

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from (a very proud) Miss Cousin

What a week!

Since my last newsletter (just a week ago!), it has been another incredibly busy and exciting time at school, with lots of fantastic learning taking place beyond the classroom.

Our Year 3 children had a wonderful visit to Creswell Crag, where they explored the caves and discovered what life was like in prehistoric Britain, bringing their history learning to life.

Year 5 travelled to the National Space Centre, enjoying a day packed with interactive exhibits and learning all about space, planets and the wonders of our universe.

Meanwhile, Year 6 visited Safety Zone, taking part in a range of realistic, hands-on scenarios that taught them valuable lessons about staying safe and making responsible choices as they prepare for, dare I say it, secondary school!

And if that wasn't enough, the whole school enjoyed a fantastic enrichment capoeira workshop, learning about Brazilian culture through music, movement and dance. To top it all off, our coach had some wonderful feedback for the school. He said that we are definitely one of the best schools he has had the opportunity to work with and that it was a real pleasure to spend the day with us all, "An amazing school with wonderful children!"... I might be biased but I couldn't agree more!

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



Our Celebration Worship is a special time for us to share and celebrate the wonderful things our children achieve outside of school.

Whether it's success in sport, dance, music, clubs or helping in the community, we love hearing about the many talents and achievements our pupils enjoy beyond the classroom. It's always a proud moment to recognise their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm with the whole school. Well done to everyone who shared their achievements with us!



Ellie has been working so hard on her skills over the summer and all those hours in the pool are paying off with her getting her 10m front crawl!

Evie has blasted through stage 4 so quickly and achieved her first 50m badge this week too!





Matilda has wowed us this weekend by achieving her 50m badge at swimming! Her strength and technique are improving every week - we definitely have another fish in the family!

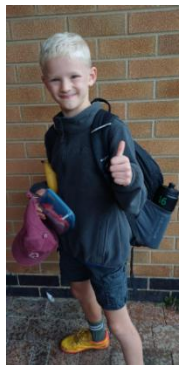
Before the school holidays Millie, Isla M, Edward, Elsie and Evie all took part in the auditions for the Gang show 2027. There were over 100 children from Brownies, Guides and Scouts from all over Nottingham who auditioned for 60 spaces in Junior Gang. They all got in and had their first rehearsal Sun 13th Sept. They have got to give up every Sun morning from 13th Sept until March for rehearsals and then the live shows at the Theatre Royal.



Harry ran in the Mansfield 10k junior event on Sunday and ran his 1k race super quick. He came 8th in the under 11 category and was very happy to pick up his medal!



Well done to Violet for achieving her 200m swimming badge on her very first day in her new class! We are very proud of her. A huge well done to Harriet for achieving her 600m swimming badge, which she has worked so incredibly hard to earn. Your family could not be more proud of you both – as are we!



Oliver invested into Calverton cubs on Tuesday after completing his very first expedition camp on the weekend. He took hiking and camping out in his stride and is excited about working towards his first badge! Well done Oliver.



Isabelle was super proud of getting her 25m front crawl badge this week - super job!

Olivia got star of the week at gymnastics this week – excellent work Olivia!



Edward, Elsie and Wilfrid (along with many many more St Wilfrid's children!) have just completed another successful summer of cricket at Calverton Cricket Club. Edward has enjoyed his first season playing hard ball, with both Elsie and Wilfrid giving it their all on a Friday night at training! Well done to them all, we are very proud of them!

Wilfrid has worked super hard through the summer at his swimming, resulting in him completing stage 4 at the end of the summer holidays, swimming 50m and moving up to stage 5! Well done Wilfrid, we are so proud of you, keep up the hard work!

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9:00am on Friday 25th September

Please join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:00am on Friday 25th September.

We would love for you to come along and support this special event. Our children will be showcasing a song, poem, or something else of their choice for you to enjoy. If you are able to support us by donating cakes or biscuits, please bring these into school from Wednesday 23rd September. Please ensure that all donations are nut-free. If you are bringing homemade cakes or biscuits, please make sure that a full list of ingredients is provided. We look forward to seeing you there and raising money together for this wonderful cause.

