



St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

What a gorgeous final two weeks of the term we've had. Nativities, Carol Concerts, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner Day, the Christmas Fair – all things Christmas! I am so blessed. I said it throughout all the concerts, and I genuinely mean it: thank you.

Thank you for your generous Christmas donations made across our Nativity performances and Carol Services. We are delighted to share that a total of £255.52 was raised, which will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

If you would like us to consider supporting any charities that are close to your heart, please do let us know and we will pass your suggestion on to our School Council lead, Mrs Noall. We are always proud to raise funds and to lead the way in showing our children how they can make a positive difference.

Once again, thank you for sharing your children with us and for choosing St Wilfrid's as the school to walk alongside you as you raise them. Thank you for trusting us with their education, their character and the privilege of helping them become the very best versions of themselves.

I am truly lucky to have inherited such a wonderful school community - both the dedicated St Wilfrid's staff, our wonderful PSA and our amazing St Wilfrid's families. On behalf of all the staff and I, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support, gifts, cards and kind wishes over this period.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Special Thank Yous

A huge thank you to Andy Meads for our enormous and beautiful Christmas tree and crackers donated by Gedling Play Forum; to Jim and Kimberley Freestone for the delicious bread rolls we all devoured at the Christmas Fair; to the Cliftons for the wonderful selection boxes; and to the PSA for all their hard work at an already busy time. Your generosity and support for the school are so very much appreciated. A special thank you to Flo who did an incredible job in decorating the Grotto for Santa this year.



Thank you to Mrs Cusick for the gorgeous and thoughtful gift she gave to each classroom - a true reflection of how we feel about your children when we welcome them into school every day!

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



Darcy participated in her Dance presentation and achieved the highest grade – excellent work Darcy.



Isabelle took part in her first dance and baton competition yesterday and was fantastic! She received two medals for her dances and then won her age group! We were so incredibly proud of her! Can't wait to see what she'll do next! This is a brilliant achievement Isabelle.



Alicia received player of the week from her football coach at Lowdham Colts. Super work Alicia.

The final week of swimming competitions for the calendar year took place in Worksop at the Bassetlaw Jingle Bells Open Meet. Benjamin, having just finished four gruelling weeks of Calverton and Bingham Club Championships, won two golds, three silvers and one bronze, improving on all his Personal Bests and finishing the year with 13 out of 14 County Qualifying times. It's going to be a busy start to next year with 13 races at next month's Nottinghamshire ASA County Championships. In the last month, he has done



two 200m Butterfly events, which Benjamin described as the hardest swimming event he has ever done! In his first attempt, he set a 14-year-old County Qualifying time by more than 3 seconds, then on the second attempt smashed his PB by 11 seconds and got an 18-year-old County Qualifying time by 7 seconds! Watch this space for Brisbane 2032! Great work Ben!!



Matilda has worked very hard at home to complete an extra Rainbows badge about mental wellbeing. She received a special award for completing 2 badges within the same theme.



Joseph has blown us away with his stamina in swimming, completing his 200m last week! That's an incredible achievement Joseph.

We are so proud of Elizabeth and Felicity for performing in the 'Christmas is Coming' choral concert at the Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Their singing was phenomenal and filled the beautiful venue. What super stars!



Despite a humbling loss against a very good side, Ben played very well in goal, earning both the Coach's and Parent's player of the match trophies. Opposition parents were full of praise for his bravery, excellent saves and brilliant attitude. Sounds better than a win Ben!



Big well done to Bethany for achieving her 25m breaststroke and Elliott for achieving his 5m breaststroke.





100 Reads

Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 100 reads since September is something to be really proud of. That’s around seven reads every week! Well done, Bryte (one of our Foundation students), and well done to Oliver too for being such a great reading partner and helping your brother along the way. Fantastic teamwork!



School Snacks

To ensure the safety of all our students, St Wilfrid’s is a nut-free school. This policy is in place to protect children with severe nut allergies which can cause life-threatening reactions.

All snacks and lunches brought into school must be free from nuts and nut products.

KS1 (Foundation, Years 1 & 2): All children receive free fruit every day as part of the School Fruit Scheme.

KS2 (Years 3 to 6): Children may bring a small, healthy snack from home, such as plain crackers, rice cakes, veggie sticks, cheese or breadsticks.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you for helping us create a safe environment for everyone.

Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

Here is our initial enrichment programme for the Spring Term. You can find more details about our [enrichment offer](#) on our website. Keep checking as we do continue to add to this offer.

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:

Please use the link to book.

[Multi-Skills](#)

[Basketball](#)

Important Update: School Lunch Menu Changes

We’ve made some changes to our school lunch menu based on pupil feedback, meal choices, and efforts to reduce food waste. Please see the [updated menu](#) attached for details. If your child has specific dietary requirements or allergies, their individual menu will be shared with you directly when we return in January.

We’re also delighted to share that our kitchen team has achieved an outstanding 5-star rating following a recent unannounced spot-check from Environmental Health.

Voluntary Contributions for Trips and Visits

At St Wilfrid's, we are proud to offer a rich programme of trips and visits that form a vital part of our culture of opportunity. These experiences significantly enhance our pupils' Outstanding personal development. While contributions for these activities are voluntary, we want to be open with families: many of these trips are currently running at a loss. Sadly, this is not sustainable, and without sufficient contributions, we may be forced to reduce the number of future visits – which would be a great loss to our pupils.

We want to reassure you that no child will ever be excluded from a trip due to financial reasons. If you're unable to contribute, please do speak to us in confidence. You may also be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which not only supports your child directly but also helps the school cover the cost of trips and visits.

We are incredibly proud of the opportunities we offer our children and deeply value your continued support in helping us maintain them.

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!

Careers and Aspirations Week – Still Spaces Available!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already volunteered for Careers and Aspirations Week (w/c 26th January). We're delighted to say we already have a number of exciting workshops booked in!

However, we do still have some spaces to fill and would love to hear from more parents, carers and friends of the school who might be able to get involved. If you have an interesting job, career path or life journey to share, your experience could really inspire our students.

Workshops are around 40 minutes (give or take) and we're very happy to tailor sessions to different year groups, formats, and schedules - whether that's a practical activity, a talk about your career journey or a Q&A with the children.

If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please do get in touch.

Your support makes a huge difference and we'd love to welcome as many voices and experiences as possible during Careers Week.

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 (01 Dec 2025 - 05 Dec 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.00%	93.67%	96.67%	97.42%	96.67%	95.67%	94.67%	96.26%

Session Attendance Summary (08 Dec 2025 - 12 Dec 2025)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.00%	98.00%	96.67%	98.39%	92.67%	100%	98.33%	97.16%

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 5 th January	Children return to school
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

