



## St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

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*'Learning and Growing Together; Living Life in all its Fullness'*

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear parents/carers,

On **Friday 8th May**, we will be marking a truly special occasion - the 100th birthday of **David Attenborough**.

Sir David has dedicated his life to helping us understand and appreciate the natural world. Through his work, he has inspired generations to be curious, value the planet's beauty and recognise our shared responsibility to protect it. He is celebrated not only for his achievements in broadcasting and conservation, but also for his integrity and compassion - exemplified by his family fostering two Jewish refugee girls through the Kindertransport during the Second World War.

These qualities reflect what we value at St Wilfrid's: learning and growing together, living life in all its fullness, and treating others with kindness, love and respect. Celebrating Sir David's 100th birthday reinforces our commitment to nurturing children who are thoughtful, resilient, curious and ready to make a positive difference in the world.

To mark this historic birthday, we have planned a number of special activities:

### **Sunflower Challenge – "Growing to 100!"**

Each pupil will be given sunflower seeds to plant at home. In honour of Sir David's 100 years, we are challenging every child to try to grow their sunflower to **100cm tall**. We will run this as a friendly home competition and would love families to share updates and photos as they grow!

### **100 Birthday Cards**

Our children will be creating 100 birthday cards to send to Sir David. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to reflect on his work and share their hopes for the future of our planet.

### **Tree Planting – The Attenborough Copse**

As a lasting legacy, we will be planting trees on our school grounds. During our celebration picnic, we will officially unveil this special space, which will be known as **"The Woodland of Wonder."** We hope this area will become a place of reflection, learning and appreciation of nature for many years to come.

**Birthday Picnic – Friday 8th May**

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us on the school field for a **celebratory picnic** to mark Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday. The picnic will take place during lunchtime, starting at **12:00pm**, and will begin with the unveiling of **“The Woodland of Wonder.”**

Children may bring a packed lunch from home or choose a school-provided picnic lunch. Parents are very welcome to bring a picnic and join us - please also bring a picnic blanket.

If your child would like a school picnic lunch, please indicate their preferred sandwich filling on the slip below **by Wednesday 29th April** as we need to place orders in advance.

We apologise to the Year 4 pupils who will have been enjoying their time at Hagg Farm - they will, however, still have their own picnic together at Fairholmes before returning to school!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating this significant milestone together as a school community. It promises to be a joyful and meaningful occasion - one that honours an extraordinary individual while reinforcing the values of St Wilfrid’s.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Lauren Cousin

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**David Attenborough Picnic Lunch – Friday 8th May**

**Child’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

- My child will bring a packed lunch from home.**
- My child would like a school picnic lunch. Please tick one option:**
  - Cheese Sandwich**
  - Ham Sandwich**
  - Tuna Sandwich**
  - Jam Sandwich**

**Please return this slip by Wednesday 29th April.**