

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

What another jam-packed couple of weeks we have had!

Our School Council [visited Parliament](#) and the children outdid themselves. Their behaviour was exceptional - I have not experienced anything quite like it. Their listening, engagement, manners and awareness of the public around them was outstanding.

F2 parents joined us for 'Meet and Eat' and Year 6 parents enjoyed our Reading Café.

The children have completed their phonics assessments and multiplication check and Year 6 have taken part in a successful writing moderation.

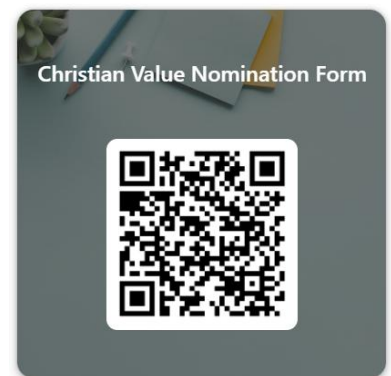
It was also a pleasure to welcome our new September parents in for a meeting.

Year 6 continue their work on the GREAT Project and Year 5 on DAART, thanks to the PSA.

A special thank you also goes to the PSA for funding the [Shakespeare project](#), through which a number of our children performed at Nottingham Playhouse.

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 'Joy' (*John 15:10,11 - If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*)



Feeling Proud



Over the past two weeks, we have enjoyed celebrating not one, but two Golden Boxes and recognising the children's academic successes. It has been a real pleasure to acknowledge their hard work, progress and achievements in such a positive way. We have also celebrated our school values in action. It has been wonderful to see children living out our values of joy, faith, resilience, respect, love and kindness in their daily lives, both in and out of the classroom. These qualities continue to shape a caring and supportive school community, as we strive to live in a way that reflects how Jesus lived.

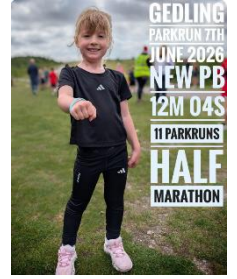
We love celebrating all the amazing things our children get up to outside of school! Whether it's sport, music, dance, clubs or learning a new skill, it's always lovely to share their achievements and celebrate their hard work. Well done to everyone featured this week – we're so proud of you!





Charlotte has successfully gained her Silver skills award badge at gymnastics by demonstrating 8 complex moves including a handspring off the high blocks and front flip on the fast track!

Katie completed her 11th Gedling Junior Parkrun this weekend, achieving her half-marathon distance award. Running with a huge smile all the way around she showed incredible stamina and determination to cross the finish line with a new personal best of 12 minutes and 4 seconds.



We're really proud of Teddy & Jake who attended the YEL awards with their football team Calverton MW Blues, to collect two trophies; 1 for winning their league and 1 for being awarded with the Fair Play Award for the second year! They represented themselves and their football club beautifully, rocking some interesting celebrations, and even met ex-Forest player Marlon Harewood!



Nathan joined his football team at the Royal concert hall on Sunday. The team are champions of the YEL spring league and went up on stage to collect their trophies from Marlon Harewood. Nathan had a great time celebrating! Well done CMW Maroons u9s!



Last weekend Oliver took part in his first Kwik cricket tournament and played fantastically well. But it's not just his talents we're proud of, it's his team spirit, the handshakes at the end of games and being humble and kind to others. He embodies kindness, joy and resilience. Incredible Oliver – so proud of you.



Felix has gained his 10 meter breaststroke tonight at swimming. We are so proud of him and how well he is doing, in such a short space of time in stage 3.



Ethan along with his team, Calverton Minors, winning the league and attending Yell Awards to receive their trophies – excellent work Ethan.



Harvey started in the stage 6/7 group at swimming and on his first night smashed a magnificent 200m swim and moved to the next stage up. A-maz-ing!



Isabelle passed her stage 2 swimming badge this week! Been trying for so long and finally got it! Such a star!



Finley raised £45 for cancer research on 6th June. He ran 5k and did several obstacles including climbing over walls and crawling through mud under nets. He did amazing and is already looking forward to next year.

150 - 250 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!



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive parent and carer feedback. It was so lovely to read so many positive comments about St Wilfrid’s and to hear how much families value our school. Many of you spoke about the caring, welcoming atmosphere, the dedication of our staff and the way children are known and supported as individuals. We were also pleased to hear your appreciation of the wide range of opportunities on offer, our strong sense of community and Christian values and the way children are encouraged to grow both academically and personally. It was especially comforting to read how many children enjoy coming to school and feel happy, safe and confident here. Thank you too for your thoughtful suggestions. We have reflected on all of them and have included responses, as there may be lots happening behind the scenes that families are not always aware of and, of course, we will continue to reflect on them as we develop the school. Thank you for taking the time to share your views and for your continued support of our St Wilfrid’s family. Please find the responses [here](#).

