

# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

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

### A Note from Miss Cousin

It only feels like yesterday that we welcomed everyone back and already the Spring term is drawing to a close! What a busy and exciting couple of weeks it has been: our pupils have shone at the Cross Country Family of Schools event, presented confidently at the [Listen-Up Conference](#) and welcomed Year 3 parents and carers for Meet and Eat. They explored the Easter story at St Wilfrid's Church, enjoyed Bee Netball at NGHS and took part in a Passover-themed worship led by Riverside Church. On top of that, they tried new experiences with archery tasters and showed off their creativity for Crazy Hair Day in aid of Red Nose Day. With Year 2 soon leading the church worship on the Easter story, it's wonderful to see the culture of opportunity thriving across every year group. We can't wait to welcome you at Parents' Evening, where Vertas will share samples of the new menu and we'll introduce new content as part of the RSE statutory curriculum.

### 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 'Faith'.*

### Feeling Proud



We are delighted to celebrate the children who have earned a place in the Golden Box this week. This recognition reflects not only their excellent work but also their fantastic attitude towards learning. They have shown great effort, enthusiasm, and a willingness to challenge themselves - qualities we are incredibly proud of. Well done to each and every one of you for setting such a positive example in our school community. Keep up the brilliant work!

Flo swam continuously for a massive 20 lengths of a 25m pool raising over £45 pounds for her disability swimming club, Bingham penguins! This was a massive effort as previously she had only ever swam 4! Amazing work Flo.

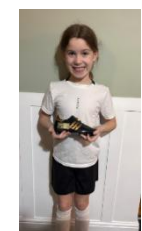


Isla has passed her stage one swimming – well done Isla, excellent achievement! Just keep swimming!



Georgia and Harriet have gained a 600 day streak on Duolingo, learning French ready for our move to live in France. That means they've completed a French lesson every day for 600 days. Très bien girls – excellent achievement!

Gracie completed her Stage one swimming and also got her 5 meters on her front. Well done Gracie, keep up the great work.



Charlotte has recently started to play football and has joined a group that ranges from year 4 to 6 and is loving it. Whilst she is new to playing, she's confident and resilient in her performance (even against the older more experienced girls!). This was recognised this week with her receiving player of the week! Well done Charlotte – all really proud of you!



Both Ashton and Hudson climbed up to Mam Tor in Derbyshire on our weekend holiday. We started off at Castleton village, and did a 6 mile/ 3 1/2 hours circuit with an elevation gain of 414 meters to the summit. They both worked so hard with determination and did both of us proud that day, they worked as a team with plenty of breaks and snacks. Hudson is still only 4yrs old and just amazed us both. Well done boys!



Well done to Harriet and Violet who recently performed in Alice in Wonderland at the Bonington Theatre. It was a fantastic show and they both did a brilliant job - we're very proud of them!



Eddie achieved his first ever 25m badge for backstroke. We are very proud of him! Well done Eddie.

### 100-150 Reads



Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 100-150 reads since September is something to be really proud of. Well done to everyone who has achieved this milestone. That's around seven reads every week! Amazing work!



### Lent Challenges

Thank you to Freddie in Foundation for the biscuits! We really appreciated them.

### Road Safety

It's disappointing to hear reports of children scooting down Renals Way in the middle of the road! While it may seem like harmless fun, it presents a very real safety risk - both to the children and to drivers who may not expect to encounter them. It only takes a moment for something to go wrong. We have already addressed this, but we also ask parents and carers to speak with their children and make sure they are using pavements or other safe, designated areas. The road isn't a place for this kind of activity. A bit of awareness now can help prevent a serious incident.

### 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**. **PLEASE BRING TRAINERS EVERY DAY!**

Children may wish to collect small **sponsorships or donations which they can bring in to school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March in a labelled envelope** 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.

### S Club Request: Help Us Add Some Colour to Summer!

S Club is getting ready for a fun Tie-Dye activity as part of our Summer Playscheme and we'd really appreciate your help.

