



# St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

*Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning*

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## Christian Value for December: **Peace**

**THIS WEEK:** Well, what a final week it has been in school! Key Stage Two produced a wonderful Carol Service, and all the children have been busy completing numerous Christmas activities and attending their Christmas parties. It has truly been a great way to end the term. The children and staff have done exceptionally well this term, and now they deserve to go home and enjoy some quality time, reflecting upon a truly lovely Autumn term.

### WORSHIP:

Staff and governors celebrated communion together before school, and Rev. Susan and I combined our final worships with reflection and our usual celebration. We were reminded about the wonderful opportunity to spend time together with family and friends and to remember the gift of Jesus Christ at Christmas time.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS:

Starting from January, we would like to invite parents to join our Celebration Worship, which takes place every Friday afternoon from 2.25 pm to 3pm. We will initially be offering 20 places for parents to attend and kindly ask that you request a place each week through Parent Apps—Information to follow. During Celebration Worship, we will be announcing the Stars of the Week, sharing 'Special Mentions' brought in by children, presenting merits, singing, and concluding the week by expressing our thanks through prayer.

**I want to clarify** that the identity of any 'Stars of the Week' will remain secret until the worship. Therefore, please do not attend with the expectation of seeing your child receive an award or special mention.

(However, if it happens by coincidence, that would be great!)

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS: CLASS DOJO

In the new year, we will ensure that we better utilise the Class Dojo online platform that we currently have in school. Class Dojo enables effective communication between school and home. Starting from January, we will ensure consistent use of Class Dojo across classes and regular updates for each class. We will use the online rewards system on Class Dojo to reinforce positive behaviour choices, aligning with the personal qualities highlighted in our termly reports. This will enable parents to know when and why positive behaviour, over and above expectations, is recognised. We currently have permissions in place for your child to be featured on Class Dojo. However, if you wish to add or change your permission, please contact the school office. In January, I will inform you about the specific uses and expectations of Class Dojo, aiming to establish a clear understanding of the school and home expectations.

### NEW PARENTS SHOWROUND:

**The deadline for Primary School Applications is 31st January 2024.** If you have children starting school in September 2024, then please ensure you apply through the Lancashire County Council Website.

To look around our school, please contact Mrs Harte or Mrs Brown in the school office on:

(01524) 811230



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## LOCAL LIBRARY:

In the Spring term, each class will visit the Halton Village Library. This will give the children a chance to join and borrow books. We aim to establish regular visits to our library and incorporate them into our school's usual routine. I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Stamp, our English Coordinator, for coordinating this initiative. At St Wilfrid's, we encourage and foster a love for reading!

## STARS OF THE WEEK:

ASH: Katie  
WILLOW: Harry  
CHERRY: Harlow  
CHESTNUT: Kyran  
BEECH: Tiernan  
PINE: Stevie  
SYCAMORE: Jack  
OAK: Rose

## CLUBS:

Clubs will commence on the second week back in the new year. Details will be shared on Parent App.

## LEAVERS HOT CHOCOLATE:

Our new Leaver's Hot Chocolate will take place on  
Tuesday 9th January 2024! 4pm—5pm  
All St Wilfrid's leavers are very welcome.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Thur 21st Dec —Finish for Christmas Holiday—**2pm** school closes  
(Orchard Club closes— **4.30pm**)

**School Reopens—Monday 8th January 2024!**

## NEW YEAR DATES:

Tue 9th January—Football Competition—Details given to children involved  
Teaching Intervention Plans (TIPS)—Sent home on Friday 12th January  
Fri 19th Jan—Athletics Competition—details give to children involved  
Fri 19th Jan—Football Competition— County Finals—Details given to children involved

**Thursday 25th Jan 3.30pm PTFA AGM—In School**

## Class Assembly Dates

Fri 26th Jan 9.15am—Cherry Class  
Fri 9th Feb 9.15am—Beech Class  
Friday 26th April 9.15am—Pine Class  
Friday 14th June 9.15am —Sycamore Class  
Wed 19th June 9.15am —Willow and Ash Class Combined

**Final thought...** The St Wilfrid's community is special, and I am looking forward to what the new year has in store. As we finish for the Christmas holidays, I do want to wish you all a joyful Christmas break. Christmas can be a time of joy for most, but it can also be a time of difficulty for many. I trust and pray that all of us will experience the peace that the birth of Jesus brings, and that we are all able to spend time with our friends and family.