



# 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 Value this half term: RESPECT**



## THIS WEEK:

We began by examining the story of the Good Samaritan during our Values Worship. On Tuesday, we performed well in the local football competition, followed by the biathlon on Wednesday. On Thursday, we enjoyed a lovely Harvest Worship—thank you to the Worship Team for leading us so well. Finally, on Friday, we concluded the week with our wonderful Celebration Worship.

## CHRISTMAS TRIPS:

This year, for our Christmas theatre trips, we are providing opportunities for both Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2).

Key Stage 1 will be watching Puss in Boots at the Lancaster Grand on 11th December at 1:00 PM. The cost is £10.50, which includes an ice cream or sorbet. This will mean a return to school at approximately 3:45 PM.

Key Stage 2 will be watching The Snow Queen at The Dukes in Lancaster on 2nd December at 10:15 AM. The cost is £13, which also includes an ice cream or sorbet.

On both days, a picnic lunch will be the meal choice for those having school dinners.

**Thank you from the PTFA, who are funding the coach trips for both days.**



## Burger Blast Off: Thursday 2nd October:

I just wanted to express a HUGE **THANK YOU** for all your support in ordering a school dinner on this day. By doing so, you have helped to secure significant funding for the school.

## Reminder: Coats in school.

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. We always look for opportunities to go outside, even in inclement weather. As the weather changes and the nights draw in, giving children the chance to be outside during the day becomes increasingly important.

## PASTORAL POST: Online Safety

This week, we are sharing a poster about EA Sports FC 26, which is likely to be a popular game in many households. Please make yourself aware of how best to support your child's use of this platform.



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### Sporting Success:

Well done to our football team! On Tuesday, they participated in a local football competition and competed admirably. However, on this occasion, they did not progress from the group stages, although they represented the school excellently.

On Wednesday, we took a team to the local biathlon competition. We performed brilliantly, securing an individual winner and finishing third overall as a team, just behind St. Peter's and Bolton-le-Sands.

Well done to all who represented the school so well!

### LOCAL EVENT:

The long awaited work about Halton's WW1 and WW2 Casualties is complete. 6 years in the research. As promised a copy has been reserved for St. Wilfrid's School. Text covers c190 pages and slides c750. There is an Open Afternoon at Center@Halton on 25th October, 2pm to 4pm, where there will be a 90 contemporary T artefacts on display, historic events in slides, and an overview of the Time line. It is very much a "Hands on afternoon." Very informal, but informative.

Could you please let me know how you wish to proceed please?

Grateful thanks,

Trevor Green.

### 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.

**September 2026**  
**One form**  
**Reception**  
**intake**

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

**OPEN DAY**  
**2025**  
**Wednesday**  
**8<sup>th</sup> 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



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## HARVEST IN SCHOOL: Service and Support

In our School Harvest Worship, Mrs Rowe let 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.



### **Reminder: IMPORTANT: GOING HOME ROUTINES:**

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.



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PTFA  
**100**  
Club

Join St Wilfrid's PTFA 100 Club for just £10 a year to be in with a chance of winning at every half term draw. Money raised funds exciting school resources such as books, trips and visitors.

**HALF TERM PRIZES**  
1st prize £20  
2nd prize £15  
3rd prize £10

**END OF TERM BONUS**  
£35

Sign up via ParentPay, direct debit or by emailing [stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com)

## PTFA:

### The 100 Club is back!

Join our PTFA run lottery and help support exciting school trips and resources for our children.

All proceeds go directly to the PTFA to benefit our children, and yes, parents can win too!

#### How it works:

At the end of each half term you could be in with the chance to win\*:

1st prize £20 approx.

2nd prize £15 approx.

3rd prize £10 approx.

Plus a bonus £35 draw at Christmas, Easter & Summer

#### You have to be in it to win it!

One payment of £10 for the full year via ParentPay or bank transfer to: St Wilfrids Halton PTFA

30-14-60 00116085

(or why not set up an annual standing order!)

Good Luck!

\* Prizes depend upon the number of 100 participants.

**PTFA NEXT EVENT: Film Night, Friday 10th October**

**Payment on Parent Apps required.**

**PTFA NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12th November**



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## **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**

## **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**

## **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: Ivy  
WILLOW: Zack  
CHERRY: Abigail  
CHESTNUT: Oliver R  
BEECH: Billy  
PINE: Alfie  
SYCAMORE: Jacob  
OAK: Orla

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

These will be confirmed next week.

Please note, no Class Assemblies are planned before Christmas

## SPECIAL DAYS:

Throughout the year, we will recognise various special days. These may be acknowledged through brief mentions in worship or class, or as well as a more focused observance of the day. Only World Book Day requires dressing up!

### 15th Sep: National Day of Democracy

13th Nov: World Kindness Day

29th Jan: National Puzzle Day

10th Feb: Safer Internet Day

5th March: World Book Day (**Dress Up**)

18th March: Global Recycling Day

15th April: World Art Day

1st July: International Joke Day

Other days will happen, however, we will always give advance notice.

## PTFA EVENTS:

**Thursday 5th Feb—School Quiz Night**

**Fri 20th March—Film Night**

**Thur 21st May— School Disco**

**Fri 3rd July—Family Fun Night**

## DATES:

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.**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**



## FINAL THOUGHT:

The skies had never seen a pilot like Bessie Coleman before. She was the first African-American woman to obtain an international pilot's license, soaring to new heights that Black people in the United States had never reached before