



# St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

*Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning*

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*Let all that you do be done in love (1 Cor 16:14)*

## Christian Values for March: **Trust**

### THIS WEEK:

On Monday, we focused on our value of trust and reflected on the story of Job. We learned about Job's unwavering trust in God, even when faced with difficult circumstances. Tuesday was an exciting day as we welcomed three new School Governors to our school. We had the privilege of introducing them to our children and staff. On Wednesday, Reverend Susan and I attended the Blackburn Diocese Headteacher and Incumbents Conference. This conference provided us with a valuable opportunity to explore ways to strengthen the relationship between our school and the church. We also discussed how we can better serve and support our community. This Thursday, as part of our Lent Worship series, we learned about the significance of the Last supper. It was a meaningful and reflective session for all of us. We ended the week on a high note with our Celebration Worship. It was a wonderful way to wrap up a truly great week.

### WORSHIP:

This year, we are in school during Holy Week. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to engage in worship and reflection during this time. We have planned some special worship sessions, and as a whole school, we will come together each day to observe and reflect on the significance of the final Easter Week. We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Towers, our Worship Coordinator, for organising this special week.

### PTFA: Meeting

Yesterday, parents, Mrs Rowe and myself had a productive PTFA meeting in school. We discussed events for the remainder of the year and explored how funds could be best spent to benefit our children. Please consider supporting the PTFA with your time and talents. There is a wide range of opportunities to help, ranging from one-off commitments to regular involvement.

**Reminder: PARENT'S EVENING:** Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 27th March.—School Hall

Beech, Pine, Sycamore and Oak: This will begin at 2.30pm and end at 7.50pm.

Ash, Willow, Cherry and Chestnut: This will begin at 3.30pm and end at 7.50pm.

### MESSY CHURCH:

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

3.30pm – 6pm in the School Hall

**COME AND MAKE SOME HOT CROSS BUNS AND LEARN ABOUT THE CROSS**



**FINISHING WITH BAKED POTATOES AND LOTS OF FILLINGS AND CHOCOLATE BROWNIES!  
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, LAUGHTER, AND TIME TO PRAY AND REFLECT  
FOOD . ACTIVITIES . FUN . ALL-AGE**

**Please reply to the message on Parent Apps, if you are attending.**



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### BORWICK HALL TRIPS:

Outdoor Education is a unique opportunity for children to learn in a different way. I am pleased to say that we have arranged for Year 2 and Year 4 children to attend Borwick Hall (The Outdoor and Adventure Centre) next term. This is a great chance for the children to enjoy the outdoors and try some new activities. It will provide a chance to work as a team and develop their confidence and resilience. Further information will be sent in due course. Thank you to Mrs. Long for organising this great opportunity.

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS: Our Grounds

This week, we met with our school surveyor and building contractors to finalise the works for the Key Stage Two play-ground project (as well as smaller areas around the school). The majority of the drainage work and removal of the wall will take place over the Easter holidays. However, some work will continue into the summer term. There should be no major disruption to school life, but I ask you to please stay vigilant for signs, cones, and fenced areas that will be in operation for a couple of weeks into the term.

I also know that some of the work will happen while the children are at school. This will allow them to watch and be inspired to become the builders, surveyors, and contractors of the future!

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS: Swimming

Please see below the changes to school swimming. Details explaining the change can be found on last's weeks newsletter.

#### What we currently have:

- Year 3 – Autumn, Spring & Summer.
- Year 4 – Autumn
- Year 5 – Spring
- Year 6 – Summer

#### What we are planning for next year:

- Year 3 – Spring 2 & Summer
- Year 4 – Autumn & Spring 1
- Catch up swimming – Year 5.

#### To achieve this we need:

- Summer 1 – Year 6 & Year 5 water safety.
- Summer 2 – Year 6 (as normal) and Year 4 & Year 5 children who have not currently met the National Curriculum 25m.

# Easter at St

# Wilfrid's



## Easter Competition

This year, for our Easter competition, we will be inviting the children to decorate an hard boiled egg at home and to bring it into school on Monday 25th March . The eggs will be on display during this week in the main corridor. Judging will take place on Wednesday 27th March, the winners will be announced on Thursday in worship .

## Easter Egg Raffle

The PTFA are inviting parents to donate a Chocolate Easter egg —however big or small! Eggs can be sent into school from Monday 16th March and we will be used to build an Easter Egg Tower in the school hall! During the week before the Easter holiday (week commencing 25th March) raffle tickets will be on sale for 20p to the Children and each class will hold their own raffle with the donated eggs. (Children with automatically be given one free raffle ticket for each egg donated.)

## Easter Mini Egg Hunt

On Thursday 28th March the children will hunt for eggs which will be hidden around the school grounds.

Some Ideas....





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## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS: Facebook



In the summer term we are going to launch our own school Facebook page. This will allow our school to have an social media presence. This will enable current parents, future parents and the wider community to connect and engage with our school. The focus of the page will be to celebrate and inform about the wonderful learning and enrichment opportunities we provide at St Wilfrid's. I understand that this is a significant change to our school. Please be assured that before any posts are made I will provide specific details on how our page will work and ensure that all parents give their consent to their child appearing on this platform. I am aware that there are various methods of communicate to and from school and this is something we are evaluating. However, I believe a social media presence is a key part of how a school can engage with its communicate effectively.

## STARS OF THE WEEK:

Ash: Abigail  
Willow: Fergus  
Cherry: Lydia  
Chestnut: Toby  
Beech: Irina  
Pine: Lucy  
Sycamore: Rose  
Oak: Elsa

## CLASS WORSHIP DATES:

Fri 26th April 9.15am—Pine Class  
Fri 14th June 9.15am —Sycamore Class  
Wed 19th June 9.15am —Willow and Ash Class Combined  
Families are invited to watch their child's Class Worship.

## HALTON LIBRARY VISITS:

Dates for the remaining class to visit Halton Library.  
27.03 - Ash (10:00-11:00)

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Tue 19th March—Yr 5 Music Festival (Details given)  
Wed 20th March—Windermere Cross Country Event— Rearranged 24th April—Due to waterlogged course  
Thur 21st March—Yr 2 Music Festival (Details given)  
WB 25th March—Holy Week  
Wed 27th March—Parent's Evening—In the school hall  
**Thur 28th March—PTFA Egg Raffle (Details to follow)**

## Final thought...

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; Proverbs 3 v 5*

Have a lovely weekend, from the whole St Wilfrid's team!