

A Note from Miss Cousin

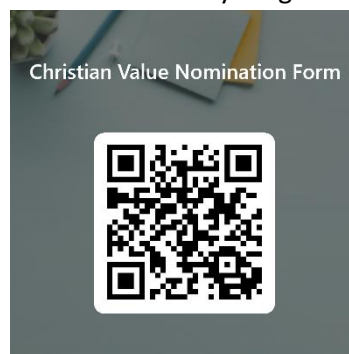


Welcome to our latest school newsletter! It's been an exciting few weeks with so much to celebrate. Year 6 led a meaningful church worship service, sharing our school's vision, values, and how they're grounded in Biblical teachings. We also focused on mental health awareness, with the whole school participating in Hello Yellow Day to promote well-being. Our KS2 students enjoyed a ramble in support of Children in Need whilst our KS1 went on a treasure hunt on our school field, alongside celebrating National Poetry Day – more on that to follow. The kitchen team added festive fun with a Goose Fair-themed lunch, and we're aiming for 100% attendance at Parents' Evening. Plus, we welcomed two new families into our school community!



G1 Service

The G1 team led a brilliant service on Sunday at St Wilfrid's church whilst our WOW young leaders (our councillors of collective worship) shared a worship on Kindness at school. Thank you for sharing your ideas of faith with passion, showing huge responsibility.



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.



Feeling Proud

Due to permissions, we can't share this photo properly but a huge well done to our Golden Box and Value award winners – we are so very proud of the role models you are being and the work you are producing!



Well done to the children who shared their out-of-school successes in Celebration Worship – we love hearing about what you do and celebrating with you.

A fish in our midst! Benjamin took part in the Bill Parr Open Meet in Worksop at the end of September, swimming in five events (50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle and Breaststroke). He won 3 gold medals and 2 silver medals setting a few more PBs but most importantly increasing the number of county qualifying times he has to six, enabling him to compete in the Notts ASA County Championships in January 2025. Ben's parents are very proud of his accomplishments, as are we!



Fraser received his 5m front crawl badge last week- huge well done Fraser. Swimming is an excellent skill.





Logan has been awarded his stage 4 swimming certificate and has now moved up to stage 5/6. He also gained his 25m front crawl badge and has achieved all this in a short space of time! Excellent work Logan and brilliant picture!



Wilfrid has not only achieved his 2m independent swimming but he got his 5m badge the very next week! Well done Wilfrid we are so proud of you, your hard work and determination paid off!



Both Zech and Josh showcased incredible teamwork, determination, and skill, earning them the well-deserved "Man of the Match" titles. Well done, boys! Keep up the great work on and off the field!

PSA

Huge thank you to the PSA for organising the pre-loved uniform sale – what a great and sustainable way to kit ourselves out for school.



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!

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!

	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	98.00%	93.67%	99.63%	98.00%	95.17%	99.68%	98.89%	97.55%

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.

Healthy Snacks

A reminder to pack healthy snacks for your child, such as fruit, breadsticks, or yogurt, to help them stay energised and keep them going before lunch. No chocolate or sweets.

Celebrating Black History Month

This October, we are excited to honour Black History Month with a range of activities across the school. Students will explore the achievements of influential Black figures, engage in creative projects, and participate in discussions that celebrate cultural heritage. I have reshared a leaflet from Canalside featuring a special event that highlights Black history and culture.

Meet and Eat – Come Dine With Us!

We're excited to announce our 'Meet and Eat - Come Dine with Us' events, where parents are invited to join their children for a special meal at school. This is a great opportunity to experience a day in school life and enjoy some quality time with your child during lunch. We'll be starting with Year 6 and we look forward to welcoming you all through the year! A letter will be sent out shortly.

Off by Heart Poetry Competition

We are thrilled to launch our 'Off by Heart Poetry Competition', where pupils will have the chance to showcase their memorisation and performance skills by reciting a poem from memory in front of the school! All participants will get the opportunity to perform, and our finalists will be selected to compete for some exciting prizes. A panel of judges will evaluate the finalists on their expression, delivery, and confidence. Look out for a letter coming home soon with more details. It's time to get practicing – we can't wait to see the amazing

performances!

500 Words Writing Competition

The UK's most successful writing competition run by the BBC has returned and we couldn't be any more excited!

Submissions are open from 08:00 on Tuesday 24th September to 9pm

on Friday 8 November. Please click [here](#) to sign-up to submit your story. Further information about the competition can be found [here](#).

Please send your submitted stories in to office@st-wilfrids.notts.sch.uk

to receive 5 House Points and to ensure your story is published in our Gallery of excellence. Happy writing!



Parking

We've been getting a lot of pictures and videos of poor parking lately. Please be mindful of where and how you park - especially not blocking driveways on Renals Way or in Sellors Car Park as it is preventing not only their customers from getting a space, but their staff too and that is simply unacceptable! Police enforcement have been informed of the situation. Let's keep our community accessible and considerate for all. Thank you.

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

Diary Dates	
Thursday 17 th Oct	Y1 Harvest Service in school at 9:45am
Friday 18 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 th Nov	Inset Day - children return to school on Tues 5th Nov
Thurs 7 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Fri 8 th Nov	NSPCC Kindness Challenge
	PTA Bonfire Bangers (Hot Dogs after school)
Sat 9 th Nov	Autumn Fair at St Wilfrid's Church
Week comm. Monday 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 2:00-3:00pm
Thurs 14 th Nov	Y4 Remembrance Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 15 th Nov	Children In Need Cake Sale
Week Comm 18 th Nov	PTA Christmas Hamper Donations
Tuesday 19 th Nov	Open Morning 2025 school starters 9:30-10:30am
Friday 29 th 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 th Dec	Christingle Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 9:45am
Friday 13 th Dec	Y3 School Trip Cresswell Craggs
	Christmas Tree Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
Mon 16 th Dec	Reception Nativity pm (time and location TBC)
Tuesday 17 th Dec	KS1 Nativity at school pm (time TBC)
Wed 18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 2pm and 6pm at St Wilfrid's Church
Fri 20 th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 th Jan	Children return to school
Mon 3 rd -Sun 9 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 13 th Feb	Y2 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 14 th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st March	Careers Week
Fri 21 st March	Comic Relief
Thurs 27 th March-2 nd April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 3 rd March	Y5 Easter Service at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am

Fri 4 th April	Break up for Easter
Tues 22 nd April	Children return to school
Fri 2 nd May	School Photos
Mon 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 8 th May	Reception trip to Field Farm
Mon 12 th - Thurs 15 th May	SATs Week
Thurs 22 nd May	Y3 Class Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Fri 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Wed 4 th June	Y3 Egyptians Partake Day
Thurs 3 rd July	CFS Induction Day
Mon 28 th July/Tues 29 th July	Inset Day

