



St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

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Christian Value this half term: **RESPECT**

THIS WEEK:

Welcome back September sun! It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the sunshine this week, spending lots of time outside and making great use of our fantastic grounds. The children have really settled into their learning, and our topics are well underway. It was lovely to host our Macmillan Coffee Morning today and to have a great week in school. This week, we also had our first fire drill, and all the children conducted themselves excellently. Well done also to our new starters who are now joining us for whole school worship.

Celebration Worship:

Fridays at 2:25 PM — All parents and families are welcome to join us for Celebration Worship every Friday afternoon at 2:25 PM (except for the last Friday of each half term, when our values worship in the morning replaces this time).

There is no need to book; just come to reception, and we will let you in!

Please note: school will notify you if your child has received a Values Award at the end of the half term so that you can plan to attend. However, the Start of the Week recognition, which takes place during the weekly Celebration Worship, remains a surprise for everyone!

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS: Secondary

We are very fortunate to have numerous secondary schools that children from St Wilfrid's go on to attend. Many local secondary schools hold Open Days and Evenings. Whenever they send information to us, we will always pass it on. However, I would encourage you to make your own enquiries to ensure opportunities are not missed. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to the application criteria for Ripley St Thomas in Lancaster.

The admissions policy at Ripley St Thomas highlights the importance of being aware of the required church attendance. Currently, Ripley gives priority in admissions to children whose parents or guardians have attended church at least twice a month for the two years immediately preceding the application. We encourage you to check the full details of Ripley St Thomas's admissions policy on their website, as it clearly outlines the criteria and explains the process.

Information Meeting:

On Thursday 13th November (3.30pm—Chestnut) we will be holding an Information Meeting for parents who may be considering the Lancaster Grammar Schools, particularly relevant for parents of children in Years 4 and 5. These schools require children to take an entrance test. This meeting will aim to inform you as parents about how the entrance test works and how you can prepare your child. The meeting will be led by Mrs Rowe.

High School Application for Year 6—Deadline (All Schools): Friday 31 October 2025

REV SUSAN: RIPLEY FORM SIGNING:

If you require your Ripley forms signed for your Year 6 child's Ripley application, Rev Susan is happy for you to contact her to make your own arrangements. However, Rev Susan will be in school on **Thursday, 9th October**, from 3pm if this is more convenient. A Parent App message will be sent out on Monday for you to confirm your attendance.



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BURGER BLAST OFF

BURGER AND CHIPS WITH PEAS OR BEANS

VEGGIE BURGER AND CHIPS WITH PEAS OR BEANS

TRIFLE OR JELLY

2ND OCTOBER 2025 - £2.60

PLEASE ORDER A SCHOOL DINNER!

CENSUS DAY Thursday 2nd October 2026– Theme Burger Blast Off!

On Thursday 2nd of October, all schools have census day. The government grants significant future funding for our school based on the number of school children who take up a school meal on this day (even one child can make a huge financial difference). We hope this will encourage all parents (especially those in Key Stage One) to ensure that their child takes up a school lunch on this day, even if they don't usually do so. Please support us and help secure significant future funding for our school. Our theme: **Burger Blast Off**

PLEASE SUPPORT!

September 2026
One form
Reception
intake

St Wilfrid's C of E Primary School
Penny Stone Road, Halton, LA2 6QE

OPEN DAY 2025

Wednesday
8th October 2025
9:30-11:30am

'Pupils thrive in this happy school'
Ofsted 2024

Please call school on
01524 811230
or email
admin@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk
if you plan to attend
stwilfrids-halton.co.uk

NEW PARENTS SHOWROUND:

If you know families who are considering St Wilfrid's as their school for September 2026, please let them know that they are welcome to come and have a tour of our wonderful school.

From September 2026, we will be a one-form entry school, ensuring that children remain together as one cohort, with a maximum of 30 pupils per class in each year group.

If individuals cannot attend the Open Day, they are welcome to contact the school office to arrange a convenient time.



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HARVEST IN SCHOOL: Service and Support

On Thursday 2nd October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Service in school for pupils. This will be led by the Worship Team. Please can we ask for you to send in a food donations on this day for our Harvest display. Tinned and packet items are requested. **These will then be donated to the local Morecambe Food Bank.**

ALSO: In our School Harvest Worship, Mrs Rowe will be letting the children know how they can support the Bishops Harvest Appeal



Blackburn Diocese

Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2025

**To donate to the appeal either send a
cheque to Diocesan Offices**

or scan the QR code from the 1st October 2025 to donate online.





