

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

Another Busy Fortnight at School!

These past couple of weeks have been full of energy and opportunity. Our term's school disco theme has been *Agape Love*—a special kind of love that is unconditional, selfless, and focused on putting others first. For our children, this means choosing to be kind, caring, and helpful to everyone, even when it's challenging, and without expecting anything in return. Thanks to the PSA, £440 was raised for the school, which will go towards supporting next year's activities and resources.

From fencing lessons to NSPCC Number Day, internet safety sessions, and more, the children have fully embraced the culture of learning and opportunity we strive to provide. While this week is Children's Mental Health Week, due to our packed schedule, we will officially celebrate this later in the year.

A standout moment was the incredible worship led by our Anti-Racism Committee (ARC). Their inspiring work has earned them an invitation to lead a presentation and worship at the upcoming Listen Up Conference - a truly fantastic achievement!

Every decision I make and every conversation I have is guided by what is best for our students, while also supporting our wonderful staff team. Like many of you, I juggle work, family and life's many responsibilities and I do my best to balance these each day. While I may not always see every situation exactly as you do, I always listen, care and value your perspective. As the professional in each situation, I am fortunate to be able to see things from multiple angles. And as I shared when I first started in this role, if I ever make a mistake, I will always put my hand up and apologise.

Teachers and staff come to work each day with the shared goal of supporting your children. We all have a job to do and sometimes that means making tough decisions in the moment. Open, respectful communication is key and I warmly encourage conversations directly with me if you ever have questions or concerns - this helps us work together in the best interest of the children.

Thank you for trusting us to do our jobs with care and dedication. Together, we create a positive, supportive and happy school community for our students.

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



Well done to all of our children who continue to achieve great things outside of school - we are so proud of you! A special congratulations also goes to our Handwriters of the Week. Keep up the fantastic work!



Teddy was awarded Manager's Player of the Match for the recent U9s Calverton vs Ravenshead derby! His coach expressed how Teddy has been carving a solid defence in all the games they've recently played and it's now paying off. He has since been nicknamed "Rock Steady Teddy" and is a joy to watch. Amazing news Teddy – so lovely to read!



Well done to Harry who got Man of the Match, Cub of the week and passed his Bronze Gymnastics Certificate all in the same week!



After coming 3rd in the cross-country race at Gedling, Theo was asked to run for the County at Worksop on Sat 31st Jan. There were around 80 runners in Theo's race who were a mixture of years 5 and 6. The race was 1500m. Theo came 12th and as far as we know 1st in his year. We are incredibly proud of his determination, sportsmanship and drive. Thank you, Theo, for representing our school so brilliantly – not just in outcome but in character too!



Ava won player of the match at football training. Amazing Ava, you've clearly shown our values in action! Well done.

Flo came runner up at Bingham penguins in the young competitive swimmer category and won a trophy for it. Excellent work Florence – we're proud of you!



100-150 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 Nora, Charlie, Isabelle and Isla and a **huge 150** reads for Henry, Oscar and Holly . Amazing work!



Recognising 25 Years of Service



Huge congratulations to Mrs McCoulough on 25 years of dedicated service in education. This long service award is a true reflection of her hard work, commitment and the lasting impact she has made on countless students over the years. Wishing her many more successful years in teaching.

After-School Club

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After School SPORTS CLUB
FOR AGES 4-11

MONDAY KS1 UNTIL 4:30PM THURSDAY KS2

TENNIS IMPROVES FITNESS, COORDINATION AND MOTOR SKILLS

Why Join
EACH SESSION IS DELIVERED BY A FULLY VETTED SPORTS COACH WHO HOLDS UP-TO-DATE ENHANCED DBS CLEARANCE AND FIRST AID TRAINING, ENSURING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND CARE.

We are excited to offer a fun and engaging After School Tennis Club for pupils of all abilities. Our sessions provide a safe, supportive environment where children can learn new skills, stay active, and build confidence through sport. Sessions cost £5.25 per week - Block bookings only

For more information:
Call: 07581198835 or email admin@acesportscoaching.co.uk

www.acesportscoaching.co.uk

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

Upcoming Sessions:

- 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.

[Monday KS1](#)

[Thursday KS2](#)



Having trouble getting a good night's sleep?

The National Sleep Helpline is a free service that gives practical advice for parents and families struggling with sleep — whether it's your child's bedtime routine or your own sleep. Trained advisors can offer tips, support, and guidance to help everyone in the family rest better.

Call: 03303 530 541

Times: Monday–Thursday mornings (9–11am) & Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings (7–9pm)

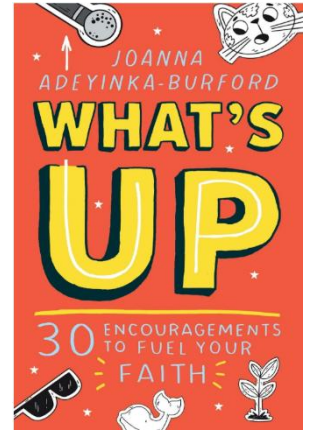
Find out more: thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline

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'. Joanna will be signing copies of her book for children who have pre-ordered. There may also be a chance to purchase a signed copy on the day, so if you missed the pre-order, **you might want to send your child with £10 on the day just in case they'd like a copy**. This is a wonderful chance to meet a talented author and enjoy a truly inspiring World Book Day experience!



