



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:

A great Anti-Bullying Week in school. The children have really engaged well in their learning this week. On Monday we launched our Anti-Bullying Week. On Tuesday our Worship Team lead our Remembrance worship, Wednesday we looked at Valuing Difference in our PSHE Day and also had our Community Tea. Thursday our football team represented the school really well and we all exchanged Kindness note in recognition of Kindness Day. Today we have shown our generosity by supporting Children In Need.

Children In Need:

Thank you for all your donations. So far we have raised £305.94 for Children in Need.

CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching. (Friday 28th November) On **Friday 21st November** we are hoping to have our donations day for all things Christmas Fair. We have sent a separate letter to ask for you to donate various items to help make the fair a great success. Please take note of the requested items and please provide what you can.

Reminder: 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.

Reminder / thank you: 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.



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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.

Please also remember, Key Stage Two Classes can buy fruit on a Friday morning courtesy of our School Council.



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.

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: CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Send a smile >>

*International
Aid Trust*
Christian Compassion For A Hurting World



SHOEBOX 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 21st (this changed from 14th) (Collection Day)

THANK YOU!

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.



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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.

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

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School and PTFA: – Christmas Fair

Message from the PTFA: School Christmas Fayre

Do you have a craft business or similar? If you would like to hold a stall at the Christmas Fair, please contact: stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com letting us know what you sell. Stalls are £10 payable in advance. We have a few tables available.

Do you run a local business? Would you be able to support the school by donating a raffle prize? Please contact: stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com letting us know what you can offer. Tickets will be sold in advance with the raffle being drawn at the end of the evening.

Can you help on the night? We need help to set up, serve drinks, serve food, wrap presents and clear away. There will be a rota with 1 hour slots. Set up 3-4pm, tasks during the fair 5-6pm and 6-7pm, clear up 7pm. Please email:

stwilfridsptfahalton@gmail.com letting us know what time you are able to help.

We would be really grateful if you could support the Christmas Fair in any of the above ways—Thank You!

School and PTFA: – Christmas Fair— Secrets Room Donations.

-The Secrets Room is a place children can buy gifts in secret and have them wrapped on the Christmas Fair night.

On Friday 21st November, there will be an opportunity to donate each day to the Secrets Room.

Small gift-like items are required.—Think of things parents/families may wish to receive that children would like to buy!

CHRISTMAS ARRANGMENTS: Services.

This year, our Christmas Services will be arranged in the following ways:

EYFS and Key Stage One — Nativity in School (ticketed event £2.50 each)

Year 3 and 4 — Christingle in Church (two seats per family for each performance — donations)

Year 5 and 6 — Carol Service in Church (two seats per family for each performance — donations)

Please see the dates section for performance information.

We will be collecting donations for St Wilfrid's Church.



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STAR OF THE WEEK:

ASH: Seren
WILLOW: Carson
CHERRY: William L
CHESTNUT: Willow M
BEECH: Daniel
PINE: Tallulah
SYCAMORE: Kenzi
OAK: Rosie H

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DATES:

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

Wed 19th Nov—Pine Class—Anglo-Saxon Day

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

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

Date Change: Now Friday 21st Nov —Last day for Shoe Boxes to be brought to school

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

Wed 3rd Dec 10am —Music Assembly (Mrs Holt—will contact children involved) Parents Welcome.

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

Wed 10th Dec—School Christmas Dinner

Wed 10th—School Christmas Jumper Day —Other uniform to be worn.

Wed 10th Dec—Year 3 / 4 (Beech and Pine) Christingle—In Church 2pm and 6pm—two seats per family for each performance — donations

Thur 11th Dec KS1 Panto visit

Wed 17th Dec—Year 5 / 6 Carol Service (Sycamore / Oak) In Church 2pm and 6pm—two seats per family for each performance — donations

Friday 19th December—School Closes at 2pm

FINAL THOUGHT:

