



St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

Welcome back! We are so thrilled to welcome everyone back for the start of a new school year. A very special welcome to our new staff members, to Bosco and of course to all of you and your gorgeous children. It has been wonderful to see everyone returning with such happy faces and so much enthusiasm. As promised following parent and carer feedback, we will be keeping notices on ClassDojo to a minimum wherever possible. Unless something urgent comes up, all of our updates will be included in the weekly newsletter rather than every other week, so please make sure you give it a read so you do not miss anything important. We are incredibly excited for the year ahead and cannot wait to get this term underway with lots of exciting learning and experiences.

Nut Allergy Reminder

We have a child in our school community with a severe nut allergy, so it is essential that everyone follows our allergy guidance. **Do not send any food into school that contains nuts or peanuts, or any product labelled "may contain nuts"**. This also includes sesame and products containing sesame, such as hummus. Any items with these labels will be removed from lunchboxes and sent home. If you are sending food into school that has been taken out of its original packaging, **parents and carers must check the original packaging and ingredients carefully** to ensure that the product does not contain nuts or peanuts and is not labelled "may contain nuts" or "may contain peanuts". Products labelled "made in a factory that handles/processes nuts" are permitted, as this refers to the manufacturing environment rather than nuts being an ingredient or a "may contain" allergen warning.

Uniform Reminder

A final reminder that, as set out in our school uniform policy, children should return to school in the correct school uniform and in line with our appearance expectations. Brightly coloured or dyed hair is not permitted and children should not wear false/acrylic nails or nail varnish. Please ensure that any holiday or "summer" hair colours, false nails and similar items are removed.

For children in F2, Year 1 and Year 2, please remember that book bags should be used instead of rucksacks. There is insufficient space in the cloakrooms to accommodate rucksacks safely so we ask that children in these year groups bring in their school book bag each day.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain our high expectations and ensuring that all children return looking smart and ready for the year ahead.

Finally, thank you for sending the children back with such incredible behaviour, conduct, energy and enthusiasm. They have all made such a fantastic start and it is lovely to have everyone back.

I can't wait to get this year started – it's so good to be back!

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 'Kindness'.*

Feeling Proud



Mia was called today as the under 13s were a player short and she did amazing. 2 wickets with her bowling and runs with the bat! Amazing work Mia.



Olivia and some of our year 6 girls led out the Trent Rockets on tv! Autographs at the ready!

Everly joined a new U8's girls team and was proud to have scored a goal. Amazing work Everly!



Henry has gained his 25 metres backstroke, 25 metres front crawl and then completed stage 3 all on the same day! We are super proud of you Henry.

Felix achieved his 25 meter back stroke, such an achievement felix. Well done we are so proud of you.



Kasper achieved his 5m front and 5m back and passed stage 1. Well done Kasper that is amazing and we are so proud of you doing it so quickly!

Cohen has passed his stage 3 swimming and also gained his 10m badge – excellent work Cohen!



This summer, Elsie has achieved some fantastic milestones! She learnt to ride her new bike without stabilisers, bravely started gymnastics classes after overcoming her nerves, and made a brilliant start at her very first session. To top it all off, she passed Stage 2 swimming and proudly received her badge. She is now working towards her 10m badge and has started Stage 3 with growing confidence. We are so proud of everything she has accomplished this summer and the confidence she has gained along the way.



Calverton Library Reading Challenge



A big congratulations to Millie and Meredith who took part in our Summer Reading Challenge! Your dedication to diving into books this summer has been inspiring. Don't forget to send in your certificates so we can celebrate everyone's amazing achievement and share your success with our community!



Welcome to Our New Cleaning Team Member!

We're excited to introduce the newest addition to our cleaning team: **Sari Kincaid!**

Please join us in giving Sari a warm welcome to the team. Sari will be joining the cleaning team while continuing to work with our kitchen team as well.

We're happy to have her supporting both teams and look forward to working together. Welcome, Sari!

Roots - Awaiting a New Vicar

Roots is taking a short pause while we await the arrival of our new Vicar. Once they are in post, Roots will return - bigger and better than ever! We look forward to welcoming everyone back and sharing exciting new activities together. Watch this space for updates.

Little Wandle Reading Books

We have recently audited our Little Wandle guided reading books and have found a few are missing. As these books are part of our phonics scheme, they are very expensive to replace.

Please have a good look at home for any school reading books that may have been accidentally kept and return any of the following titles if you find them:

- *The Foolish Timid Rabbit* (Phase 4, Set 1)
- *Pink Boat, Pink Car* (Phase 3, Set 1)
- *Pack and Tick* (Phase 2, Set 3)
- *Get Set for Fun* (Phase 3, Set 1)
- *Eggs on Toast* (Phase 4, Set 2)
- *Crocs and Rocks* (Phase 5, Set 4)

Voluntary Contributions for Trips and Visits

At St Wilfrid's, we are proud to offer a wide range of trips and visits that enrich our pupils' education and were praised by Ofsted in our Outstanding judgement. These contributions are voluntary, and no child will ever be excluded for financial reasons. However, many trips are currently running at a loss. As the school makes no profit from these activities, this situation is not sustainable and may mean we have to reduce the number of visits in future. If you are unable to contribute, please speak to us in confidence – support is available, and some families may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. For those who can contribute, we kindly ask that you pay at least the suggested amount. Your support is greatly valued and helps us continue to provide these enriching experiences for all pupils.

Christmas (dare I say it!) Cards

This year's Christmas Card design packs will be sent home on Friday 16th October. Like last year, the designs are to be completed at home and returned to school with the completed artwork and parent details by Friday 6th November 2026. Mrs Wright will then send the completed artwork away on Wednesday 11th November 2026 to ensure the Christmas cards are ordered and arrive in time for Christmas. Christmas Card packs will follow.

A Kind Reminder About Contacting Teachers

We really value the relationship between home and school and we know how important it is for families to stay connected with their child’s teacher. To help everyone maintain a healthy balance, we kindly ask that messages on Class Dojo are sent between 8:00am and 5:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Our teachers will do their best to respond within their working hours. Before reaching out, please take a moment to check the newsletter, any letters sent home and your child’s class page on the school website, as many common questions can be answered there. Thank you so much for your understanding.

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!

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



Diary Dates 2026-27	
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
Wednesday 16 th September	Y5 Trip to The National Space Centre
Thursday 17 th September	Capoeira Workshop
Thursday 24 th 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 1 st 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 Parent Forum – e-safety 5:30pm
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 11 th 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 1 st 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

