



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: Kindness



School Council Chosen Charity: RNLI

THIS WEEK:

I trust you had a lovely half-term. Welcome back to the new half-term! It has been a short but productive week. On Wednesday, many children were very helpful in reminding me that it was Wednesday. We reflected on our new Christian value of kindness. On Thursday, Rev. Susan led our worship, and today we held our Star of the Week celebration.

Whole School Attendance:

As a school we really value good attendance. This plays a vital role in the academic and personal development of your child.

Whole School Target: 96%

Autumn Term 1 Actual: 95.9%

Thank you for all your support in ensuring good attendance in school.

Behaviour Policy and Stages Update:

At St Wilfrid's, we recognise the importance of good behaviour. Our recently reviewed behaviour policy is available on our website. However, I would like to draw your attention to the revised 'stages of behaviour' (attached) that are used to ensure the consistent application of our policy. Please remember that, as a school, our common language of expectation is: **Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High!**

FIRST AID CHANGES:

As part of a recent review of our First Aid provision, we have decided to implement a note home each time a child is treated. This will take the form of a white slip that provides brief details and any treatment administered. This will complement the existing measures we have in place and enhance communication between home and school regarding any incidents. These notes will often be placed in book bags. This change will take effect from Monday.

SPECIAL REQUEST: **Please keep to the paths:**

As the weather changes and the ground conditions become muddy and slippery, I kindly ask that both children and parents stick to the paths when moving around the school grounds. We will also be modifying the areas available to children during break and lunch. However, children will still have ample opportunity to exercise, as we will make good use of the all-weather surfaces around our school grounds.

To facilitate the arrangements for going home, I would like to request that children in Years 5 and 6 use the track to exit the school. This will help improve the flow of pedestrian traffic at the end of the day. If parents can also adhere to this request while leaving the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches:

Please could I remind you to send in healthy snacks for morning breaks in KS2 Fruit and cereal bars are excellent choices. However, chocolate and crisps should not be included as snacks. Thank you.



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Anti- Bullying Week:

Mon 10th November—Friday 14th November:

'Power For Good'.

During this week, we will be drawing attention to the very serious topic of bullying. We will complete various activities in our classes and share together in our worship sessions. This Anti-Bullying focus is centred on 'Power for Good'

At St Wilfrid's, we take a zero tolerance approach to bullying, and when instances occur, we aim to address them as quickly as possible. We will also link Anti-Bullying Week to our expectations: Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High, as kindness has no place for bullying.

Children In Need:

On Friday, 14th November, we will be showing our support for Children in Need. Children are free to wear non-uniform clothing. Items and colours that reflect the Children in Need theme are welcome!



KIDSAFE: As part of our curriculum, we follow a child-friendly safeguarding teaching programme called 'Kidsafe'. This is a well-recognised programme used in a large number of schools. Our Year 2 children will be accessing this learning during this half-term, and Year Reception, 4, and 6 will engage with it in the New Year. Mrs Trousdale will be delivering these lessons and is happy to answer any questions you may have. Information will be available on Dojo.

GRAMMAR INFORMATION EVENING: Thur 13th November, In School. A short meeting will be held to inform parents, primarily those of Year 4 and Year 5 students, about the requirements for entry to local grammar schools and the approaches to preparing for the tests. A Parent App will be sent to confirm attendance. The meeting will take place from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM and will be led by Mrs Rowe and myself.

POPPY APPEAL:



On Monday and Tuesday, Year 6 will be selling a variety of items for the Poppy Appeal, with a suggested donation of £1 for each item. I kindly request that if your child chooses a slap band, it should only be worn at home; other resources can be worn to commemorate this significant time of year.

Reminder: CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:



This year, we will once again be supporting International Aid in their Shoe Box Appeal.

Boxes are available from your child's class or the school office.

Please bring your boxes into school anytime before

Friday 14th November (Collection Day)

THANK YOU!



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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.

Reminder: SMARTWATCHES in school— No Thank You!

We have observed a significant increase in the number of children wearing smartwatches in school. Please ensure that these devices are left at home. Any watch that can send or receive messages, take photos, or record audio should not be worn in school. If children do wear them, they will need to hand them in as per our Mobile Phone Policy (Years 5 and 6 only). Thank you.

