



St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

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Christian Value this half term: **RESPECT**

THIS WEEK:

This week has been very busy at school. On Monday, we reflected on why we should look after God's world. We also had some Year 5 children start their Young Leaders training. Tuesday saw some of our children take part in a Panathlon event at Lancaster and Morecambe College. On Wednesday, we held our Open Day. On Thursday, we welcomed back a large number of our 2025 leavers. It was good to catch up with them and see how well they had settled into life at high school. Today, we celebrated the week's achievements and ended with a PTFA Film Night.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

We have now published the dates for the Class Worship. Each time there is a Class Worship, this will be followed by a short café time for children and families in the school hall.

This year, the PTFA is requesting that parents of children donate cakes to sell at the end of the Class Worship day to the rest of the school. These will help raise much-needed funds for our PTFA. Please do support this initiative if you are able.

SCHOOL IMPORVEMENT PRIORITIES: 2025,26

Now that we are a few weeks into the school year, I wanted to bring to your attention some of the key areas for school improvement this academic year. These targets are our main priorities; however, we are also committed to making developments in other areas of the school too!

QUALITY OF EDUCATION: MAIN TARGETS:

- To secure the understanding of What? And How? Children are learning in each lesson
 - To enhance the provision for the more able pupils
 - To raise attainment in reading across school

BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES: MAIN TARGETS:

- Ensuring we have strong routines throughout school
- Develop behaviour for learning (being lesson ready)

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT: MAIN TARGET:

- To develop the understanding of our school Christian values and British values

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT:

- To ensure Subject Leaders secure high-quality teaching and learning within their subject

EYFS:

To enhance the learning environment to develop early reading



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Friday 17th October.

On Friday, 17th (next week), we will be having our annual school photographs. If you would like to have a photo taken with younger siblings who are not currently attending school, please bring your children to the Office at 8:30 a.m. next Friday, and they can have their picture taken together.

For those who have siblings already enrolled in the school, we will organise both individual and sibling photographs.

Remember: smart uniform and tidy hair!

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.

THANK YOU!

Our Open Day was a great success. We had a significant number of prospective families visiting our school in anticipation of September.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our Year 6 children for being such excellent tour guides. They demonstrated remarkable maturity and kindness in the way they spoke about our fantastic school and guided visitors around.

If you know people who are considering St Wilfrid's in September 26, they can still contact the school office for a tour of the school.

Tel: 01524 811230

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



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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.

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.

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.



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REMINDER: 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

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

Good Luck!

* Prizes depend upon the number of 100 participants.

PTFA
100
Club

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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

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Sign up via ParentPay, direct debit or by emailing stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com

PTFA NEXT EVENT: Film Night, Friday 10th October

Payment on Parent Apps required.

PTFA NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12th November. 6.30pm

Halton Social Club



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SMARTPHONES:

As I mentioned to you at Meet The Teacher, there is an organisation aimed at advocating a delay in introducing smartphones to children. I wanted to ensure you are all aware of this movement and the fact that many parents believe that delaying the provision of smartphones to children can have significant benefits.

www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

Let's reclaim childhood

Smartphones have fundamentally reshaped childhood. Not because this is what any of us want for our kids. Just because, until now, choosing another path has felt impossible.

That's why this movement exists. Not to judge or divide, but to stand together.

To say: maybe this isn't inevitable. Maybe we can pause. Maybe if we work together we can reset – and give our kids something better.

POLITE REMINDERS: Parking and Driveway

Please ensure you park considerately when dropping off and picking up. This week, I have met with three local residents, and they would greatly appreciate parents not blocking their driveways.

Please use the path down the side of the school for collections from Orchard and when visiting the office. This is even more important as staff are arriving and leaving in darker, wetter conditions.

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 on the 13th October at 10am

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: Evie
WILLOW: Stanley
CHERRY: Elijah
CHESTNUT: Ada
BEECH: Ruby
PINE: Orla
SYCAMORE: Emmie B
OAK: Emme B

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

Ash: Thur 7th May
Willow: Fri 30th Jan
Cherry: Fri 1st May
Chestnut: Fri 19th June
Beech: Fri 6th March
Pine: Fri 6th Feb
Sycamore: Fri 20th March
Oak: Fri 27th Feb

Class Worships;
Start: 9.15am followed by a
café.
End of day Cake Sale too!
See details.

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

No Screens Day—TBC

Quiet Day—TBC

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:

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

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

New dates will be added each week.

FINAL THOUGHT:

Our wonderful children have truly demonstrated that they are the best advertisement for our school. Well done, everyone—especially for your efforts on our Open Day. You all showcased how wonderful our school is!

Have a lovely weekend!