St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

I would like to start by passing on a massive thank you to our entire school community for your incredible generosity during our Children in Need fundraising. Together, we raised a fantastic £3,978.30! This is a wonderful achievement and your support will make a real difference. It was lovely to welcome our Year 6 parents into school for our 'Meet and Eat'. We were also delighted to welcome prospective new parents into school for tours ahead of the September 2027 intake to show them around our school of which I am very proud of. Finally, the term is flying by and excitement is already building across the school as we start gearing up for Christmas.

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 'Love'.*



Feeling Proud



A huge well done to the pupils who shared their out-of-school successes during our Celebration Worship. It was wonderful to hear about all the activities, achievements and hard work their so proud of. Thank you for sharing them with us - we're very proud of you!



Alicia was player of the week at football this week – amazing work Alicia!



We are incredibly proud of how Violet is progressing in her swimming, she has passed her stage 6 this week. Well done Violet.

Ava received her Bronze chief scout award. She has worked really hard on achieving all the elements for the award. Mum, Dad and Frank at very proud of her.



Edward & Elsie both competed in cubs cyclo-cross event and helped 1st Calverton cubs retain their title of champions! Edward & Elsie both enjoyed taking part in a football coaching programme in the holidays, run by Billy Sharp, despite not playing football for teams they both showed great determination and resilience and made wonderful progress across the 4 days. Edward, Elsie & Wilfrid represented Calverton Beavers and Cubs looking incredibly smart on the Remembrance Day parade.

Finally, Elsie was recently invested into 1st Calverton cubs, she was rightfully very proud! Well done to all 3 of you, we continue to be very proud of everything you do and achieve!






St Wilfrid's Wins Notts Outdoors' 40th Birthday Competition!



We have some fantastic news to share with our school family! St Wilfrid's School was recently named the winning entry in a 40th milestone birthday competition of Notts Outdoors.

To mark the occasion, some of our former Year 6 SEND pupils got creative outdoors, crafting a woodland art scene complete with a stick-spelled BRACKEN on the lawn, a pile of autumn leaves and a log perched with a toy hedgehog companion.

The competition organisers sent back a wonderful message:

"I am delighted to let you know that St Wilfrid's School is our winning entry. The creative leaf and stick artwork of Bracken was a wonderful way to celebrate our milestone birthday and we were particularly impressed by the thought and effort that went into it."

We are immensely proud of our Year 6 pupils for representing St Wilfrid's so beautifully with their imagination and hard work! Thank you Miss Morton for supporting them with this lovely opportunity.

Careers and Aspirations Week – We REALLY Need You!

Do you have an interesting job or career path you'd like to share? Could you inspire our students by running a 45 minute (give or take) workshop? We're inviting parents, carers and friends of the school to come in during **Careers Week (w/c 25th January)** and talk to our children about your job or career journey – we do want to hear from you whatever you do! We can tailor the session to a year group that best suits your workshop and we'll work with you to find a day and time that fits your schedule. Whether it's hands-on activities, sharing your experiences, or answering questions, your insight could make a huge impact on our students' future aspirations. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you! Thank you for supporting our Careers Week! ***If you share yours or a friends details, Miss Cousin will be in touch before the end of the term.***

Christmas Jumper Swap – we only have 2 so far!!!



It's time to dust off those festive knits and give them a new home! Join us for our Christmas Jumper Swap 2026 - the perfect way to refresh your festive wardrobe without spending a penny (or adding to landfill!)

- Send in your pre-loved jumpers by the 9th December and receive a jumper token.
- On 10th December at 3:30pm, trade in your token and pick out something new-to-you!

Let's keep the season stylish, sustainable, and full of holiday cheer.

Vacancy: KS2 Care Assistant (1-1) – Sir John Sherbrooke Junior School

Sir John Sherbrooke Junior School, part of the Aspire and Shine Education Trust, is seeking a passionate and ambitious **KS2 Care Assistant (1-1)** to join their team from **1st December 2026**. This is a fixed-term position until **July 2027**, working **32.5 hours per week** (Monday to Friday, term-time only).

If you or someone in your school community would like to join a happy, values-driven 'Take Care' junior school, please **request an application pack directly from the school office**.

- **Closing Date:** 12:00 noon on **1st November 2026**
- **Contact School Office:** Email **office@sirjohnsherbrooke.notts.sch.uk** or call **0115 965 2291**

Help Us Raise Money for St Wilfrid's Primary - Without Spending a Extra Penny!

We are using easyfundraising to raise extra funds for St Wilfrid's Primary School, Calverton. Whenever you shop online - whether ordering groceries, booking a holiday or buying everyday essentials - retailers will turn part of your spend into a free donation for our school.

How to get involved:

1. Sign up for free at our easyfundraising page.
2. Download the optional browser extension ("Donation Reminder") so you never miss a chance to raise a donation.
3. Shop as normal!

Thank you to all our supporters who have helped us raise funds so far - every contribution makes a difference!

