



# St Wilfrid's Weekly Newsletter

*Love God, Love Each Other, Love Learning*

14.12.25

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**Christian Value this half term: Kindness**

**School Council Chosen Charity: RNLI**



## THIS WEEK:

Wow! What a week! On Monday, Mrs Rowe introduced us to our Advent Prayer Spaces, and throughout this week, all classes have spent time in our transformed learning hub for prayer and reflection. On Tuesday, we were treated to the fantastic Key Stage One Nativity. On Wednesday, we had our Year 3 and 4 Christingle, along with our Christmas dinner and jumper day. On Thursday, Key Stage One visited the pantomime, and a group of children participated in the local Glo Dodgeball event. Today, we concluded our wonderful week with a lovely time of celebration during our worship. Well done, everyone!

## STAFFING UPDATE:

Since September, Mrs Stephenson has been working in Chestnut Class on a supply basis. I am pleased to inform you that this week she has been appointed to a permanent position starting in January. She will therefore continue to partner with Mrs Rowe in providing excellent teaching in Chestnut Class. Congratulations to Mrs Stephenson!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure that you familiarise yourself with our school uniform policy outlined below. Over recent weeks, I have noticed variations in uniform that are not in line with our policy. From January, please ensure that all uniforms meet the requirements below.—Thank you in advance.

### St Wilfrid's School Uniform

The only branded item required is the school sweatshirt or cardigan. All other uniform can be generic items, more widely available.

### The full school uniform:

St Wilfrid's official branded jade green sweatshirt or cardigan (required item)

White shirt/polo shirt/white blouse (plain or with optional school logo)

Dark grey school type trousers

Grey skirt/pinafore dress

Grey/white socks or grey/white tights

Sensible shoes i.e. flat, black – no boots or wedges

A summer option of dark grey shorts or green/white checked dress

Hair – neat and tidy, no "zig-zags"/gel etc. Long hair (below shoulders) tied back

Accessories (hairbands, scrunchies etc) in dark or school colours

Jewellery – one pair small plain studs only

No nail varnish or make up

### PE Uniform:

Navy Shorts,

White T-shirt,

black leggings/jogging pants (optional for cold weather),

their school sweatshirt/cardigan or optional school hoody

Trainers



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## EARRINGS UPDATE:

Please ensure that your child is able to remove their earrings for PE lessons starting in the new year.—Thank you in advance.

## CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION: **Closes Monday 15th**—**Winners Announced Fri 19th December**

Today in worship, we launched a Christmas colouring competition. All children are invited to enter. Class teachers will then select their top three entries from each class. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two.

A copy of the picture to colour is available from class teachers.

One entry per child is allowed. Please feel free to use any medium to colour the Nativity scene.



**Key Stage 1 Picture**



**Key Stage 2 Picture**

## Holiday Pattern: 2026.27

Our Term Dates are now confirmed for 2026.27. Please see separate PA post. They are also available on the school website.

## **Reminder: Change in Weather: If school needs to close**

Over the next few months, if there is a need to close the school (which I really hope will not be necessary), information will be sent via Parent Apps and Class Dojo - 'School Story' to inform you. I will endeavour to inform you as early as possible; therefore, I kindly ask you to ensure that you are monitoring these platforms for the most up-to-date information.

## SCHOOL KITCHEN:



Last week, we had an unannounced visit from Environmental Health to conduct their three-year inspection for food hygiene. Previously, we had been rated 4 out of 5, which was due to environmental factors beyond our staff's control, but these issues have been resolved in the last 12 months. I am pleased to announce that our rating is now 5 out of 5—the highest possible rating. I would like to thank the kitchen staff, Donna and Cheryl, for their consistent hard work in providing excellent food for our children.

Go St Wilfrid's!



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## **We would love a sponsor! - SCHOOL KIT: Calling local businesses.**

**As a school, we are seeking to purchase new kits for when children represent us in local sports competitions. If you are a business owner interested in sponsoring our sports kit, please contact the school. The estimated cost for the kit we wish to purchase is approximately £1,500.**

## **ORCHARD UPDATE: IMPORTANT.**

**2. Friday 19th—Orchards Club Closes at 4.30pm—CORRECTION (School finishes at 2pm)**

**3. Please ensure you have booked:**

When a booking is being made, the final page before you confirm shows all the weeks the parent/carer wishes to book. These weeks have tabs at the top with the dates on. All tabs need to be green to confirm that all dates selected are available. If any tab is red, this means that there are one or more

sessions in that week that are

unavailable due to already being full. This means alternative arrangements will need to be made for those dates.

Parents/carers need to make a note of these dates before confirming the booking.

By confirming the booking, parents/carers are agreeing to the Ts and Cs of Orchard which does state that children should not arrive without a booking.

Any last-minute emergency places required should be emailed the night before or the morning of the session to [orchard@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:orchard@st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk). (FAO Rachel Brown)

Thank you in advance.

### **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.

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**15th Sep: National Day of Democracy**

**13th Nov: World Kindness Day**

29th Jan: National Puzzle Day

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### **COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING:**

On Monday, we hope you can join us for our community carol singing (see above). We will provide some lyrics and intend to sing a few carols at each location. The children are familiar with three carols that we have been singing in school. We will see how it goes!

### **CHRISTMAS ARRANGMENTS: Services.**

The Carol Service performances are NOT ticketed but we are asking that two people from each family attend. 2pm will be a final rehearsal but you are welcome to watch. 6pm Full Performance.

### **SCHOOL DINNER UPDATE:**

In accordance with recent guidance, we are ensuring that the children in Reception class (Ash) receive a fruit pot as their dessert after each school meal starting in January. Our new Spring 2026 menu is also available.



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ASH: Ronnie  
WILLOW: Rory  
CHERRY: Disney  
CHESTNUT: Amber  
BEECH: Esme  
PINE: Harry  
SYCAMORE: James L  
OAK: Archie

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## CLUBS and SPORTS: January 2026

In preparation for the new year, we are sending out the Club List for January today. Please sign up, and we will inform you if your child has a place before the Christmas break.

We will also be entering a local football league for Year 5 and Year 6, which will take place over four Monday nights in January and February. Children involved will be contacted.

Fri 12th Autumn Term Pupil Reports home

**Last Post for School Post Box**

**WB 15th December—All Classes Elf Run—For St John's Hospice.—Parent Pay for donations, please.**

Mon 15th—KS1 Party—Own clothes can be worn all day—£2.50 donation on Parent Pay

Wed 17th—Year 3 / 4 Party—Own clothes can be worn all day—£2.00 donation on Parent Pay

Wed 17th Dec—Year 5 / 6 Carol Service (Sycamore / Oak) In Church 2pm and 6pm—two seats per family for each performance—No Tickets Required — donations to St Wilfrid's Church

Thur 18th Year 5 and 6 Party—Own clothes can be worn all day £2.00 donation on Parent Pay

Fri 19th—Values Worship—Kindness 9.15am—Parents will be notified if your child is being presented with an award (one child per class)

**Friday 19th December—School Closes at 2pm**

**School Opens—Monday 5th January 2026**

## FINAL THOUGHT:

This week has been wonderful at school. The children have been brilliant. I also want to thank all parents and family members for their incredible support; it has been heartwarming to witness. One of my highlights this week has been seeing the reactions of many children on stage or at the front in church as they spotted their parents and family members watching them perform. Always remember the power of connection—it's priceless! Have a good weekend. Just one week to go; we can do this!