If you have any light-coloured children's T-shirts at home that your child has outgrown, please consider sending

them in. White or pale T-shirts work best for tie-dye. All sizes are welcome, as long as they are clean and suitable for crafting.

Using pre-loved T-shirts means the children can get creative turning them into bright, colourful designs while also helping us reuse clothing and reduce waste.

Tie-dye is always a favourite activity and the children love taking home something they've made themselves. Thank you for your support.

### 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!

### 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 (02 Mar 2026 - 06 Mar 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.33%	98.33%	97.67%	98.33%	97.24%	94.33%	96.00%	97.32%

Session Attendance Summary (09 Mar 2026 - 13 Mar 2026)

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Attendance	96.67%	96.67%	96.67%	96.67%	93.33%	94.33%	98.33%	96.10%

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	
Week Comm 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening <b>Team Ted – Whole School Walking Challenge</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Class photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9:45am Year 2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break-up for Easter
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – <b>Golf</b> – PE Kit
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Y2 Partake Knights and Castle Life</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y5 Reading Cafe
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	F2 Field Farm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>David Attenborough's Birthday – picnic at lunchtime for parents and carers. Letter to follow</b>
Week Comm 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Partake Ancient Egyptians Day 3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Calverton Village Get Together</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Trip to Nottingham Trent University
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9:45am Year 1 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church DISCO
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break-up for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Colour Run
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	F2 Meet and Eat
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Reading Cafe
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – <b>Quidditch</b> – PE Kit
Week Comm Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production TBC
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	9:45am Year F2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
<b>Week Comm 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – info TBC</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y1 White Post Farm</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>PLAYSCHEME</b>



# FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES!

**CALVERTON VILLAGE HALL, CALVERTON**

**HAF Funded Holiday Club for Children in**  
**Receipt of Benefits Related**  
**Free School Meals**  
**7th - 10th April 2026**  
**Ages 4+**  
**8am-5pm club hours**  
**with flexible arrival & collection**  
**Includes Meals & Snacks, Sports,**  
**Games, Arts & Crafts, Egg hunt,**  
**Special Guests 'Ace Science School'**  
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# Happy Weekend

Everyone

*Take the time to do what you love to do this weekend.*



**BE ON YOUR GUARD;  
 STAND FIRM**  
*in the faith;*  
**BE COURAGEOUS;  
 BE STRONG**

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**Lowdham Horticultural Society Spring Show**

**Are you aged 16 and under? Have a go and enter our classes for Young People**

**Bring your entries to Lowdham Village Hall on Sunday 12th April from 9.30 - 11.30am**

**Judging at 11.45am Prize for every entry**

**5 Years and Under**



**Cress grown in a decorated yoghurt pot**



**3 decorated digestive biscuits**



**A handprint picture**

**6-11 years**



**A cardboard tube animal or insect**



**3 rock cakes own recipe (judged on appearance and taste)**



**A miniature spring garden in a seed tray**

**12-16 years**



**An original drawing or painting**



**3 pieces of your favourite tray bake**



**An upcycled container of spring flowers and foliage**

**Also - Don't forget to bring your bowl/pot of 'Narcissus Tete Boucle' supplied at the Autumn Festival**

**Lowdham Horticultural Society**

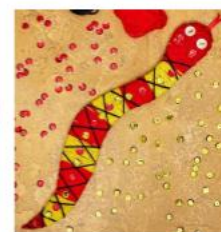
**Spring Show**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 1.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Free Children's Activities**



**Come and join in the fun making and growing**



## Meningitis

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. It can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

## Symptoms

- Sudden onset of high fever
- severe and worsening headache
- stiff neck
- vomiting and diarrhoea
- joint and muscle pain
- dislike of bright lights
- very cold hands and feet
- seizures
- confusion/delirium
- extreme sleepiness/difficulty waking
- a rash that doesn't fade when pressed with a glass.

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently. Early treatment can be life-saving.

# MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

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## MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

## SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

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