England World Cup Matches – Sleep, Attendance and Learning

We know that England World Cup matches are an exciting occasion for many families. However, a good night's sleep is essential for children's wellbeing, concentration and learning and late nights can have a significant impact on their school day.

With evening kick-offs and celebrations, we kindly ask families to consider the impact on children and ensure they arrive at school on time, well-rested and ready to learn.

Please also be aware that if a child arrives after the school register has closed following a late night watching the football, we are required to record a **U code** in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance. This is classified as an **unauthorised absence** for that session.

Message from Lowdham Book Festival

Lowdham Book Festival is nearly here for the final time! We have three really lovely events for families and would love to welcome you all. Please see [thebookcase](#) for more details!

Saturday 20th June 11.30am – 12.15pm and 2 – 2.45pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham, NG14 7BD

NICKY RAFFERTY - all cheeky monkeys are invited to join our wonderfully inspiring local storyteller Nicky Rafferty for crafts, songs and stories full of mischief, magic and mayhem! A lovely **FREE** fun session for families – suitable for 2 – 7 year olds, but adults also very welcome!

Sunday 21st June 2 - 4pm Lowdham Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham, NG14 7BD

NICK SHARRATT “Hair-larious Haircuts” Join children’s author and illustrator Nick Sharratt for this utterly Hair-larious event! Nick will be sharing his brand new picture book, **Mullets**, and taking a look at the fab hairstyles of characters in other favourite picture books such as **Shark in the Park** and **You Choose**. Come prepared for lots of laughter, plenty of drawing activity and some comb-pletely terrible puns! Suitable for children from 3 - 11 Tickets: £6 per adult, £4 per child (under 3’s free) Book online by using the link below:

<https://www.nottinghambooks.co.uk/product/nick-sharratt-adult-ticket-see-details-in-description/>

<https://www.nottinghambooks.co.uk/product/nick-sharratt-child-ticket-for-details-see-description/>

Friday 26th June 10am The Bookcase Events Space 50 Main Street, Lowdham NG14 7BE

JAMES BROWN Join illustrator James Brown with his new summery picture book *Lola Loves Walkies*. There will be storytelling, a draw-along (lots of different dogs!) and book signing. An event for families Suitable for pre-school children Tickets: £8 per child (accompanying adults and under 2s free)

Box office: The Bookcase 0115 966 4143

Hope to see you!

Jane Streeter and The Bookcase team

Water Safety



We are reinforcing the importance of water safety, following several tragic incidents across the UK. 17 people lost their lives in water-related incidents nationally during the last heatwave, including heartbreaking cases here in Nottinghamshire. These incidents are a stark reminder of how quickly situations around water can turn fatal.

Although the weather may not yet feel like summer, we know that as soon as temperatures rise, young people and families will be drawn to open water. That's why sharing these messages now is so important - before the warmer weather arrives. We would be incredibly grateful if you could support us by sharing the key information below with parents and carers, and reinforce the key messages with your pupils through assemblies. Together, we can help prevent further tragedies.

Stay Safe Around Water

Recent local and national incidents highlight the very real dangers of open water. Whether at rivers, lakes, canals or the coast, cold water and hidden hazards can be life-threatening. The key risks to be aware of are:

- Cold water shock - even in warm weather, UK water is cold enough to cause gasping, panic and loss of control
- Hidden hazards - strong currents, deep water, underwater obstacles and steep banks
- Unpredictable conditions - water levels and flow can change quickly
- Slips and falls - wet edges and unstable ground increase the risk of falling in

Simple advice to share with pupils:

- Avoid entering open water
- Stay well back from the edge, especially around rivers, canals and reservoirs
- Don't take risks - especially for social media

Key reminders for parents:

- Talk to children about water safety
- Supervise closely near water
- Be aware of the risks
- Know where they are and what they're doing

If someone is in trouble:

- Call 999 immediately and ask for the fire and rescue service
- Do not go in after them
- Call for help
- Try to reach or throw something they can hold

[NFCC Advice](#)

[Cold Water Can Kill](#)

[Slips and Trips](#)

[NFRS Advice](#)

Warm Weather Safety



Are you WeatherReady?

