

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

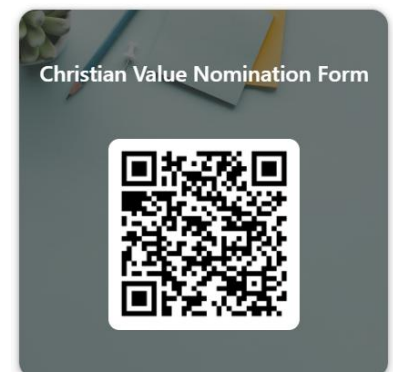
Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

As we reach the end of another busy term, there has certainly been no winding down at our school! Our [Sports Days](#) were a fantastic success, with pupils demonstrating resilience, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout. We were also incredibly proud of our Sports Leaders, who did a brilliant job supporting and encouraging everyone to make the day such a positive experience. We were delighted to welcome [Saltmine Theatre](#), who delivered a powerful and inspiring production reminding our children that dreams are for life - not just for bedtime - and that we should never allow others to crush our aspirations. It was a wonderful message as many of our pupils prepare for the exciting transition to the next stage of their education. A huge congratulations to our talented Year 6 and KS2 performers for their incredible [summer production](#). Their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work shone through, leaving audiences thoroughly entertained. Our Foundation 2 children also led a beautiful church worship centred on our school value of Joy. They truly spread joy to everyone present and should be immensely proud of themselves. Learning has continued well beyond the classroom, with Year 2 enjoying an exciting visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Year 1 having a fantastic day at White Post Farm, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Sporting opportunities have continued right to the end of term. Alongside attending a variety of sporting events, we were pleased to welcome coaches from Mellish Rugby and Woodthorpe Tennis, giving our pupils the chance to develop new skills and experience different sports. Who says the end of term winds down? Our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, energy and smiles, making it a wonderful finish to another fantastic year. You can catch up through our Instagram Highlights [here](#).

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



As we celebrate our final Golden Box and Celebration assembly of the year, we would like to congratulate all of our children on their many successes and achievements, both inside and outside the classroom. They have shown determination, resilience, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the year and we are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished. Well done to every child – you have so much to be proud of!

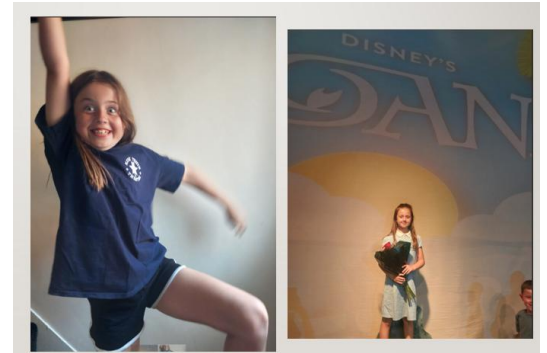


Henry has achieved his 10m breaststroke swimming certificate. Barnaby Bear (Year 1's class teddy) was also there to cheer him on. Henry loves swimming and has almost completed stage 3. We are super proud of him. Go Henry!

Maddison has earned a place at Inspire Academy, a theatre and TV workshop that helps young performers develop their skills for the stage and television. An incredible 1,400 children auditioned, with only 45 being offered a place. We are incredibly proud of Maddison for her courage and confidence in taking part in her very first formal audition.

She has also recently starred in her theatre group's production of *Moana* in Mansfield, where she gave a fantastic performance and was a real superstar on stage.

To top it all off, Maddison has also achieved her 50-metre swimming badge – another wonderful accomplishment!



Nathan is very happy to have passed his stage 5 swimming this week. He is in a stage 5/6 class and has already passed 94% of stage 6 so is looking forward to picking up his level 6 certificate very soon! Well done Nathan! Super swimming!



Only his second Padel Coaching session, Reuben was awarded Player of the Week which meant bringing home his first ever trophy! At one point he beat his coach which meant he had to take over teaching :) Both his dad and I were really proud of how hard he worked (even with the heat) and how well he listened to his coach.



