literacy skills but also sparks imagination and creativity in our young learners.

### Further Information to start the term:

#### Uniform:

I believe we should take pride in how smart the children at St Wilfrid's look and therefore we expect everyone to wear full school uniform. This consists of

- Mid grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue shirt / blouse (long or short-sleeved) and school tie.
- Mid grey v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo (purchased from the school office) or without.

Unbranded grey alternatives are acceptable.

- Black shoes with grey socks or tights.

Summer Term uniform may still be worn:

- Blue and white checked summer dresses or playsuit together with blue, black or white closed sandals and socks.
- Grey shorts.

**Children may come to school wearing the correct school PE kit on the day they have PE/Games.** Your child's class teacher will let you know when that is. The PE uniform consists of:

- A white button polo shirt (Reception and KS1) and 'House' colour polo shirt (KS2)
- Royal blue shorts or tracksuit
- Plimsolls or trainers.

**Please note, children will need to bring a spare pair of 'outdoor' shoes (wellies included) to change into for general outdoor play and learning outdoors as we would like to make the best use of the field.**

No 'branded' sportswear or football kit is to be worn to school. If children wish to get changed into running clothes, dance clothes etc for after school clubs, they may bring this kit to get changed in to.

For safety and practical reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school. The only exception is one pair of stud earrings. Please remove earrings at home prior to PE and Games lessons.

Long hair should be tied back (to avoid spreading/catching nits), and nail varnish may not be worn.



If you have any spare **4-5 years trousers** or **puddle suits**, please hand them in to the school office.

## Attendance

Following the Nottinghamshire County Council attendance policy, St Wilfrid's enforces a policy aimed at maintaining regular school attendance, which is crucial for a child's education. As part of this policy, parents who take their children out of school for holidays during term time without permission will face penalties. We will issue fines to discourage unauthorised absences, which disrupt a child's learning and affect their academic progress. Fines are £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days. Persistent absence may result in further legal action, including prosecution. St Wilfrid's encourages parents to prioritise their child's education by avoiding term-time holidays and ensuring regular school attendance. We thank you for your support in this.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins		3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

## Behaviour

At St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School, we aim to foster a respectful and inclusive community based on Christian values. We expect all children to behave considerately, develop responsibility, and contribute positively to the school environment. To maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere, mobile phones must be handed in at the start of the day. Our behavior policy emphasises positive reinforcement, fairness, and restorative practices, with tailored support for individual needs. We uphold high standards, addressing poor behavior promptly. Bullying is not tolerated. Positive behavior is rewarded and celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

## School snacks

To ensure the safety of all our students, our school is a nut-free school. This is in place to protect children with severe nut allergies, which can cause life-threatening reactions. We ask that all snacks and lunches brought to school are free from nuts and nut products. Thank you for helping us create a safe environment for everyone!

## Pick-Up

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we will line up the children at the end of the day for their pick-up, on the same playground they use in the morning for drop-off. If your child is collected at a different time to their sibling(s), we will keep the oldest child in the line until you return. All children will be collected from their line unless they have permission to walk home. This helps us maintain a secure environment and ensure the safety of all children.

Please find flyers attached for your information.

Diary Dates	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Wilfrid's Church – Education Sunday (praying for God's blessing to be on our schools for this coming academic year).
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Meet Headteacher 2:30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Parents' Coffee Morning
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception Reading Meeting at 6pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent Forum – attendance and behaviour 5:30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual Photos (uniform if a PE day for your child)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 to Safety Zone
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y6 Class Worship 9:45am
Week comm. Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' Evening – more information to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Mental Health Day for Young People – everyone, young and old, to wear yellow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y1 Harvest Service in school at 9:45am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Inset Day - <b>children return to school on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Week comm. Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 2:00-3:00pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1 and Y4 Experience Christmas at St Wilfrid's Church 9:15am-11:30am
	Calverton Christmas Light Switch On
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 9:45am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 School Trip Cresswell Craggs
	Christmas Tree Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity pm (time and location TBC)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity at school pm (time TBC)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service 2pm and 6pm at St Wilfrid's Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
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
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Careers Week
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March-2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	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

