

## St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

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

### A Note from Miss Cousin

What a busy and exciting couple of weeks it has been! Every time I sit down to write, it seems there's even more to celebrate.

We were delighted to welcome our Year 1 families to our wonderful Meet and Eat event, while our Year 6 pupils successfully completed their Bikeability training with great enthusiasm and determination. Our Year 6 and KS2 children also wowed audiences with a fantastic summer production, showcasing incredible talent, confidence and teamwork, with plenty of moments that surprised and delighted us all.

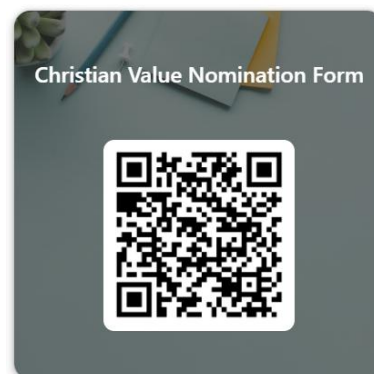
Our F2 children surpassed themselves with their beautiful church worship, bringing smiles and joy to everyone who attended. To round off a memorable few weeks, we enjoyed our brilliant Colour Run – a huge thank you to our PSA for organising such a fun-filled event that brought our whole school community together.

If you missed any of these highlights, be sure to take a look at our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages, where you'll find plenty of photos and updates.



### 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



A huge congratulations to our Golden Box winners and Value Award recipients! Your hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to our school values have truly stood out. You are leading the way both inside and outside the classroom, making a positive impact across our wider community. We couldn't be prouder of you - well done!



Eddie achieved his 25m front crawl award and is now just one badge away from completing Stage 3! Brilliant work Eddie.

Georgie has been awarded her Level 1 in Gymnastics. This means she has mastered tumbling, balancing, and apparatus work across four main events. Well done Georgie, we are super proud of you and your tumbling skills!!



Florence won a gold and silver medal for swimming! The gold was for finishing top in her age and category for 30-minute distance swim and the silver for finishing second in her age and category for a one-hour distance swim. Amazing work Flo!



Matilda has worked so hard and has absolutely whizzed through Stage 3. Her swimming has improved so much, achieving her 25m front crawl. She has now moved to Stage 4/5!

Joseph has absolutely wowed us as he continues to breeze through the stages...achieving Stage 9 and onto Stage 10!



A huge well done to Harvey, who has achieved his 400m badge while only in Year 3! This is a fantastic achievement and reflects all of his hard work and determination. We are so proud of you, Harvey – keep it up!



I would just like to say a huge congratulations to Harriet and Violet for another fantastic performance at the Bonnington Theatre with their group New Youth Theatre. Violet was an amazing toddler Moana and Harriet performed beautifully as the main ocean.



Congratulations to Harriet on achieving her 400metres swimming badge this week. We are very proud, well done!

**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!

## Our very own Mrs Munden is stepping up for a fantastic cause this summer!



Mrs Munden is taking on the Diabetes UK One Million Step Challenge, aiming to walk one million steps to raise money for Diabetes UK and support the 5 million people in the UK living with diabetes. Did you know that someone in the UK is diagnosed with diabetes every two minutes? Diabetes UK is working to create a world where diabetes can do no harm by funding life-changing research and providing vital support for those living with the condition. Every donation, no matter the size, will help make a difference. If you'd like to support Mrs Munden on her challenge, please consider making a donation [here](#). Thank you for helping her take every step towards a healthier future

## Staff Questionnaire

We are delighted to share the outcomes of our recent [Staff Questionnaire](#). The results were overwhelmingly positive and reflect what we experience every day at St Wilfrid's – a happy, supportive and highly committed team working together to provide the very best for our children.

Staff reported very high levels of pride in working at the school, strong feelings of support from leaders and colleagues and a shared commitment to ensuring pupils are safe, well cared for, and able to thrive. Responses also highlighted a positive school culture where children are encouraged to achieve their best, behave well and grow within a calm, nurturing and aspirational environment.

We are especially proud that staff consistently described St Wilfrid's as a caring, respectful and well-led school where wellbeing is valued and everyone works together as one team. The feedback reflects the dedication, kindness and professionalism of our staff and the strong sense of community that underpins everything we do. We would like to thank our staff for their continued hard work and commitment – their passion and care make St Wilfrid's such a special place for our children to learn and grow.

## Hot Weather

<https://just-schoolwear.co.uk/product/plain-royal-baseball-cap/>

## Summer Reading Challenge – Calverton Library



We are very excited here at Calverton library to let you know that we will be hosting the Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat!' It launches on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July and will run for the whole of the school holidays. The challenge encourages children to come to the library and choose 6 books or reading challenges and collect rewards along the way! This year we have a musical theme and will also be holding lots of activities during the holidays for the children to drop in and join in with. Please let Miss Cousin know if you take part so we can celebrate in school.

## Pupil Questionnaire

We are delighted that the recent [Pupil Questionnaire](#) reflects such positive views of life at St Wilfrid's, with 97% of pupils saying they feel safe at school, 98% saying they enjoy learning and 98% saying they would recommend our school to a friend. As always, we carefully consider every response, including the small number of pupils who shared less positive experiences. Their views are incredibly important to us and help shape our ongoing improvement work. We will continue to provide targeted pastoral support where needed, strengthen classroom behaviour and engagement, ensure every child is appropriately challenged in their learning and work closely with individual pupils so that every child feels happy, safe, listened to and able to flourish as part of our school family.

