

**A Note from Miss Cousin**

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break filled with fun, family time, and a chance to recharge. As we step into the second half of the autumn term, we're delighted to see the bright, eager faces of our pupils back in school, ready to learn, explore, and grow.

This term is packed with wonderful learning opportunities, seasonal activities, and events that will make the weeks ahead both educational and memorable. From exciting classroom learning to preparations for our festive celebrations, there's much to look forward to!

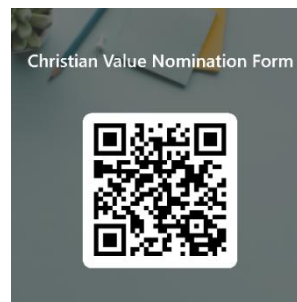
Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's learning journey. Let's make this half term inspiring, productive, and full of joy.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Festival with generous donations. We are especially proud of our Year 1 pupils for their exceptional performance. Their discipline, clear voice projection, expressive acting, and impressive memory of their lines were nothing short of outstanding. They brought the festival to life with confidence and enthusiasm, making it a truly unforgettable event. Well done, Year 1—you showcased your talent and hard work brilliantly!

**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**



Congratulations to all the children for their outstanding achievements showcased during our Golden Box Worship. Your dedication to living out our school values as virtues and producing exceptional work is truly inspiring. Thank you for setting such a positive example and embodying the spirit of excellence every day. Keep shining!



As part of National Burns Awareness Day, the Nottingham Burns and Plastics unit based at QMC published a drawing by Bobby in Year 3. Bobby also did some voiceovers for 'Child Safety Week' during the summer. Well done Bobby an excellent effort in helping raise awareness and keeping others safe!

Noah took part in a Night Owl Scout camp with Scouts. Before setting off at 7pm, he had to work with his team of 4 to plot a route from Calverton to Burton Joyce including a number of checkpoints along the way. Once the team set off, they had numerous tasks to complete including changing a tyre on a tractor and build a working stretcher. His team finished the hike and challenges at 2am when they were then driven back to camp! An amazing experience that Noah took in his stride - he was the youngest of the group on a very cold night showing resilience throughout. Well done Noah!



Joshua has completed stage 5 and got his 100m badge. We are all very proud of you and best of all, you are proud of yourself! Well done Joshua.

Charlotte passed stage 6 in swimming. Charlotte's has shown hard work and determination with her swimming. She continues to rise to the challenges her swimming teacher sets and is constantly developing her skills in the water. Well done Charlotte!



### Kindness Challenge

A big well done to all our wonderful students for their amazing participation in the Kindness Challenge! Your thoughtful actions and kind deeds have truly made a difference, and we couldn't be prouder. From helping friends, sharing smiles, and lending a hand to teachers and family, you've shown what a kind and caring community we have here. It's been heartwarming to hear about all the wonderful things you've done to make others feel valued and appreciated. Keep shining your kindness everywhere you go!

### Uniform

As winter approaches, it's important for all students to be ready for the seasonal uniform adjustments. Here's a quick reminder of key uniform guidelines to keep everyone looking their best:

- Mid grey trousers or shorts, skirt.
- Blue shirt / blouse (long or short-sleeved) and school tie
- Mid grey v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo (purchased from the school office) or without. Unbranded grey alternatives are acceptable
- Black shoes with grey socks or tights.

**Winter Uniform Essentials:** While some students might still opt for shorts, the school tie remains mandatory for all, regardless of uniform variations.

**Labelling:** To avoid any mix-ups or lost items, kindly make sure all clothing including coats, hats, scarves, and gloves—are clearly marked with names

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our school's smart and uniformed appearance! Stay warm and well-prepared for the season ahead.

**Children may come to school wearing correct school PE kit on the day they have PE/Games.** Your child's class teacher will let you know when that is. The PE uniform consists of:

- A white button polo shirt (EYFS and KS1) and 'House' colour polo shirt (KS2)
- Royal blue shorts or tracksuit
- Plimsolls or trainers.

No 'branded' sports-wear or football kit is to be worn to school. If children wish to get changed into running clothes, dance clothes etc for after school clubs, they may bring this kit to get changed in to.

For safety and practical reasons, jewellery is not allowed in school. The only exception is one pair of stud earrings. Please remove earrings at home prior to PE and Games lessons.

Long hair should be tied back (to avoid spreading/catching nits) and nail varnish may not be worn.

**Footwear: Wellies are a must for break and lunchtimes even on PE days. Please ensure they are in school as the children will have to be worn in order to keep our school tidy and safe.**

**Reverse Santa Initiative – A Season of Giving Back!**

This holiday season, our school is excited to participate in the *Reverse Santa* initiative! While this is not compulsory, we encourage students to experience the joy of giving by contributing thoughtful items for donation to local charities. This act of kindness embodies the true spirit of the season - compassion and generosity. If your child takes part, please let us know! We'll celebrate their courageous advocacy and highlight their dedication to making a positive difference in our community. Let's come together to spread joy and hope through this selfless initiative. *Please see the attached flyer for more details!*

**Calling All Parent Coaches! Join Our Sports Club Initiative**

Do you have a passion for coaching and inspiring young athletes? We're excited to announce an opportunity for parents who coach sports to volunteer and lead sports clubs at our school. Whether you're skilled in football, basketball, running, or any other sport, we'd love your expertise to enrich our students' personal development further. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lead lunchtime or after-school sports clubs. Your involvement will help build teamwork, fitness, and a love for sports within our school community.

**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!

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. Thank you for your support as we create a positive school environment.

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	100%	97.67%	98.23%	96.00%	97.24%	94.52%	94.89%	96.94%

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Attendance	97.33%	91.67%	99.31%	94.67%	94.48%	94.19%	93.57%	95.02%



**Follow us on [Instagram](#)**

We are excited to share that our school is becoming more active on Instagram to keep you updated on the latest events, activities, and highlights. As we explore new ways to engage with you on this platform, we appreciate your patience as we navigate permissions and fine-tune our posts. Stay tuned for more, and thank you for your support as we grow our online presence!

**Pupil Free School Meals and Milk:** If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, apply online [here](#).

Diary Dates	
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Autumn Fair at St Wilfrid's Church
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10:30-12pm MHST Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing webinar
Week comm. Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 2:00-3:00pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y4 Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In Need Cake Sale
Week Comm 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Christmas Hamper Donations
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	PSA School Disco   EYFS and KS1 3:30pm-4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:15pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1 and Y4 Experience Christmas at St Wilfrid's Church 9:15am-11:30am Christmas Fair at school Calverton Christmas Light Switch On
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 9:45am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 School Trip Cresswell Craggs

	Christmas Tree Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity pm (time and location TBC)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity at school pm (time TBC)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service 2pm and 6pm at St Wilfrid's Church
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children return to school
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y2 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Careers Week
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March-2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return to school
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photos
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	CFS Induction Day
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> July/Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day