Thinking ahead and preparing for what the weather may bring can make a real difference. Here is a simple checklist to prepare yourself, your vehicle and your home or business.

Be ready to get active <input type="checkbox"/> Wear suitable clothing and footwear <input type="checkbox"/> Bring water <input type="checkbox"/> Apply sunscreen	Check your house and garden <input type="checkbox"/> Check roof <input type="checkbox"/> Clear guttering
Take the worry out of summer storms <input type="checkbox"/> Clear drains to avoid blockages <input type="checkbox"/> Store garden items during strong winds	Be prepared for hot weather <input type="checkbox"/> Wear sunscreen and a wide brimmed hat <input type="checkbox"/> Seek shade between 11am and 3pm <input type="checkbox"/> Drink plenty of water
Keep an eye on UV and pollen levels <input type="checkbox"/> Check the forecast <input type="checkbox"/> Stock up on sunscreen and hay fever medicine	Check your vehicle is summer ready <input type="checkbox"/> Top up screen wash, oil and coolant <input type="checkbox"/> Check tyres
Look out for those around you <input type="checkbox"/> Check on neighbours <input type="checkbox"/> Ask if you can help	Have basic supplies to hand <input type="checkbox"/> Key information and phone numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water and medicines <input type="checkbox"/> Torch and spare batteries

www.metoffice.gov.uk/WeatherReady
 Are your friends, neighbours and community WeatherReady for the summer?
 Help them prepare by sharing this checklist or join the conversation online #WeatherReady

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HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

<h2>Heat Exhaustion</h2> <p>Heat exhaustion occurs when the body overheats, but it can cool itself down. It does not usually need emergency medical attention if it cools down within 30 minutes.</p>	<h2>Heatstroke</h2> <p>Heatstroke occurs when the body is no longer able to cool itself down and its temperature becomes dangerously high.</p>
Look for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tiredness, dizziness and/or weakness headache muscle cramps feeling/being sick heavy sweating intense thirst fast breathing high temperature 	Look for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> still unwell after 30 minutes of resting loss of consciousness very high temperature confusion lack of co-ordination fast heartbeat fast breathing or shortness of breath hot skin that is not sweating seizures
Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> move to a cooler place in the shade remove all unnecessary clothing drink a cool drink (not alcohol) cool skin – spray or sponge with cool water stay with them <p>Anyone affected should start to cool down and feel better within 30 minutes.</p> <p>If you are concerned about symptoms, or they are worsening, contact NHS 111.</p>	Action <p>Heatstroke is a medical emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dial 999 and then try to cool them down move to a cool place remove all unnecessary clothing cool skin – spray or sponge with cool water put them in the recovery position if they lose consciousness while waiting for help stay with them
<p>In an emergency, or if you think someone has heatstroke, dial 999.</p>	



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Nut-Free Snacks and Packed Lunches

We kindly ask all families to ensure that **all snacks and packed lunches are completely nut-free**, including products such as Nutella sandwiches and any foods containing nuts or nut ingredients.

We have a child in our setting with a severe nut allergy, so it is paramount that we all adhere to this request to help keep every child safe. Please check ingredient labels carefully before packing lunches and snacks.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support in creating a safe environment for all our children.

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 (01 Jun 2026 - 05 Jun 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.00%	99.33%	99.33%	92.67%	93.33%	97.86%	94.00%	96.49%

Session Attendance Summary (08 Jun 2026 - 12 Jun 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	94.33%	98.00%	99.33%	93.33%	97.00%	97.86%	94.00%	96.25%

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.



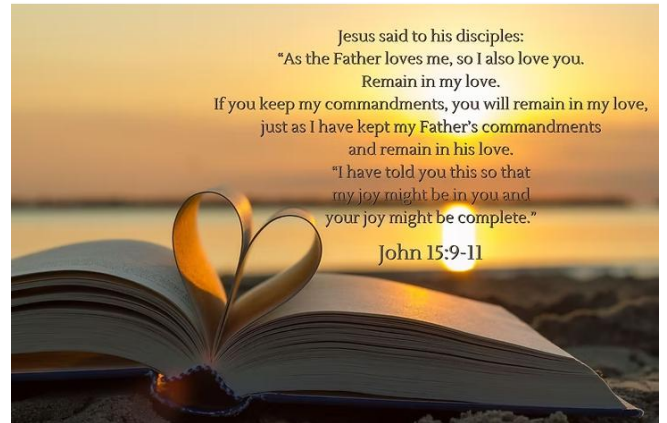
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Please do catch up on all the fun on our [Instagram highlights](#).