Updated Enrichment Activities

Please find the updated and correct [enrichment activities](#) for the week. Keep an eye on our webpage as new clubs and activities may be added throughout the term.

We are also pleased to be organising our KS2 Thursday Sports Club once again through Premier Education, who also provide our extremely popular taster enrichment days. From January, we will also be offering a KS1 Monday Sports Club through Premier Education too. More information will be shared on this as soon as possible so keep your eyes out.

PE Earrings Reminder

For health and safety reasons, earrings should be removed on PE days.

If your child is unable to remove their earrings independently, please remove them at home before they come to school as we are unable to do so. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be covered with plasters for PE. Ideally, these should be applied at home before school.

Harvest Festival



Dear Parents/Carers,

At this time of year, people all over the country are celebrating Harvest and using it as an opportunity to help people less fortunate.

Harvest Collection

From Thursday 1st October to Thursday 15th October, we will be collecting produce to donate to the local food bank that helps provides food to those who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Food banks will only take long-life products that they can store (fresh food can spoil quickly, and not all banks have chiller facilities). We ask that if you are able to make a donation, please send in items such as:

- Tinned meats/fish
- Tinned vegetables/fruit
- Cereals
- Pasta/rice/lentils
- Tinned soups and stews
- Teabags/instant coffee/ Hot Chocolate powder
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Fruit squash
- UHT milk

All your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks
Miss Crawford



Pupil Premium- Free School Meals

Free school meals are expanding **From September 2026**

What's changing?

Current eligibility
Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026
All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals - Available to families who:

- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
- Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals - Available to:

- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates

Applications open: 1 August 2026

Expanded eligibility starts: 1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

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Who will benefit?

- More families receiving Universal Credit
- More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day
- Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Nottinghamshire County Council

From September 2026, the Government has expanded Free School Meals for children in England. This means more children may be entitled to a free school meal but not all families will qualify for the additional financial support linked to Targeted Free School Meals.

Please don't assume you are eligible

Even if your child receives a free school meal, they may not qualify for Targeted Free School Meals (Pupil Premium/Ever 6) which means they don't get additional funding for enrichment activities. We would ask all families to check whether their child has targeted or expanded funding. You can ask the office for this information.

School trips and enrichment activities

Children who qualify for Targeted Free School Meals may be eligible for support with some educational visits and enrichment activities. If your child is only eligible for Expanded Free School Meals, we ask families to make payment for trips, visits and enrichment activities in the usual way. These contributions help us provide a wide range of experiences for all children. Even if your child receives a free school meal under the new expanded scheme, this does not automatically include funding for trips or enrichment activities.

Your support makes a difference

Where families are able to contribute towards the cost of trips and enrichment activities, we kindly ask that they do so. Voluntary contributions help us continue to offer exciting learning experiences and keep activities affordable for everyone. Unfortunately, if there is insufficient funding or too few contributions for an activity, we may have to amend or cancel the trip.

Early Help Support

Here you can access information, advice and support if you are neurodivergent, think you may be neurodivergent, or are supporting a child, young person or adult who is.

Mind of All Kinds Notts – NHS

A central hub providing tailored support and resources for people of all ages who are, or may be, neurodivergent, including those with ADHD and autism.

www.mindsforallkindsnotts.co.uk

You can also find support to help with family relationships, parenting and managing everyday disagreements in a positive and healthy way.

Relationships Really Matter

A resource designed to help parents manage everyday disagreements more positively, supporting happy adults, happy children and a happy home.

www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/relationshipsmatter



Neurodevelopmental Support Team.

Parent/Carer Support and Information sessions 2026.

An opportunity to meet other parents/carers with similar experiences.

What to expect when you come to the group for the first time:

We recommend you attend at the start of the session when we welcome & introduce everyone to the session.

Experienced staff from the NST are on hand to offer guidance, support, useful strategies and answer questions. Each session there will be a themed subject for group discussion.

