



St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy News

Autumn Term 2 2023

'Let us draw from the crib the joy and deep peace that Jesus brings to the world' Pope Francis



Dear Parents and Carers,

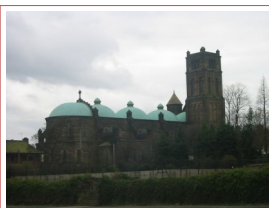
As we swiftly move through the season of advent and approach the end of the term, I wanted to extend my gratitude to the school community for all your support during the first four months of this academic year. We have made great strides forward as a school and this will continue in the new year. Our aim to bring the school community closer this term by inviting parents and carers into school at every opportunity has been met with unwavering support from yourselves. We have welcomed the increased attendance at all school events and look forward to this continuing throughout the year.

By the end of this final week of term, the scaffolding around school should be dismantled and the guttering replaced. I look forward to having our school back to what we are used to in the Spring term.

Finally, I give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed on this school community this year and wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

Kindest Regards,

Mr Glover



Parish Diary at the Sacred Heart

Please see the attached link for up to date information on Christmas services

[Sacred Heart Parish Diary](#)

Autumn Term 2 Class Attendance Hero's are...

Mrs Mortimer Y6 class with 97.6%

N 89.8%	N/R 90%
R 94.8%	Yr.1 95.2%
Yr. 1/2 95%	Yr.2 96.5%
Yr.3 94.7%	Yr.3/4 96.5%
Yr.4 95.2%	Yr.5 96%
Yr.5/6 97.3%	Yr.6 97.6%

Whole school attendance for Autumn Term 2 to 15/12 is 95%

Well Done Everyone !!



You can keep up to date with events in school by checking out our key dates on our school website.



<https://www.stwilfridsnewman.co.uk/>

Or by visiting our school Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St.WilfridsNewman/>

Please contact the school office should you require any further information.

"Love One Another , As I Have Loved You "

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

"School – where memories are made."



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Values & Virtues

Spring 1 2024

Compassionate & Loving

We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate and those in difficulty.

We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern by our actions and by our words

Volunteers to support school with walking to church, trips, and events taking place in school

All volunteers are now required to have a DBS

Please contact the school office for more information on how you can apply

Your support with any events that take place in school is very much appreciated

Key Dates & Events

Spring 1 2024

- Tues 9.1.24 School open to children
- Thur 11.1.24 Young voices to World Resorts Arena
- Fri 19.1.24 Nursery parent lunch
- Fri 26.1.24 Miss Jones Reception parent lunch
- Wed 31.1.24 Y6 to RAF Cosford
- Thur 1.2.24 Y1 to Gladstone Pottery Museum
- Fri 2.2.24 Mrs Gravano Reception parent lunch
- Tues 6.2.24 Internet Safety Day
- Fri 9.2.24 Y1 parent lunch
- Tues 20.2.24 Parent Consultations
- Wed 21.2.24 Parent Consultations
- Wed 21.2.24 Lenten retreat—One Life Music
- Fri 23.2.24 Y1/2 parent lunch
- Mon & Tues 26/27.2.24 West End in school
- Fri 1.3.24 Y2 parent lunch
- Tues 5.3.24 Tempest vista Photos Rcp & Y6
- Thur 7.3.24 World Book Day
- Fri 8.3.24 Mothers Day celebration
- Fri 8.3.24 Y3 parent lunch
- Thur 14.3.24 School Council to Parliament
- Fri 15.3.24 Y3/4 parent lunch
- Tues 19.3.24 Canon Paul to visit Y6 in school
- Tues 19.3.24 Y 6 Confirmation @ Sacred Heart
- Fri 22.3.24 Reception to Gentleshaw



Winter Support

Family Hubs & Children's Centres



Please check your emails for further information should you require any support, including events taking place over the Christmas period. A copy can also be found on our school website under Parent-letters.

Celebrations & Events...



