

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

It's been a fantastic few weeks here at St Wilfrid's. A real highlight was taking part in a Maths Challenge at Nottingham High School with four of our Year 5 pupils, and I'm delighted to share that we came first! What made me smile even more was hearing another team say, "Oh no, St Wilfrid's is here!" Yes, we are and it's clear that our reputation is growing, not just in sport but across all areas of school life, and we're only just getting started! There has been so much to enjoy recently: we've had a brilliant golf enrichment day, hosted a parent forum, welcomed our Year 2 families for a "Meet and Eat," and invited our Year 5 parents into school for a Reading Café. Our Easter Egg raffle was also a great success, raising an impressive £403.36 - a huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this effort. What a great place to be part of - I'm sure you'll agree!

Value Awards

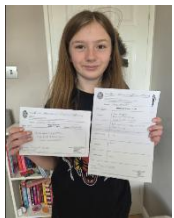
We welcome your nominations for the children to receive any of our Christian Value Awards for living out the value in action: translating the value into a virtue (kindness, love, respect, resilience, faith and joy) through every day actions. Please use our Values Nomination Form, accessible through the 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 'Resilience' (Romans 5:3,4 - Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces resilience; resilience, character; and character, hope.)

Feeling Proud

We're really proud of our children for everything they've been achieving outside



of school. From representing us at events to getting involved in their communities, they've shown fantastic attitude and commitment. It's great to see them living our values through their actions and being such positive role models. Well done to you all!



Darcy took her Dance exams in tap and majorette; she has passed both with the highest grade possible. Well Done Darcy



Over the Easter break the Calverton U10 Lightning Wolf team played in the Silva FC Tournament at the Rushcliffe School in West Bridgford. Captain Logan, Vice Captain Stanley and goalkeeper Ben lead the team through a number of tough quick fire games of only ten minutes per game. Six games in and winning all games bar one they found themselves in the final against a local rival!

With composure and wolf like team work they won the final game and secured the second of two trophies available that day!

A great day was had by all of the players and parents with everyone coming together for the first trophy of the year!



Arthur scored four terrific goals and got man of the match in an 8-4 demolition of Newark.

Congratulations to Elsie for recently completing stage 5 in swimming, Elsie recently had to take a short break from swimming but has just returned to lessons and is doing fabulously! Keeping working hard Elsie we are so proud of you!



A super well done to Edward for competing in his first swimming club championships competition before Christmas, he did amazing and then at the weekend he swam in another gala and was able to beat his personal best times by a solid 8 & 4 seconds! Amazing work Edward, keep doing your best!



Felix received his 10m back stroke in his swimming and his second certificate is him completing his stage 2 group and moving up to stage 3..



Finley has been working incredibly hard in go karting for a while now. He has recently moved from bambino beginner to bambino advanced. Last weekend he managed to absolutely bring his A game to the track, doing some impressive manoeuvres to race, overtake and avoid collisions. Not only did he manage to achieve his personal best lap time on track, he won his first ever race for his engine type. It's been quite the journey for Finley but he has shown commitment and determination, learning the rules, track terminology, showing interest in the mechanics, and supporting his peers. We could not be prouder of him.



Olivia competed in her first gymnastics show this weekend and super proud of her 5th position. Excellent work Olivia!



Charlotte gained her Bronze stage 1 Rookie lifeguard certificate. She's now well on her way to knowing how to safely recognise someone who is in distress in the water and also be able to help them without putting her self in danger. Well done Charlotte for sticking with the change in lesson format and location, we are super proud of you!

Nathan joined his Cub pack at Southwell for the annual St. George's day parade. This year Nathan had an extra job to do. He stood up in front of hundreds of people in Southwell minster and confidently and clearly led all the Cubs from central Notts scouts in renewing their cub promise. Well done Nathan -proud of you.



Frank took part in his first ST George's day parade in Southwell with his Squirrels Dray. He was so smart and did some super marching.

Ava has completed her level 6 swimming including her 200m distance badge.

Mum and Dad are proud of them both, as are we!



150 - 200 Reads



Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 150-200 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!



Sunflower Challenge – Growing to 100!

Our sunflower seeds have now gone home, and we hope you've had a chance to get planting! In honour of Sir David's 100 years, we're challenging every child to grow their sunflower to an impressive 100cm tall. We'd love to hear how everyone is getting on so far. Have your seedlings started to sprout? Are they reaching for the sky yet? This is a friendly home challenge, so please do share your updates and photos as they grow - it's wonderful to see everyone's progress!

"Meredith is quite happy her sunflower seed keeps growing! It's now 15cm tall."

How is yours getting on?



Parent School Association (PSA) – We Need You!