Millie had a fantastic weekend, taking part in her summer dance showcase. She performed in Ballet, Tap, Street Dance, Theatrecraft and Gymnastics Dance.

For her Gymnastics Dance routine, there were originally meant to be four dancers, but only Millie was able to perform. She bravely took to the stage on her own and did an amazing job!

Last weekend, Millie also competed in a swimming competition at Harvey Hadden. She came 6th in the 50m Breaststroke for her age group and was awarded a medal for her achievement.

Well done, Millie, on your fantastic achievements in both dance and swimming!



Harry plays for U7 Mansfield Hosiery Mills Football Club on a Sunday. They went to Matlock to play in a tournament and Harry managed to score three goals across the tournament and help his team win the tournament and lift the trophy showing incredible team work and resilience.



Well done to Harry on taking part in his very first public show with the Flying Angels!
He put on a great performance and really enjoyed the experience. All the hard work and practice he put in leading up to the event paid off on the day.
We are all very proud of him, well done Harry!



150 - 300 Reads

Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 150-300 reads since September is something to be really proud of. Well done to everyone who has achieved this milestone. 300 reads is around seven reads every week! Amazing work!

September is 7 reads a week - one every day!



A Farewell to Our Year 6 Families

As we come to the end of another school year, we also say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children and their families. I'm sure it seems like only yesterday they were starting their primary school journey and now they are ready for the exciting adventure of secondary school. Somewhere between school runs, homework, sports days and celebrations, the little children who once held your hand have grown into confident, capable young people. The "firsts" have quietly become the "lasts" - the last sports day, the last assembly, the last day at primary school. If you're feeling emotional, it's because you've supported and encouraged them every step of the way and you should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We thank you for your continued support and wish every one of our children the very best as they begin their next chapter. Good luck, Year 6 - you will always be part of our school family.

Welcome to our new team members



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Leivers and Mrs Aram, who will be joining our school from September. Both will be working on a 1:1 basis, providing valuable support alongside our class teachers to help nurture and support our pupils' learning and wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming them and the positive contribution they will make to our school.



A Fond Farewell



We say a very fond farewell to Gemma, who has been so much more than a temporary member of our kitchen team. Gemma has been wonderful to our children, families and colleagues and she will be greatly missed by everyone. We thank her for her dedication, hard work and the care and diligence she has brought to St Wilfrid's - we wish her every happiness and success in her next adventure. As we say goodbye to Gemma, we are also delighted to welcome our new Chef, Jane Berrett, to the team. We look forward to this exciting new chapter and know you'll join us in giving her a warm welcome.

School Games Mark Gold – Two Years Running!



We are delighted to share that we have been awarded the **School Games Gold Mark** for the second year in a row, recognising our commitment to high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity. This means we are now on track to achieve the Platinum School Games Mark, which is awarded to schools that achieve Gold for three consecutive years. Our School Games Organiser described us as: "One of the top-performing schools in the area, with the

highest level of engagement and excellent enrichment opportunities. I do not know of another school like it with the range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer."

We are incredibly proud of this achievement, which reflects the enthusiasm of our children and the commitment of our staff and Sports Leaders to providing a wide range of sporting opportunities for everyone.

A special thank you and well done to Mrs Watson, our PE Lead, for her hard work, dedication and passion in leading PE and school sport across the school. Congratulations to everyone involved – Bring on Platinum!

A Reminder About ParentPay Dinner Accounts

We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly check their child's ParentPay dinner account and ensure there are sufficient funds available before meals are booked. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in dinner accounts going into arrears. Keeping accounts in credit helps us manage the school meal service efficiently and reduces the need for reminders about outstanding balances.

