

A Note from Miss Cousin

It's been another packed two weeks at school! Pupils have thrown themselves into a wide range of activities, from athletics and badminton to taking part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch. We were delighted to host a Reading Café and an inspiring Careers Week, offering insights into 18 different career paths and jobs. We also enjoyed a lovely visit to Springwater Lodge for National Puzzle Day, where pupils shared a jigsaw and a biscuit with residents, while Year 3 stepped back in time during Romans Day at Southwell Minster. The saying is most definitely true: *"Time flies when you're having fun!"*

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 'Respect'.*

Feeling Proud



We are proud of the achievements our children make outside of school and the skills and values they show. It's wonderful to see these recognised by the wider community, whether by parents or coaches and it's an absolute pleasure to celebrate them during our Celebration Worship.



Nathan was very happy to complete his Stage 4 swimming and was extremely proud to be named Man of the Match at his recent football game. He is also very proud to officially be a Cub after being invested into the Calverton Cub Pack. So much to be quite rightly proud of.

We wanted to share Olivia and Percy's recent successful appearance in the sleeping beauty pantomime performed by Bingham Musical Theatre company in collaboration with Bingham School of Dance where they both study. They were gorgeous gift giving fairies and went on stage in front of a full audience. We are so proud of them. They did a fantastic job!



Evelyn passed her Level 2 swimming this week and was very proud to share her achievement with the school. She is very happy to be starting Level 3 swimming. Excellent work Evelyn.

a real life-skill.

Evie achieved her 25m badge. Excellent achievement Evie –



Mia recently got a swimming award for 5 meters front crawl. Wonderful news Mia!

Another man of the match award for Nathan this week. This time voted for by the parents. Well done Nathan – acting out the school values outside of school and being noticed for it!



Matilda has been a very busy bee recently! She has achieved her 10m front crawl and her first gymnastics rosette after starting just a few weeks ago. Wonderful news Matilda!

We are so, so proud of Joseph for his incredible swimming, achieving his 400m badge! I'm not surprised – that's an incredible achievement so young!



100 Reads



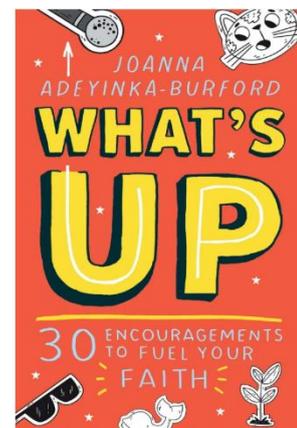
Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 100 reads since September is something to be really proud of. That's around seven reads every week! Well done, Frank, Henry, Noah, Autumn, Maggie, Millie, Thea and a **huge 150** reads for Oskar. Amazing work!



World Book Day



We are delighted that CBeebies TV presenter, Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, will be joining us for a special World Book Day assembly on Wednesday 4th March. Joanna has written an exciting faith-based children's book, titled 'What's Up: 30 encouragements to fuel your faith'. Not only that, Joanna will also be signing copies for children on the day who have pre-ordered a book - an opportunity not to be missed! **To order your signed copy of the 'What's Up' book, please put £10 cash in an envelope labelled with your child's name, year group and titled 'What's up'. This needs to be handed in to school no later than Wednesday 11th February.**



Careers Week

Over the course of the week, the children took part in 18 inspiring workshops led by a wide range of professionals, including elite athletes, bankers, designers, dancers, cabin crew, physiotherapists, librarians, builders, engineers, celebrities, bus drivers, illustrators and authors, police dog handlers, and property developers – and that's just to name a few.

The variety was incredible and truly showed the children just how many different career paths are open to them, including many they may never have known existed. By the end of their primary journey with us, our pupils will have been exposed to over 100 different jobs and career pathways – something that is truly exceptional in a primary school setting.

As I always say, children can only aspire to be what they can see, and Careers Week plays a vital role in opening their eyes to a world of possibilities.

Great Athletes

We were thrilled to welcome two incredible athletes to our school to kick-start Careers Week! We had a circuit-style workout together and then Amy Smith shared her story and inspired our children with an amazing talk about dedication, resilience, and chasing dreams.

A huge thank you to our parents and carers - your support makes experiences like this possible. Your sponsorship is so gratefully received and will go towards new PE and playtime equipment, exactly what our children have

been asking for!

If you want to catch up, see the highlights from the day [here](#).

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!

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 (12 Jan 2026 - 16 Jan 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.55%	99.67%	99.33%	98.28%	95.33%	98.33%	97.00%	97.79%

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.

And guess what? We are delighted to share some fantastic news about Autumn Term's attendance at St Wilfrid's. Our overall attendance stood at 96.9%, placing us 1st out of 21 similar schools and in the top four highest-performing schools for attendance. This means we are well above both local and national averages and we have also seen a strong improvement compared to last year. The report highlights particular strengths on Thursday and Friday afternoons, where attendance is higher than all comparable schools. These results reflect the commitment of our pupils, families and staff in making every school day count - thank you for your continued support.



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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 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
Monday 9th February	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Fencing – PE Kit
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	F2 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 – Thurs 2 nd 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 – Golf – 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 – Quidditch – PE Kit
Week Comm Monday 29 th June	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



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Books & Babble

An invitation to join our half-termly open evening for any members of school staff interested in keeping their knowledge of children's literature up to date!

Pop by to browse our collection and find out about recently published books.

Upcoming dates:

Join us between 2.30pm-5.30pm

- Tuesday 2 December 2025
- Thursday 5 February 2026
- Tuesday 17 March 2026
- Thursday 23 April 2026
- Tuesday 23 June 2026

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