

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

What an amazing start to the new half term - we have absolutely loved it! The past couple of weeks have been packed with exciting experiences and opportunities for our pupils. Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful trip to [Newstead Abbey](#), while Year 5 visited [Gainsborough Hall](#) to bring their learning to life. We were also delighted to welcome a new member to our team – Isla the dog and her wonderful owner, Mrs Shaw, who have joined us as part of the [Pets as Therapy](#) programme. Just before half term, we were treated to a very special visit from [Judith Ude](#), who shared her beautiful [vocal and harp talents](#) with the children, and we also welcomed Joanna [Adeyinka-Burford](#) from the BBC. In school, we celebrated [World Book Day](#) and many of our pupils have been busy representing the school in a range of sporting events including girls' and boys' football matches, netball and rowing. You can find these on our Instagram 'Enrichment' highlights. What a fantastic couple of weeks we've had – and there is so much more to look forward to this term!

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 'Faith'.*

Feeling Proud



Well done to all of our children who continue to achieve wonderful things both inside and outside of school – we are incredibly proud of you all! Celebration Worship is always a special time for us to recognise the many successes of our pupils.

The effort, resilience and integrity that our children show each day truly lead by example. It is fantastic to see them supporting one another, striving to do their very best and sharing their achievements with the whole school community.

Keep up the amazing work!



We are so proud of Cali, Alicia, Darcy, Jemimah, Phoebe and Felicity for their fabulous performances in the pantomime 'Hamalot' as part of the Calverton Theatre Group. Their hard work truly paid off as they wowed the audience with their amazing dancing and acting. Well done girls!



Harry has been working so hard on his swimming and has managed to complete stage one this half term. He's really proud of himself and so he should be!



Congratulations to Felix, who was awarded his swim certificate over half term for swimming 5m breaststroke. Well done!

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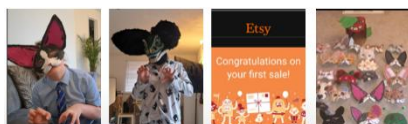
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Since Christmas Harvey moved up into stage 4 at swimming and has passed his 50m and 100m swimming awards on the same night! Last night, his swimming teacher congratulated Harvey after his lesson for always trying so hard and putting in extra effort with new skills he's learning. Great work Harvey!



Alba loves creating masks — especially cats, but also otters, birds, dogs and even dinosaurs! She recently opened her own Etsy shop, *SmellyKittyCreations*, and just before half term made her very first sale.

We're so proud of her creativity, confidence and entrepreneurship. Well done, Alba!



Benjamin has just completed another successful year at the Notts ASA County Championships, achieving a mix of PBs, finals, and medals. He is a gold medalist and County Champion in the 200m Butterfly and is hopeful that his time will qualify him for next year, with 11 months still to go!

Competing in 13 events and swimming in nine finals, Benjamin finished 11th in his 100m backstroke but still set a new PB, shaving 2 seconds off his entry time. Overall, he is ranked 6th in the county in his age group.

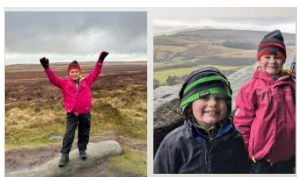
He also contributed to the CABSC Medley Relay team, winning a silver medal, and the Freestyle Relay team, which finished just 0.38 seconds shy of a bronze in an exciting final.



Henry achieved his Swim England level 2 award.



Oscar received his level 1 award this weekend along with his 5m front and 5m backstroke awards. Great work Baker boys!



Ava completed her very first Beavers sleepover, despite feeling nervous and ended up having an amazing time. She also completed a 5k hike in the Peak District with her brother and me. Even with snow, rain, and freezing winds, she finished the challenge with a smile on her face. She even encouraged her brother Frank when he was finding it tough, cheering him on, and telling him how well he was doing.



Matilda and Joseph both made another big step with their progress in swimming! Matilda has now moved into Stage 3 and is enjoying swimming the length of the pool and Joseph has moved to the Stage 8/9/10 class, being one of the youngest by quite a way! Super proud!



100-150 Reads



Wow – what an amazing milestone! Reaching 100-150 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!



Lent Challenges



Charlotte decided to add a note to one of her painted rocks as part of the lent challenge. She has then left it at our neighbours house for them to find. Charlotte's completed two more of the lent challenges. Challenge 3 (talk about a book/share it with someone) she combined with a brownie challenge and created a poster to tell people about a book!



News from Vicar Sam

The news may have reached you by now, but I have been successful in a promotion with the Church of England and will be moving to Herefordshire at the beginning of the summer term. I have had such a wonderful 9 years here in Calverton, being part of the school family as both parish vicar and chair of governors. Thank you for all the kindness you have shown me and others from the church community who have been involved in various ways with school (they will continue to be involved and build those links). I will truly miss being in school, working with everyone there and being encouraged by the improvements and achievements and difficult questions. From poetry competitions to Easter gardens, OFSTED inspections to staff appointments and school worship to year 6 leavers. I know I will be leaving school in safe hands with Miss Cousin, staff, governors and pupils leading the way, living out our values in daily life both at school and at home. Can I encourage you, as parents and carers, to continue to live out these values as well, setting an example to our children of living life kindly and with love, remembering that everyone has the right to be treated with respect, even in disagreements. Calverton and St Wilfrid's will always be in my prayers, may God bless you as you bless one another as a school community in the years to come.

Calverton Village Get-Together – Sunday 17th May 2026

Join us on the Labray Field for this year's Calverton Village Get-Together! The theme for 2026 is "Mythical Creatures." We can't wait to see Unicorns, Pegasus, Fairies, Elves, Pixies, Dragons, Gnomes and Goblins!

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 (09 Feb 2026 - 20 Feb 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.17%	97.50%	95.42%	97.50%	95.26%	93.75%	97.41%	96.57%

Session Attendance Summary (23 Feb 2026 - 27 Feb 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	99.33%	98.00%	97.67%	95.33%	98.97%	94.00%	99.67%	97.56%

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 11 th March	Y3 Meet and Eat
Thursday 19 th - Thursday 26 th March	Book Fair
Thursday 19 th	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 20 th March	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Archery – PE Kit Red Nose Day - Crazy Hair Day!
Week Comm 23 rd March	Parents Evening Team Ted – Whole School Walking Challenge
Wednesday 25 th March	Class photographs
Thursday 26 th March	9:45am Year 2 Church Service at St Wilfrid's Church
Friday 27 th March	Break-up for Easter
Monday 30 th March-Friday 10 th April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 30 th March – Thurs 2 nd April	PLAYSCHEME
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 16 th April	3:30-4:30pm ROOTS run by St Wilfrid's Church in the school hall
Friday 24 th April	Whole School Enrichment Taster Workshop – Golf – PE Kit
Wednesday 29 th April	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 1 st May	Y5 Reading Cafe
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
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

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Friday 22 nd May	Break-up for half term
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
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
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
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
Tuesday 28 th July – Friday 7 th August	PLAYSCHEME



FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES!

CALVERTON VILLAGE HALL, CALVERTON

HAF Funded Holiday Club for Children in Receipt of Benefits Related Free School Meals
7th - 10th April 2026
Ages 4+
8am-5pm club hours
 with flexible arrival & collection
Includes Meals & Snacks, Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, Egg hunt, Special Guests 'Ace Science School' & much, much more!

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