Occasionally there will be a guest speaker and the scheduled themed group discussion may be rearranged.

Due to the organisation of the group, please do not bring children. This will enable you to participate in the discussions with parents and the practitioner. We cannot offer supervision, also we need to consider the confidentiality of other families and the health and safety for everyone in the meeting.

No booking or diagnosis required. **IMPORTANT:** Due to adverse weather conditions, over winter, the group may be cancelled at short notice. Occasionally group dates may be rescheduled so check the latest NST Newsletter for upcoming dates.

Nottinghamshire Neurodevelopmental Support Team (NST)

Autism and ADHD Parent Workshop

The NST offers a choice of attending this workshop either online or in a face-to-face group session.

Both workshops are suitable for **parents and carers of children and young people up to 18 years old** who, show indicative behaviours of Autism and/or ADHD, those with a confirmed diagnosis, and those that are awaiting a neurodevelopmental review through NST.

If you have already completed this workshop through NST, the Family Service, or another provider, you do not need to attend again. However, the workshop is regularly updated to reflect new developments and understanding in the Autism and ADHD community, and attending may support the review process.

Please note: Due to limited team resources, we may not always be able to offer both online and face-to-face options.

Workshop Options

Option 1 – Online Workshop - Delivered over one full day or two half-day sessions, held via Microsoft Teams. Your camera must be on during sessions unless otherwise agreed

Option 2 – Face-to-face group sessions - Delivered over three half-day sessions held in venues across the county.

About the Workshop

This Workshop is a local model of support and information for parents and carers, created by experienced practitioners from health, education, and local authority services. It provides practical strategies, reassurance, and insights into neurological development.

Topics covered:

- An introduction to ADHD and Autism
- Routines
- Education
- Parental mental wellbeing
- Sleep strategies
- Toileting
- Communication
- Self-esteem
- Emotional health
- Brain development
- Pathological Demand Avoidance, PDA

How to book:

You do not need to be referred by a professional, you can book yourself a place on one of the above courses providing you have a Nottinghamshire GP (excluding Bassetlaw and Nottingham City).

To book, click or copy the link below into your browser or scan the QR code on the right. Complete and submit the online form and we'll send you a list of available workshops within 5 - 10 working days.

<http://bit.ly/NST-opt-in>



All families argue ...
But do you want to make **changes**?
Do you want to make sure that grown-up arguments and worries don't affect your whole family?

Relationships Really Matter Parents / Carers Group

This course offers **support and practical resources** to help parents and carers understand conflict and strengthen communication when parenting together or apart.

Free 4 session online Group provided by Nottinghamshire County council.

Session 1 – What are disagreements and arguments?

- Content – Explore different types and reasons for disagreements and arguments in parental relationships, and what is the impact on children?

Session 2 – What are the triggers of disagreements?

- Content – Understand relationship stages, common conflict triggers, and different communication styles.

Session 3 - How to communicate and negotiate effectively

- Content – Learn skills to support positive communication and negotiation to improve family relationships.

Session 4 - What's Next?

- Content – Reflection on the programme, self-care, support networks and next steps.

- To register for a place on the group please contact your local family [Hub](#), school, or the Reduce Parental Conflict team via our [email](mailto:ReduceParentalConflict@nottsc.gov.uk).



Further information about parental communication is available on our website via the QR code or link below -

<https://www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/relationshipsmatter>

Attendance Matters: Striving for 97%!

ur 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 (07 Sep 2026 - 11 Sep 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	97.74%	99.33%	98.33%	97.67%	100%	98.67%	98.59%	98.62%

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 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 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
Monday 7 th December	Christingle Service – church walkers needed
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

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Book via the QR code or at one of our centres

active Nottingham



Try something different

12:30PM - 3:30PM
BOCCIA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Harvey Hadden Sports Village, NG8 4PB

- Join us at Harvey Hadden Sports Village for our first ever Boccia Festival! A fun, relaxed opportunity to play Boccia, or even try it for the first time.
- Fun games and activities, skill building and time to play. Suitable for all participants - beginners, experienced players, families and spectators.

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