St Wilfrid's CE Primary School Newsletter

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness

A Note from Miss Cousin

What a gorgeous and active week we have had across the school! We are absolutely delighted to announce that our Children in Need total just keeps on rising, officially passing the £4,000 mark to reach a fantastic £4,008.30, alongside raising £142.74 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal — thank you all for your incredible support and generosity. Learning and sport have been in full swing too: Year 4 stepped back in time with a trip to Newstead Abbey to experience a traditional Victorian Christmas, some of our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a brilliant session of Kwik Cricket and pupils in Years 3 and 4 showed great energy playing Dodgeball – thanks to Gedling School Games. In addition, the whole school also came together for an inclusive Boccia enrichment day. To finish off this wonderful week, we are heading to the square for the Calverton light switch-on, where our school choir will be singing around the Christmas tree for our local community! See you there!

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 massive congratulations to all of our incredible Golden Box Achievers and Christian Value Award Winners! We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of you for everything you do - both in class and around the school. Your hard work, kindness, dedication and the wonderful values you demonstrate every day set such a positive example for our whole school community. Thank you for making our school such a special place to learn and grow.



Huge congratulation to Bernie-Bear who has officially passed his Bronze Good Citizen training award – we are so incredibly proud of him!



Isla has achieved a Blue Peter 'blue badge' for submitting her artwork of Henry the Dog and her 'sport badge' for her efforts at Junior Park Run.

Her fast time for 2K is now 12mins 44 seconds.

She has also achieved her 10 metre backstroke badge.







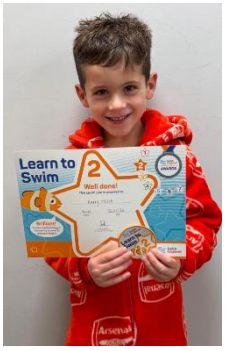
We are all incredibly proud of Luna for being brave enough to take the leap and get her hair cut short, and getting it cut short enough to be able to donate it to the little princess trust who use the hair to make wigs for people who need them. Well done Luna we are very proud of you and think your new look is beautiful!





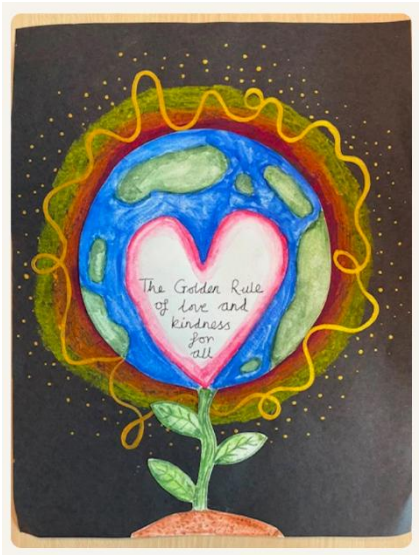


Congratulations to Xanthe for getting her Rookies life-saving silver level 2!



Harry has passed his stage 2 swimming and he can now swim 10m on his front and back. Harry was nervous of the deep end when he first started stage 2 and this is a big achievement for him. We are so proud of his determination and never giving up.

Celebrating Creative Excellence: NATRE Spirited Arts Winner!



Huge congratulations to Lola whose artwork "The Golden Rule is Love and Kindness for All" was selected as a national winner in the annual NATRE Spirited Arts Competition! Responding to the theme "Prayers for all that lives! Animals / Earth / God", Lola created a moving piece featuring a heart at the centre of the world to represent God's love for all living creatures, encircled by a glowing golden thread. In her artist statement, Lola explained: "Many religions follow this golden rule and it is so important to treat others how you wish to be treated… The light around the Earth shows that we can be resilient and create positive change to help all living creatures survive and thrive."

The Golden Rule is Love and Kindness for All

By Lola, aged 10 from St Wilfrids CE Primary School

The golden rule is love and kindness for all ♡ ♡ ♡

I chose the title, "The golden rule is love and kindness for all" because many religions follow this golden rule and it is so important to treat others how you wish to be treated. My golden thread surrounds the Earth, to show how important it is.

The heart is in the centre as the world to represent God's love for all living things – great and small.

Christians believe that God created the world for us all to love and care. The heart is the giver of life, courage and gravity. The light around the Earth shows that we can be resilient and create positive change to help all living creatures survive and thrive.

Lola's artwork was chosen from a massive field of entries across the globe. NATRE receives around 3,000 to 4,000 final entries for national judging each year from over 500 participating schools worldwide, with tens of thousands of young people creating art in classroom rounds. We are incredibly proud of Lola's thoughtful message of compassion, kindness and stewardship!

Playground Etiquette and Safeguarding Reminders

To help keep arrival and dismissal running smoothly and safely for everyone, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Please join the queue where you enter the playground and wait patiently in line. We kindly ask that adults and children do not jump ahead in line to join friends.
- Children in **Years 3 to 5** should be dropped off at the main school gates **no earlier than 8:40am** – **do not walk around the school to classrooms** – it is an essential safeguarding measure, protecting both the children and yourselves.

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



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.

Reduce Illness

As we head into the colder months, we are doing everything we can in school to keep our pupils and staff healthy, happy, and in the classroom. We would love your support at home with this, too!