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Reminder: IMPORTANT: GOING HOME ROUTINES:

Home time is a busy period for staff, children, and parents. There are various places to be in a short amount of time. Please pay attention to the arrangements below.

Key Stage One (Ash, Willow, Cherry, and Chestnut): Children must be collected from their classroom doors by a responsible person.

Year 3 and 4 (Beech and Pine): Children must be collected from the Key Stage Two playground. Teachers will not walk down to the Key Stage One playground with your child.

Year 5 and 6 (Sycamore and Oak): Children must be collected from the Year 5/6 door by a responsible adult.

Children in these year groups can walk home with permission given to the office.

If your child is not collected by 3:20 p.m., they will be taken to the school office, where parents will be contacted and must collect them. These arrangements will ensure the safest and most efficient dismissal of your children at the end of each day.

Please note: Teachers will not release children until the collecting adult has been identified.

Update: Children will not be released to meet parents on another playground. Thank you.

Advanced Notice:

PARENT'S EVENING—Wednesday 22nd October 25

Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday, 22nd October. This will be a short 5-minute appointment where you will be able to discuss how your child is settling in and ask any initial questions. These appointments will occur in the school hall.

Later in the academic year, we will hold another, longer Parents' Evening where you will have the opportunity to look through your child's work and have a more detailed discussion with their class teacher.

Booking will be sent on Parent Apps WB: 6th October 25

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

It was lovely to see you all.



Lockdown Procedures:

Before half term, we will be conducting a lockdown practice. This exercise is essential to ensure that we can safely get all children and staff into school and secure. I will ask teachers to explain the necessity of this drill to the children. We will use the example of a local fire and the presence of smoke as the reason for returning to class. I believe it is good practice for us to have this procedure in place, and I will ensure that it is conducted without surprise and with a clear explanation to all our children



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STAR OF THE WEEK:

ASH: Nathan
WILLOW: Luna
CHERRY: Ada
CHESTNUT: Tommy
BEECH: Jack
PINE: Cora
SYCAMORE: Bradley
OAK: Nathaniel

PTFA MEETING / EVENT

**Wednesday 1st October 6.30pm: Halton Social Club,
All welcome**

This will be the first meeting of the year and a chance to find out about the PTFA's plans for the year ahead. Please do attend if you are interested in supporting the PTFA this year or if you would like to learn more about their plans!

LIFE EDUCATION TEAM:

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the Life Education Team will be visiting all our classes. This visit is part of our PSHE curriculum, and the children really enjoy these lessons. However, this provision does incur a cost to the school. Therefore, I am asking for a donation of **£3** to help cover these expenses. Thank you in advance for your support.

DATES:

Tues and Wed 30th and 1st—Life Education Team in School

Tue 30th Sept Football Competition—Children involved will be notified

Wed 1st Oct - Biathlon—Children involved have been informed

Wed 1st—PTFA Meeting 6.30pm—Halton Social Club—All Welcome

Thur 2nd Oct— Harvest In School—Please send in your donation on the day

Mon 6th Oct —Reception Children Class Photograph—Lancaster Guardian

Tuesday 7th Oct—Hot Chocolate Drop In—Year 6 Leaver's 2025.—4pm –5pm

Wed 8th October—OPEN DAY—9.30am—11.30am—Please phone the office if you are attending.

Thur 9th—Rev Susan—Ripley Form Signing—Year 6 3.00pm—In school

Friday 10th Oct—PTFA Film Night—3.15pm –5.15pm

Wednesday 15th Oct (School Hall) —Community Tea 2pm—3pm (for the senior members of our community)

Friday 17th Oct —Whole School Photos

WB 20th Oct—Wilfrid's Wood Week—Details to follow

Tue Oct 21st—Flu Vaccinations in school

Tue 21st Oct KS1 Athletics Competition—Children involved will be contacted

Wed 22nd Oct—Parent's Evening

Friday 24th Oct 9.15am—Values Worship

New dates will be added each week.

FINAL THOUGHT:

All the best to our Year 6 Children who are taking the Grammar Test this weekend!
Have a lovely weekend all!