Please log into ParentPay regularly to check your balance and top up your account before booking your child's meals. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Gloworm Festival Family Savings



Gloworm Festival 2026 is offering a range of discounted family tickets, including camping, weekend and day options, to help families save on summer activities. Festival tickets include fairground rides, live entertainment, workshops, adventure zones, meet-and-greets and more. Families can find out more and view available ticket offers via the

[Gloworm Festival website.](#)

Summer Family Magazine

Parents and carers may find the free All About Family - East Midlands Summer Magazine a useful resource for the holidays. It is packed with advice and ideas, including preparing for the move to high school, local family events, children's book recommendations, online safety, screen time, heat safety, managing parental stress, creating child-friendly gardens, and much more. You can read the digital magazine [here](#).



Summer Reading Challenge – Calverton Library



One of our children has already signed up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Calverton Library – well done to Meredith for getting started! Meredith is excited to collect her stickers and complete the trail around the library later in the summer holidays. We'd love to see lots more of our children taking part over the summer holidays. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still plenty of time to take part. This year's challenge is '**Read to the Beat!**' and runs throughout the summer holidays. Children are encouraged to visit the library, choose six books (or complete reading challenges) and collect rewards as they progress.



This year's musical theme also means there will be lots of fun activities taking place at the library over the holidays for children to drop in and enjoy.

If your child takes part, please let Miss Cousin know so we can celebrate their achievement in school. Happy reading!

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.

Autumn Enrichment Offer (Clubs)

Our autumn enrichment programme is now available on the website. Take a look to see what's on offer but keep checking back as activities may be added or updated throughout the term. We're also pleased to share that we have recently been recognised for the strength of our enrichment programme and the high levels of student participation. Thank you to everyone who helps make our enrichment offer such a success. View the Autumn Enrichment Offer [here](#). Please note we are now providing our own Key Stage 1 after-school sports club on Mondays. A letter will follow.

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 (29 Jun 2026 - 03 Jul 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.33%	94.33%	99.33%	96.00%	98.33%	93.57%	94.33%	96.49%

Session Attendance Summary (06 Jul 2026 - 10 Jul 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.67%	96.67%	100%	98.33%	94.33%	99.29%	97.67%	97.98%

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.



Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)

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



Diary Dates 2025-26

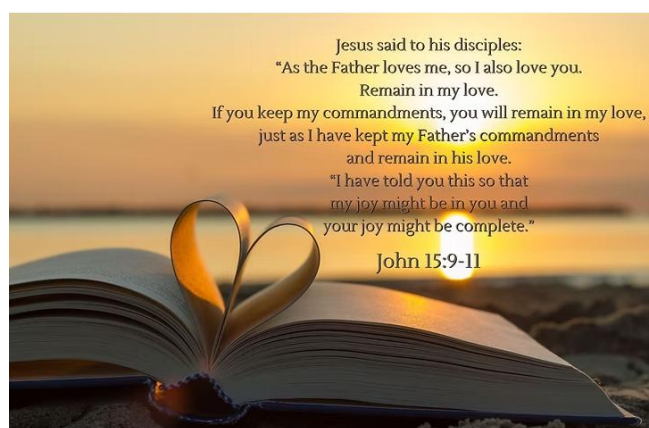
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 "Stepping Out" at Southwell Minster.
Thursday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm Children break-up for summer
Friday 24 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July	INSET
Monday 27 th July – Friday 7 th August	PLAYSCHEME

Diary Dates 2026-27

Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
Thursday 10 th September	Welcome Back Tea and Catch-Up with Miss Cousin
Friday 11 th September	Y3 Visit to Creswell Crags
Monday 14 th September	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 15 th September	
Tuesday 15 th September	Y6 Safety Zone
Thursday 17 th September	Capoeira Workshop
Thursday 24th September	Enrichment Taster Day – Quidditch Y1-6 (PE Kits)
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10am(ish)
Tuesday 29 th September	Enrichment Taster Day – Volleyball (PE Kits)
Thursday 1st October	Y6 visit to National Holocaust Museum
Friday 2 nd October	Y6 Reading Café
Week Comm 5 th October	Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening
Monday 12 th October	Y5 Meet and Eat
Thursday 15 th October	Y2 Church Worship – Harvest at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 16 th October	Last Day
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Wednesday 11th November	Flu Immunisation for pupils
Thursday 12 th November	Y4 Church Worship – Remembrance at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Tuesday 17 th November	Y6 Meet and Eat
Friday 20 th November	Children In Need
Monday 23 rd November	Y4 Visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas