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 Nov 2026 - 13 Nov 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	96.77%	96.33%	97.67%	96.00%	96.67%	95.00%	93.79%	96.05%

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	
Saturday 21st November	St Wilfrid's Church Autumn Fair 10am-1pm
Monday 23rd November	Y4 Visit to Newstead Abbey – Victorian Christmas
Tuesday 24th November	F2 Intake Tour 2-3pm
Wednesday 25th November	Enrichment Taster Day – Boccia (PE Kits)
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Monday 7th December	Christingle Service – church walkers needed
Tuesday 8th December	Foundation (F2) Nativity 2:30pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Swap 3:30-4pm in the Hall
Thursday 10th December Friday 11th December	KS1 Nativity 2:30pm
Tuesday 15th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Wilfrid's Church 2pm and 6pm
	Foundation (F2) and KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 18th December	Last Day
Monday 4th January	Inset Day

Week Comm 5th January	Off By Heart Poetry Heats (in classes)
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school Young Voices (Choir) - Birmingham
Friday 8th January	F2 and KS1 Nottingham Playhouse Cinderella @ St Wilfrid's School
Monday 18th January	Off By Heart Poetry Finals 9-11am(ish)
Thursday 21st January	Enrichment Taster Day – Curling (PE Kits)
Friday 22nd January	Y5 Reading Café
Week Comm. 25th January	Careers Week
Wednesday 3rd February	Y4 Meet and Eat
Friday 5th February	Y3 Reading Café
Thursday 11th February	Y6 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 12th February	Last Day
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day Breakfast with Books
Tuesday 9th March	Y2 Meet and Eat
Friday 12th March	Y4 Reading Café
Thursday 18th February	Book Fair Arrives
Friday 19th March	Enrichment Taster Day – Nerf Games (PE Kits)
Week Comm 22nd March	Parents' / Carers' Consultation Evening
Thursday 25th March	Y5 Church Worship –Easter at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am Last Day Book Fair Collected
Friday 26th March	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th April	Children return to school
Monday 26th April	Y1 Meet and Eat
Friday 30th April	Y2 Reading Café
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 5th May – Friday 7th May	Y4 Hagg Farm Residential
Week Comm 10th May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 13th May	Enrichment Taster Day – Tchoukball (PE Kits)
Friday 14th May	F2 Reading Café
Monday 17th May	Y3 Partake – Ancient Egyptians
Wednesday 19th May	Y3 Meet and Eat
Wednesday 26th May	Y1 Multi-Sports Family of Schools Event @ Woodborough Woods PE Kits
Thursday 27th May	Y3 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Friday 28th May	Last Day
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Friday 11th June	Y1 Reading Café
Monday 14th – Thursday 17th June	Y6 Bikeability
Monday 14th June	Y4 Partake - Mayans
Thursday 17th June	F2 Meet and Eat
Wednesday 23rd June	Y1 White Post Farm
Thursday 24th June	F2 Multi-Sports Family of Schools Event @ Lowdham PE Kits
Monday 28th June	Enrichment Taster Day – Lacrosse (PE Kits)

Tuesday 29th June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wednesday 30th June	Y6 and KS2 Summer Production - 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 1st July	Y1 Church Worship at St Wilfrid's Church 9:45am
Monday 5th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 7th July	F2 and KS1 Sports Day CFS Transition Day
Thursday 8th July	CFS Transition Day In-school Class Transition Day CFS Parent Meeting 6:30-8pm
Week Comm 19th-22nd July	Y6 Residential to Hathersage
Friday 23rd July	Y6 Leavers' Service at 2pm Last Day
Monday 26th July Tuesday 27th July Wednesday 28th July	Inset Day



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Consultation on School Admission Arrangements for 2028/2029

This notice is to inform stakeholders that the Local Academy Board of the academy is conducting a consultation on its admission arrangements for the academic year 2028/2029. The School Admissions Code requires consultation at least every seven years, regardless of whether changes are proposed.

We confirm that there are no proposed changes to our existing general admission arrangements. There is, however, a change to our sixth form requirements.

Update to Sixth Form Entry Requirements

Students must achieve five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including at least a grade 4 in English or Maths. Additionally, to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Maths at Sixth Form, students must have achieved at least a grade 6 in each of those subjects. Grade 5 must be achieved in any other subjects.

The consultation period will last for six weeks from 16 November 2026 to 27 December 2026.

Details of our admission arrangements can be found on the school website at Colonel Frank Seely Academy - Home

Stakeholders are invited to submit their views or comments on the admission arrangements during the consultation period. Responses can be submitted in the following ways:

- By email to: admissionsconsultations@cfsacademy.org.uk
- By post to: Admissions Consultation, Colonel Frank Seely Academy, Flatts Lane, Calverton, Nottinghamshire, NG14 6JZ

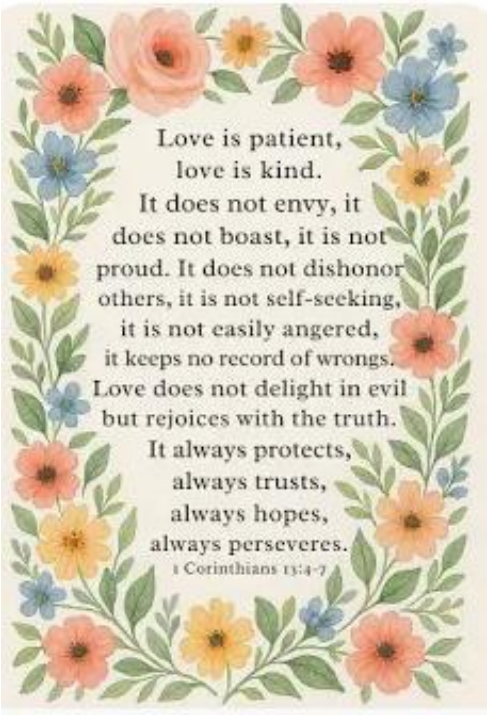
For further information or queries regarding this consultation, please contact the school via email at admissionsconsultations@cfsacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Pearson
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FRIDAY


Love is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy, it
does not boast, it is not
proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.
1 Corinthians 13:4-7