Diary Dates 2025-26	
Monday 22nd 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
Tuesday 30 th June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production to KS1 and some parents 2pm Y6 and KS2 Summer Production – 6pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 2 nd July	9:45am Year F2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Friday 3 rd July	Colour Run 1:45-3:15pm (arrive from 1:30pm)
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	F2 and KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9 th July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 10 th July	Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tuesday 14 th – Friday 17 th July	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 15 th July	Y1 White Post Farm
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 "Stepping Out" at Southwell Minster.
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



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6:30 - 8:00PM

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from September 2026

CONTACT **Kelly**
07984077553

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JO O'MEARA'S CLUB PARTY
NATHAN & PENNY K-POP HUNTERS PARTY
MONSTER MOVIE QUIZ
BOOMBOX BOYZ FAIRGROUND
BIGTOP
SOHAN KALEY (JUNIOR)
MOLLY KIDZ TV
PETER PAN SHOW | JUNK JODIE
MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY
PIRATE PANDEMONIUM
SEA-TASTIC | TREE-TACULAR

SATURDAY
vengaboys BLACK LACE LEGEND
DENE MICHAEL
SWIFT & STYLES NICK COPE
THE TRIBUTE SHOW
NATHAN HADLEY | NIGEL CLARKE
PAW PATROL: PUP PUP BOOGIE
PLAYMOBIL RAVE w/ SPARKY
PRINCESS VS SUPERHERO
THE EDI JOHNSTON BIT
DJ RAVIN RAGH | SUBLIME SCIENCE
GREENIES
BEDTIME STORIES
SPECIAL GUESTS
MEET & GREET
MEET CHASE, MARSHALL
SKYE & RUBBLE
CHARACTER.COM
MEET & GREET
Dress: Day-Glo, Sharp & Neon

SUNDAY
PAT SHARP MADDIE MOATE
RANGE THING TWIST & PULSE SPICEWORLD THE TRIBUTE
CLUBLAND REBORN | PINK THE TRIBUTE
STRAIGHT OUT OF OZ
PAW PATROL: PUP PUP BOOGIE
TV PARTY TONIGHT | NIGEL CLARKE
PLAYMOBIL RAVE w/ SPARKY
DJ RAVIN RAGH | SUBLIME SCIENCE
PAW PATROLLER ADVENTURE ZONE
NEW MISSIONS
MEET CHASE, MARSHALL
SKYE & RUBBLE
CHARACTER.COM
GRASS SLEDGING
SKATEBOARDING
TRAMPOLINING
DROP TOWER | PARKOUR
LASER TAG | AXE THROWING

(SATURDAY ONLY) (SUNDAY ONLY)
MADDIE MOATE

RUMI, ZOË & MIRA | NIGEL CLARKE | GILBERT | SUPERHEROS | PRINCESSES | MERMAIDS | PIRATES

Zones & Activities

MYTHIC ADVENTURE DRAGON SHOW
SENSORY AREA
STORY TELLING
MEET AND GREET
CREATIVE PLAY
ASMODEE | DOBBLE
TINY TOTZ
JUNK JODIE
CARRYING WORKS
THE BEACH
MERMAIDS
CHAOS ON THE CORAL
SPLASH YOUR TALENT
GIANT SAND PIT
PUNCH & JUDY

INTO THE WOODS SHERWOOD OUTLAWS
KNIGHTS SCHOOL
MIEVEVAL CAMP
MINI WAR HORSES
LITTLE ADVENTURERS
FOREST SCHOOL
POND DIPPING
DEN BUILDING
MUD KITCHEN

PLAYMOBIL ZONE PLAY TABLES
MEET & GREET
PLAYMOBIL STORE
THE HIVE ACTUAL REALITY
ARCADE
HOP WRESTLING
DRUMMING
GRAFFITI
FAIRGROUND
LINKS SABERS
DJ WORKSHOPS

WHITE POST FARM LITTLE FARMERS CLUB
SCALEY & CREEPY-CRAWLY CLUB
BIRDS OF PREY
MEET THE ANIMALS
CIRCUS ASTRAL CIRCUS
DICE AND BALLS
CIRCUS SKILLS
BALLOON MODELING
DUTCH SKIPPING
WELLBEING PEACEFUL POSSUMS
YOGA
VIP SUBLIME SCIENCE
COOKSTARS
LUXURY LOGS
VIP BAR

GREAT OUTDOORS HILY MAZE
BAMNITON
SWING BALL
GIANT GAMES

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SUMMER NIGHTS | smodee | w | goodies | playmobil | M | Vertu |

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