Here are a few quick practical steps we're focusing on across the school:

- We are encouraging regular handwashing, keeping our soap supplies fully topped up, and reminding children to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues. Good hygiene habits alone can reduce illness-related absences by up to **25%**.
- We are keeping classrooms well-ventilated by opening windows for quick bursts between lessons to refresh shared spaces without letting the room get chilly.
- We have reviewed our daily cleaning routines, paying extra attention to high-touch surfaces like door handles and desks to stop bugs spreading.

Together, these small measures make a big difference in reducing both respiratory and tummy illnesses.

For more detailed information - including guidance on flu vaccinations and broader infection control - you can read the latest update on the **Education Hub blog**.

Gedling Leisure – Black Friday Swimming lesson promotion

The following promotion will apply:

- **You won't pay a joining fee (saving £15)**
- **You will get 25% off your January and February direct debit payment**

Terms and Conditions

- This offer is valid between 24 November – 1 December 2026 inclusive.
- This offer is valid for Baby and Toddler lessons, Junior Swim Star lessons, Disability Swim Star lessons, adult lessons and private lessons.
- To redeem this offer, sign up online or visit/ call one of the leisure centres.
- An initial payment is required when signing up (this will vary depending on the joining date). Direct debit payments are taken on, or near, the 5th of each month.
- Direct debit payments are based on a 50-week provision of lessons and does not include a 2 week break in lessons over the Christmas period.
- Swimming lesson places are subject to availability. You may be added to a waiting list if no spaces are available on your preferred class day/time.
- All swimming lessons terms and conditions apply.

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 (16 Nov 2026 - 20 Nov 2026)

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	All Years
Attendance	94.84%	95.67%	97.33%	95.00%	95.33%	93.33%	96.55%	95.43%

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.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook
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	
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

The Minster School

Admissions Consultation on The Minster School proposed school admission arrangements for the 2028 - 2029 school year

From Monday 23 November 2026 to Monday 18 January 2027 The Minster School is consulting on proposed changes to their 2028 - 2029 admission arrangements.

Who do we consult with?

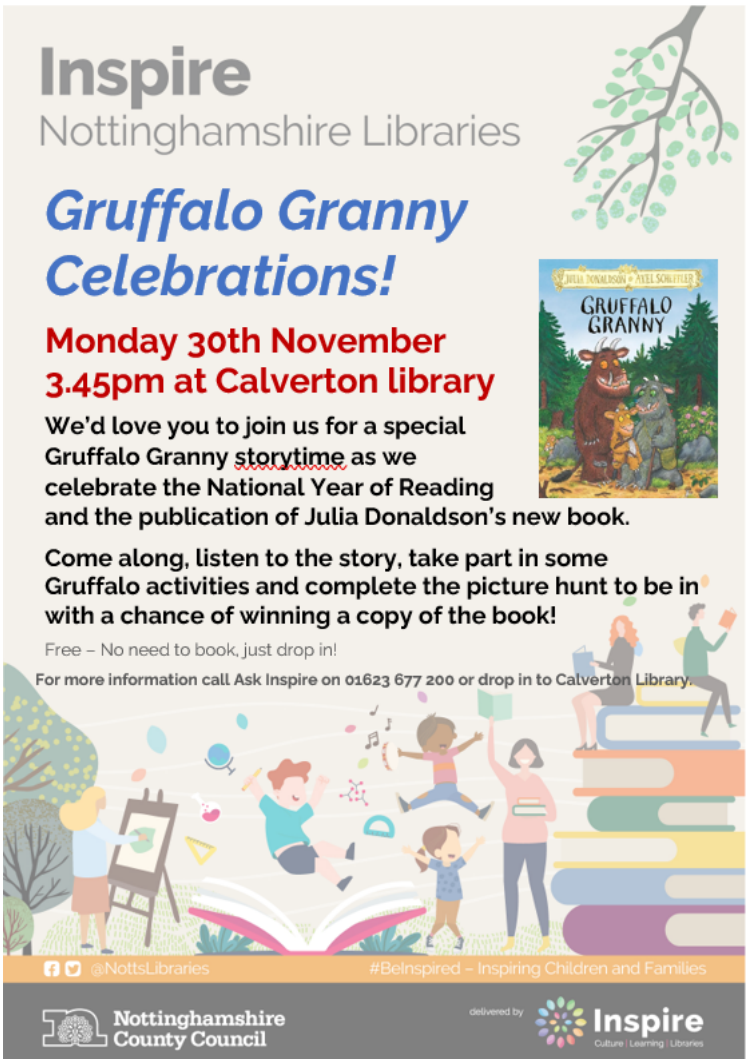
- Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen
- Other people in the area who may have an interest in the proposed admission arrangements
- All other admissions authorities within the relevant area
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham
- Neighbouring Local Authorities

This consultation invites you to give your views about The Minster School proposed admission arrangements for 2028 - 2029. Details of the consultation, the full proposed admission arrangements and a consultation response form can be found on the school's website – www.minsterschool.org.uk

All consultation information is available (upon request) from the school.

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date on **Monday 18th January 2027** in one of the following ways: -

- Download the response form and return the completed form to the school office.
- Email office@minsterschool.org.uk
- Write to: Chair of Governors, The Minster School, Nottingham Road, Southwell, Nottingham NG25 0LG



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11 November 2026

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
Headteacher



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