Wednesday 25 th November	Enrichment Taster Day – Boccia (PE Kits)
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8 th December	Foundation (F2) Nativity 2:30pm
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
Friday 11 th December	
Tuesday 15 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church 2pm and 6pm
	Foundation (F2) and KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December	Last Day
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Week Comm 5 th January	Off By Heart Poetry Heats (in classes)
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
	Young Voices (Choir) - Birmingham
Friday 8 th January	F2 and KS1 Nottingham Playhouse Cinderella @ St Wilfrid's School
Monday 18 th January	Off By Heart Poetry Finals 9-11am(ish)
Thursday 21 st January	Enrichment Taster Day – Curling (PE Kits)
Friday 22 nd January	Y5 Reading Café
Week Comm. 25 th January	Careers Week
Wednesday 3 rd February	Y4 Meet and Eat
Friday 5 th February	Y3 Reading Café
Thursday 11 th February	Y6 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 12 th February	Last Day
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
	Breakfast with Books
Tuesday 9 th March	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 12 th March	Y4 Reading Café
Thursday 18 th February	Book Fair Arrives
Friday 19 th March	Enrichment Taster Day – Nerf Games (PE Kits)
Week Comm 22 nd March	Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening
Thursday 25 th March	Y5 Church Worship –Easter at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
	Last Day
	Book Fair Collected
Friday 26 th March	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th April	Children return to school
Monday 26 th April	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 30 th April	Y2 Reading Café
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5 th May – Friday 7 th May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Week Comm 10 th May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 13 th May	Enrichment Taster Day – Tchoukball (PE Kits)
Friday 14 th May	F2 Reading Café
Monday 17 th May	Y3 Partake – Ancient Egyptians
Wednesday 19 th May	Y3 Meet and Eat

Wednesday 26 th May	Y1 Multi-Sports Family of Schools Event @ Woodborough Woods PE Kits
Thursday 27 th May	Y3 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 28 th May	Last Day
Monday 7 th June	Children return to school
Friday 11 th June	Y1 Reading Café
Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 14 th June	Y4 Partake - Mayans
Thursday 17 th June	F2 Meet and Eat
Thursday 24 th June	F2 Multi-Sports Family of Schools Event @ Lowdham PE Kits
Monday 28 th June	Enrichment Taster Day – Lacrosse (PE Kits)
Tuesday 29 th June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production - 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 1st July	Y1 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Monday 5 th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 7 th July	F2 and KS1 Sports Day CFS Transition Day
Thursday 8 th July	CFS Transition Day In-school Class Transition Day CFS Parent Meeting 6:30-8pm
Friday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers' Service at 2pm Last Day
Monday 26 th July Tuesday 27 th July Wednesday 28 th July	Inset Day



4 SUMMER EDITION

Healthy Family Team Newsletter



Hi!

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We just wanted to say a big hello and remind you about the services on offer locally to support families.

Parentline
Text 07520 619919

This is a text messaging service delivered by the Healthy Family Team for parents and carers.
Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4.30pm

Advice Line Telephone
0300 123 5436

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Healthy Family Team for advice or support.
Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4.30pm

Nottingham City Contact
This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Children's Health Advice Hub for advice or support.
Call: 0300 300 0040

Derbyshire Contact
This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Family Health Service for advice or support.
Call: 01246 515100

Doncaster Contact
This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Doncaster Health Visiting Team for advice or support.
Call: 03000 218 997

Healthy Family Team

IT'S OKAY to ASK for HELP

Your Notts Directory

The Healthy Family Team may be able to contribute to EHCP requests and annual reviews when actively working with your child/young person or where they have been involved within the last 12 months.