At St Wilfrid's, our PSA plays a vital role in bringing our school community together. Run entirely by volunteers, the PSA raises funds for those "extras" that enhance our children's experience and organises many of the events our families enjoy throughout the year.

This year, many of our current PSA members will be moving on as their children transition to secondary school. As a result, we are now looking to build a new team to continue this important work.

We are currently seeking:

- A Chair (with support and mentoring available)
- A Vice Chair
- A Treasurer
- General committee members and volunteers

Getting involved doesn't have to mean a huge time commitment – every little bit of help makes a difference. Whether you can take on a role or just lend a hand at events, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch via the school office or speak to a current member of the PSA.

Fidget Use Reminder

Please can we remind everyone that fidgets should only be used if they have been approved by OT. Students should not bring in fidgets from home. Instead, they should use the fidgets available in the den, as these are the ones we know are appropriate and won't create unnecessary mess or disruption. Thank you for your support in keeping this consistent across school.

New Award!

We're excited to introduce our Walk, Wheel, Win Award, presented every Friday alongside our attendance certificates. This award recognises the class with the highest number of pupils choosing active travel - walking, cycling or scooting to school. It's a great way to promote health, mental wellbeing and a greener environment. The first certificate will be shared on May 8th. Well done to all our pupils making positive choices each week!

SunSmart Reminder for Parents

As a SunSmart school, we are committed to helping children stay safe in the sun especially as the weather becomes warmer. We kindly ask that all children come to school each day with:

- A sunhat to wear during outdoor activities
- A water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day
- Sunscreen applied before school

These small steps make a big difference in protecting children from the harmful effects of the sun while allowing them to enjoy outdoor learning and play safely. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a SunSmart environment.

Chocolate Spread Sandwiches

A quick reminder that if children bring chocolate spread sandwiches, these should be made with plain chocolate spread only. Please avoid hazelnut spreads (like Nutella or similar) due to allergies in school.

We also encourage these as an occasional treat, as we're supporting healthy, balanced lunchboxes.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Parent Consultation



We are pleased to share that we have recently reviewed and updated our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) provision, in line with current statutory guidance. This ensures our curriculum continues to support pupils in developing healthy, respectful relationships and understanding the world around them in an age-appropriate way.

As part of this process, we have invited parents and carers to take part in our consultation. Your feedback is very important to us and helps ensure our approach reflects the needs and values of our school community.

This consultation has been open since 23rd March 2026 and the questionnaire will remain open until 18th May 2026.

We shared the relevant materials at our recent Parent/Carer Evening and

also held a Parent Forum to discuss the proposals. The notes from this forum can be found [here](#).

The full Draft RSE policy can be found [here](#).

We also welcome your views via our [online feedback form](#), which can be accessed [here](#) or through the QR code.

We encourage all parents and carers to review the materials and share their thoughts before the consultation closes.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Cousin.

Parking on Perkins Lane

Parking on Perkins Lane is designated for residents only. It has been brought to attention that vehicles are sometimes being parked partially on the pavement, which is creating access difficulties. This has unfortunately resulted in limited access for a resident's son who relies on a wheelchair.

We kindly remind all residents to park considerately and ensure pavements remain fully clear at all times so they can be safely used by pedestrians and those with mobility needs.

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 (13 Apr 2026 - 17 Apr 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.33%	98.67%	98.33%	98.00%	95.67%	92.33%	97.67%	97.14%

Session Attendance Summary (20 Apr 2026 - 24 Apr 2026)

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Attendance	98.67%	96.33%	98.33%	96.67%	97.00%	91.33%	96.33%	96.38%

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	
Wednesday 6 th May – Friday 8 th May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Thursday 7 th May	F2 Field Farm
Friday 8 th May	David Attenborough's Birthday – picnic at lunchtime for parents and carers. Letter to follow
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 17 th May	Calverton Village Get Together William Lee Grounds at 10:45am
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	House World Cup Day – PE Kits 9am Music Concert – parents of musicians invited Break-up for half term
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school

Tuesday 2 nd June	The Great St Wilfrid's Bake Off
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
Wednesday 17 th June	Y2 Time Travelling at Southwell Minster
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
Week Comm 6 th July	Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – info TBC
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 10 th July	Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th July	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 15 th July	Y1 White Post Farm
Thursday 23 rd July	Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July – Friday 7 th August	PLAYSCHEME

Notts County Foundation

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB

Every day 9am - 3pm
Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May 2026

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Multi-sports | Themed days | Crafts & activities

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Themed days

Day	Theme
Monday	Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Football
Wednesday	Sports Day
Thursday	Olympics
Friday	Creativity Day

Each day will consist of a mixture of Sports, Games and Craft activities.

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