Great Athletes

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our *Great Athletes* sponsorship event! Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £2,206.00. After deducting the pupil fee, 60% of the funds will be invested in enhancing our PE lessons and playtime sports equipment which equates to **£1,056**. This will help the children make the most of being back out on the school field in Spring 2. Thank you once again for your fantastic support. *Great Athletes* will be sending out the children's gifts shortly and these will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

Calverton Village Get-Together – Sunday 17th May 2026

Join us on the Labray Field for this year's Calverton Village Get-Together! The theme for 2026 is "Mythical Creatures." We can't wait to see Unicorns, Pegasus, Fairies, Elves, Pixies, Dragons, Gnomes and Goblins!

Supporting Team Ted – Big Walk 2026



I had the privilege of teaching Ted's older brothers during their time at Sir John Sherbrooke. Their family is now taking on an incredible challenge in Ted's memory: The Little Ted Foundation Big Walk 2026.

From 5th-9th April 2026, Team Ted will walk 135 miles between the two hospitals that cared for Ted, raising funds to support families facing childhood serious illness and bereavement.

The Little Ted Foundation provides much-needed financial help and restorative breaks for families during unimaginably difficult times. If you would like to learn more about the walk or support Team Ted in any way, you can find details via their [JustGiving page](#). Even sharing their story helps keep Ted's legacy of kindness and love alive.

Team Ted – Whole School Walking Challenge

In the week before Team Ted begin their 135-mile walk from QMC Hospital to Great Ormond Street, our pupils will work together to match that distance by completing **135 laps of the school field**. Across the week, each class will complete around **19 laps**, which is approximately **4 laps per day, per class**.

This challenge is a wonderful opportunity to promote physical activity, teamwork and kindness, while helping to raise money for a charity that supports families with critically ill children and those who have experienced bereavement.

Children may wish to collect small **sponsorships or donations which they can bring in to school on Friday 27th March** or you can make online donations [here](#). Please note that support is completely optional. We'll be tracking our progress in school and celebrating every lap completed. Thank you for supporting us as we walk together to make a difference.

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! If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, apply online [here](#).

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 (26 Jan 2026 - 30 Jan 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	92.67%	97.00%	100%	94.33%	95.67%	95.67%	93.79%	95.60%

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Attendance	94.33%	96.67%	99.00%	98.00%	94.00%	97.67%	97.59%	96.75%

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](#).



Diary Dates 2025-26	
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
Sunday 17th May	Calverton Village Get Together
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
Wednesday 10th July	Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th July	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 15th July	Y1 White Post Farm
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



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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!

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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

Education Library Service, Inspire HQ,
Glaisdale Parkway, Nottingham, NG8 4GP.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Monday 16th February, 10.30am - 3pm at Southwell Minster

As part of the **Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity** join us at half term for some family fun with a science theme.

All welcome, no need to book.

Free entry - donations invited.

Experiments, games, crafts and activities.

Refreshments available.

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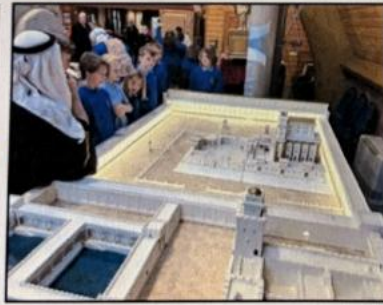




Southwell Methodist Church
Prebend Passage, Westgate, Southwell
Nottinghamshire
NG25 0JH

Thursday 5th March 5:00-9:00pm
Friday 6th March 5:00-9:00pm
Saturday 7th March 9:30-3:00pm

All Welcome!



Event Sponsored by:
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For more information visit:
www.southwellchurchestogether.org.uk



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If you live in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire and have a school-aged child who has missed a vaccination you can make a free appointment for one of our catch up sessions.

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 0333 358 3397 option 4
 followed by option 2



Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Hucknall Family Hub (Ashfield Family Hub) Broomhill Road, Nottingham NG15 6AJ
Monday 16th February 2026	10am-4pm	Chilwell Family Hub Great Hoggett Drive, Chilwell NG9 4HQ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Intrahealth Unit 2A East Bridgford Business Park, Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, NG13 8PJ
Tuesday 17th February 2026	10am-4pm	Retford Family Hub Spa Lane, Retford DN22 6EA (Car Park on New Street)
Wednesday 18th February 2026	10am-4pm	Arnbrook Family Hub Home Close, off Bestwood Lodge Dr, Arnold NG5 8NE
Thursday 19th February 2026	10am-4pm	Mansfield Woodhouse Family Hub Swan Ln, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield NG19 8BT
Friday 20th February 2026	10am-4pm	Nottingham High School Waverley Mount, Nottingham, NG7 4ED

Scan the QR code for more information and a full list of clinics:



Bandwise 2026

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Workshop Day: Saturday 18th April
Concert: Sunday 26th April

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Workshop Day: Sunday 19th April
Concert: Sunday 26th April

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