SUPPORT

Your Notts Directory is the local offer for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
Visit: www.yournotsdirectory.org.uk

VACCINATIONS

Children are offered a range of vaccinations to help protect them, and the whole community, from some serious illnesses.
Contact your GP practice to review your child's record or to book a vaccination.

Speech and Language

Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's talking or communication? The Speech and Language Team are happy to help, please call their advice line on:
0300 123 3387 OPTION 1

LOCAL HELP

Find your local library:
Visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-heritage/libraries

Find your local Family Hub:
Call: 0300 500 80 80

SUMMER SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES

Social Butterflies - A Nottinghamshire County Council co-production group for children aged 11 to 18, to meet and help improve systems and services for children.
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/learning-and-skills/social-butterflies

Health for Kids!

This website offers a fun, engaging and interactive way for children to learn about health. It links parents/carers and children to appropriate health and wellbeing services.
www.healthforkids.co.uk

Was this resource useful? All feedback is appreciated. Please contact The Health Promotion Team: Call: 0115 8760136 Email: HealthPromotionTeam@nottshc.nhs.uk

LOWDHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SUMMER SHOW

Celebrating our 133rd Year

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

1pm — 4.30pm

Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields

Exhibitors Marquee

Nottingham Concert Band

Dako Flying Angels Display

Children's Entertainment

Homemade refreshments Bar

Ice Creams Food

Side Shows Traditional Games

Raffle Auction Duck Race

Adults £3.00 Under 16s free

Cash is King

Exhibits welcome to all classes.

See schedule for details on

www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk

Life Education East Midlands

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CARLTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

With guest appearance from **Amplify**

Money raised helps Life Education East Midlands deliver vital health education to local children.

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Deliver Partnership

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A vibrant illustration of a woodland scene. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags hangs across the frame. Below the flags, the text 'FREE ENTRY' is written in white inside a red, jagged-edged starburst shape. To the right of this, the logo for 'The SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST' is displayed, featuring a stylized tree and the text 'The SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST'. The main title 'WOODLAND FESTIVAL 2026' is written in large, bold, green, serif capital letters. Below the title, the dates '25th & 26th July' and the location 'Thoresby Park' are written in a green, serif font. The time '10am - 4pm' is written in a smaller green font. At the bottom of the illustration, there is a small yellow tent with a blue flag, a campfire with orange flames, and several logs. The background shows green trees and foliage.

FREE ENTRY

The SHERWOOD FOREST TRUST

WOODLAND FESTIVAL 2026

25th & 26th July
Thoresby Park
10am - 4pm

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WOODLAND FESTIVAL 2026

The Woodland Festival brings together local makers, woodland crafts, family activities, nature talks and much more, all in the beautiful surroundings at Thoresby Park!

Come and see **Benny Shakes'** interactive, eco-themed show **Slugageddon!** packed with humour, games, and gardening tips.

Join foraging walks with **Kindful and Wild**.
Get hands-on with sketching with **Martin Clarkson**.
Listen to stories from the **Wild Man of the Woods**.
Join **Hairy Tom's** treasure hunts and forest school activities.

Try workshops from blacksmithing to willow weaving, watch chainsaw carving, to yoga, or test your aim with archery.

FREE ENTRY
Parking fees apply

Forest fun, heritage crafts, nature for

Everyone!



A row of four small photographs showing various activities at the festival. From left to right: a person in a red tunic and white apron holding a shield; a person in a blue tunic and white apron working on a wooden object; a person in a green tunic and white apron working on a wooden object; and a person in a blue tunic and white apron working on a wooden object.

SherwoodForest.org.uk