Year 5 to SMW Music Department

Year 5 had the opportunity to attend St Margaret Ward and see what their music department had to offer. The children were very knowledgeable of their music theory and were able to sing and play the melody of 'O when the saints go marching in'. Thanks to Miss Hayes, Head of Music at SMW.

Parent Consultations After school

Tuesday 20th February
&
Wednesday 21st February



100% Attendance Award Trip

A trip to West Midlands Safari Park has been organised for all children who have 100% attendance for the whole of this academic year 2023/24. The trip is to celebrate a child's 100% attendance in school.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 16th July 2024

The trip is free of charge and is a reward for children who have been in school every day!



Parent Lunches

Parent lunches proved to be a great success again during the Autumn 2 Term. Look out for your next invite during the Spring & Summer Terms.



Year 1/2 visited the Wolseley Centre.



Year 1/2 visited the Wolseley Centre. They spent the day exploring the outdoors, pond dipping and discovering micro habitats. Year1/2 found mini-beasts such as woodlouse, spiders, slugs, centipedes. toads and many more living creatures in their habitats.





KS1 'Watch me learn Phonics'

Our Key stage One 'Watch me learn Phonics' session was a great success. Parents were invited in to school to watch a Phonics lesson followed by a workshop with Mrs Pettitt.

Thank you to the many parents who came to watch and engage with their children while learning phonics.



Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas fayre was a huge success! Thank you to our wonderful stall-holders for contributing and dedicating your time, to our Gospel choir for singing so beautifully and to everyone who attended and supported!

You managed to raise a fantastic
£882.00 for PTFA funds



School Choir at Lichfield Cathedral

Our choir children had the opportunity to take part in a concert organised by 'Lichfield Music Share' at Lichfield Cathedral. The children have been practicing in school each Friday. They represented the school well and sung a range of wonderful songs for a big crowd at Lichfield Cathedral.



KS1 Nativity - A Miracle in town!

A huge well done to all the children in KS1 for their performance in this year's nativity - A Miracle in Town! All the children sang and read out their lines beautifully. We are proud of them all. Thank you for your support with practicing lines, and providing the children's costumes.



Winter Crafts



This half term some of our children in KS1 took part in a winter craft afternoon alongside their family members.

It was lovely to see so many wonderful Christmas creations that the children made during the session.

Thank you to Steph from ACL for delivering the session, and to ACL for funding the session.

We are looking forward to our next one!



Sporting events...

Collegiate 'Potted Sports' @ St Margaret Ward

In November, nine boys and girls from year 5 and 6 proudly represented St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy at the Collegiate 'Potted sports' event at St Margaret Ward. The teams, supported by Margaret Ward's talented sports leaders, got a taste of a range of sporting activities including basketball, cricket, table tennis, football, tennis and more. Travelling around the circuit of activities, the children grew in their confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship at all times. After a short time to practice each activity, the children were then timed over a minute to complete as many of the tasks as possible. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this exciting and well organised event. Well done, we are very proud of you.



Who's Who...



Name: Mr Glover

Position: Principal



Name: Mrs Gratton

Position: Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Supporting children in Year Y6



Name: Mrs Averill

Position: Secretary

Responsibilities: Supporting the school office



Name: Mrs Chiazza

Position: Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Supporting learning in Y3/4



Name: Miss Love

Position: Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities: Supporting learning in Year 1/2



Name: Mr Sykes

Position: KS2 Teacher

Responsibilities: KS2 teacher & PE lead



Name: Mrs Wright

Position: Lunchtime Supervisor

Responsibilities: Supporting children during lunchtime



Name: Mrs Lee

Position: Teaching Assistant & Wraparound Supervisor

Responsibilities: Supporting learning in Y4 & Supervisor in Breakfast Club & Wraparound



Name: Miss Jones

Position: Reception Teacher & EYFS lead

Responsibilities: Class teacher Reception