I understand that children often wear Fitbit-type watches, which may appear similar to smartwatches. Staff may need to address this issue to ensure that the difference is clearly identified.

ADVANCED NOTICE—POLICY CHANGE: EARRINGS Removed for PE (Starting January 2026)

Please be aware of the following changes set by the Association for Physical Education, which will be reflected in our school's PE policy and adhered to starting in January. **The removal of earrings is considered best practice.** Teachers have a duty of care regarding the safety of the children; therefore, earrings should not be taped. Staff are not required to tape earrings, and plasters must not be used.

This guidance aligns with the policies of most schools in the area, which clearly state that earrings must be removed for PE lessons.

We are providing this period of notice so that any children who have their ears pierced over the half-term break can still be ready to adhere to the policy in January. Additionally, this gives parents the opportunity to ensure that their children can learn to take out and put in their own earrings. However, you may decide to keep the earrings at home on these days.



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PTFA:

BAGS TO SCHOOLS: BAGS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME!

Our PTFA have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School. You should receive your plastic bag today.

Bag2School will be collecting from school on the morning of **Wednesday 26th November**.

Please drop off down the side of school before 9am on the above date. - Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Thank you for all who have ordered cards. This has proved very popular and raised a significant amount for the PTFA.



FUTURE PTFA EVENTS:

**Thursday 5th Feb
School Quiz Night**

**Fri 20th March—Film
Night**

**Thur 21st May
School Disco**

**Fri 3rd July—Family Fun
Night**

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!**

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.

Special Day: KINDNESS DAY: Thursday 13th November.

Next Thursday, we will be acknowledging Kindness Day throughout the day. During this time, we will be promoting the importance of kindness and how it aligns with our school values and expectations.



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STAR OF THE WEEK:

ASH: Ada
WILLOW: Noah T
CHERRY: Ava L
CHESTNUT: Zoe
BEECH: Ralph
PINE: Jake
SYCAMORE: Samuel
OAK: Olivia

VALUES AUTUMN 1:

RESPECT

ASH: Jackson
WILLOW: Daisy
CHERRY: Lucia
CHESTNUT: louis AB
BEECH: Mae
PINE: Amelia R
SYCAMORE: Sophie M
OAK: Maggie F
Mr Curwen: Brody K

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DATES:

CHANGE OF DATE: Now Tuesday 11th Nov 10.45am (moved from Fri 7th Nov **10.45am**)—Remembrance Service in school-

Worship Council to Lead

Tue 11th Nov (**Change of date from The Prattle**) - Hot Chocolate Drop In 4pm – 4.45pm

Wed 12th Nov Community Tea 2pm—3pm—School Hall

Thur 13th—Kindness Day—Whole School Theme

Thur 13th MFC Competition—Those involved will be contacted

Thur 13th Grammar Information Meeting - In School—Parent Apps will be sent to confirm attendance. 3.30pm—4pm

Fri 14th Nov—Last day for Shoe Boxes to be brought to school

Fri 14th Nov—Children In Need—Children can wear own clothes—Money Donations to Children in Need, please.

Fri 14th Nov—Messy Church—School Hall 3.15pm—5.15pm

Mon 17th Nov Year 6 Health Needs Questionnaire—In school—Information sent

Thur 20th Nov Year 3 / 4 Football—Children involved will be contacted

Fri 21st Nov—Non Uniform Day—Christmas Fair Donations please.

Fri 21st Nov—Year 5 / 6 Athletics Fixture—Children involved will be contacted

Wed 26th Nov—Swimming Gala (none club swimmers) Children involved will be contacted

Thur 27th Nov—Library Van visiting school - 100 new books arriving

Fri 28th Nov—SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR 5pm—7pm—Supported by the PTFA

Tue 2nd Dec KS2 Theatre Trip

Tue 2nd Dec—**Final** Hot Chocolate Drop In 4pm—4.45pm

Tue 9th Nativity to Parents 2pm and 6pm - Details after half term

Thur 11th Dec KS1 Panto visit

Other Events will be added

FINAL THOUGHT:

A short but productive week.

Do take care if you are attending any bonfire celebrations this weekend!

Happy Friday!