## Parking Reminder

Parking on Perkins Lane is for residents only. We also ask everyone to avoid parking on the pavements, as this can block access for wheelchair users, people with pushchairs and those with mobility difficulties. Keeping pavements clear helps ensure everyone can use them safely and easily. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

## **New Diary Dates for 2026–27**

Thank you to everyone who has shared feedback regarding the timing of our events and activities throughout the year. We have listened carefully to parent feedback and, wherever possible, have mixed the days of the week on which events take place to provide greater flexibility for families.

As with all school planning, there are occasionally circumstances beyond our control that mean some events must remain on specific days. However, we have made every effort to vary dates where possible.

Please **see below for our new diary dates for the 2026–27 academic year**. You can also manage your diaries through the [calendar on the website](#).

## **Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Opportunity**

Lowdham under 12s girls football team are seeking new players for the next season starting end of July.

We train on a Tuesday at 6pm in Lowdham or Calverton in winter.

Its 20 pounds per month, great fun and a new skill to learn whilst keeping fit. Making new friends and being part of a fantastic team. The girls are all friendly and welcoming.

If interested contact Steve the coach on email:

[Deb.steve4@btopenworld.com](mailto:Deb.steve4@btopenworld.com)

## **England are through to the Round of 16!**

England's next World Cup match kicks off at **1:00am on Monday 6 July**. While we know many families will be cheering the team on, this is a very late start for our primary-aged children.

Our advice is to record the match or enjoy the highlights together the following day. Please remember that any lateness or absence related to watching the football will **not** be authorised.

Let's hope we're celebrating an England win and good attendance.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping our children arrive at school well rested and ready to learn.

## **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 – IMPORTANT NEW INFO!**

The Government has announced that from September 2026, all children in England whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal each day, regardless of household income.

### **What is changing?**

At the moment, families must earn less than £7,400 per year (after tax, not including benefits) to qualify for benefits-related free school meals.

From September 2026, this income limit will be removed for families receiving Universal Credit, meaning more children will be eligible.

### **When will this start?**

This change will begin at the start of the 2026–27 school year in September 2026.

### **Do I still need to apply?**

Yes. You must apply for Free School Meal entitlement, it isn't automatic. You can do this using the following link:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

### **My child already receives free school meals – do I need to do anything?**

No. If your child already receives benefits-related free school meals (not Universal Infant FSM), your eligibility will be checked automatically.

### **What if my child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a free meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

However, it is still very important that you apply if you receive Universal Credit, because:

- The school may receive additional funding to support your child
- It helps ensure continued eligibility when your child moves into Year 3

### 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 (15 Jun 2026 - 19 Jun 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	86.33%	90.33%	97.33%	91.67%	95.67%	98.57%	97.33%	93.85%

Session Attendance Summary (22 Jun 2026 - 26 Jun 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.00%	93.67%	93.67%	87.00%	89.33%	95.36%	97.33%	93.17%

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 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – info TBC
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	F2 and KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole-School Rugby Taster (free) PE Kits
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 White Post Farm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 "Stepping Out" at Southwell Minster.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	PLAYSCHEME

Diary Dates 2026-27	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Children return to school
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome Back Tea and Catch-Up with Miss Cousin
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 Visit to Creswell Crags



Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Safety Zone
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Capoeira Workshop
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10am(ish)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Enrichment Taster Day – Volleyball (PE Kits)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y6 Reading Café
Week Comm 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Meet and Eat
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 Church Worship – Harvest at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Children return to school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Church Worship – Remembrance at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Meet and Eat
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y4 Visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Enrichment Taster Day – Boccia (PE Kits)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation (F2) Nativity 2:30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church 2pm and 6pm Foundation (F2) and KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Week Comm 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Off By Heart Poetry Heats (in classes)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school Young Voices (Choir) - Birmingham
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	F2 and KS1 Nottingham Playhouse Cinderella @ St Wilfrid's School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Off By Heart Poetry Finals 9-11am(ish)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Enrichment Taster Day – Curling (PE Kits)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y5 Reading Café
Week Comm. 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Careers Week
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y4 Meet and Eat
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Reading Café
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Children return to school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Breakfast with Books
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Reading Café
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair Arrives

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Enrichment Taster Day – Nerf Games (PE Kits)
Week Comm 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Church Worship –Easter at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am Last Day Book Fair Collected
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Reading Café
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Week Comm 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Enrichment Taster Day – Tchoukball (PE Kits)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	F2 Reading Café
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Partake – Ancient Egyptians
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Meet and Eat
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Reading Café
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Partake - Mayans
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	F2 Meet and Eat
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Enrichment Taster Day – Lacrosse (PE Kits)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production - 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y1 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	F2 and KS1 Sports Day CFS Transition Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	CFS Transition Day In-school Class Transition Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service at 2pm Last Day
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day



# Horticultural & Home Produce 2026

## SCHEDULE



**FARNSFIELD**  
Saturday 26 September  
2026  
By kind permission of the  
Collingham family

Entries close 11 September  
2026, late entries can not be  
accepted

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