



St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy

Spring 1 Newsletter



A message from Mr Glover

I write to you at the end of a seemingly short, yet busy half term. We have continued to strive to live out our mission statement as a school community by following the words of Jesus, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. This was especially evident in our celebration of Family Commitment Mass at the weekend which saw a fantastic turn out of school staff, families and the wider community. I encourage all of our school community to keep the children, whom are partaking in the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation later this year, in our prayers.

I look forward to Mrs Stonier joining our team of staff at St Wilfrid's full time after Easter as Vice Principal. This appointment by the directors and the school will help the school continue to move from strength to strength towards achieving the best outcomes for our pupils.

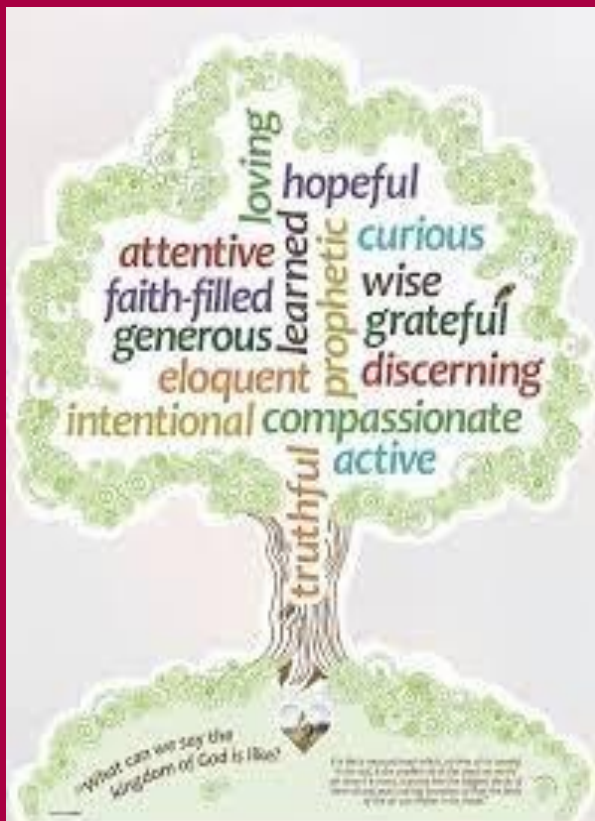
I hope you all enjoy the February half term break and remind you that when we return, we will be in the season of Lent.

Thank you for your continued support and may this Lent be a season of grace for you and your loved ones.

Best Wishes,

Mr Glover

Values & Virtues



Spring term 2 Faith - filled & Hopeful

Faith gives us belief and trust in God and other people. We have to build on it everyday through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives Hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others and we don't give up.

A quote from Pope Francis



“The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us , gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings”.



You can keep up to date with events in school by checking out the 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.



Parish Diary of the Sacred Heart

Please see the attached link for up to date information on mass times and dates.

[Sacred Heart Parish Diary](#)

Parent Consultations

Parents evenings will take place on the dates below. Following feedback from parents we will be offering in person appointments on both evenings. However, should you be unable to attend in person, you are still able to book an appointment time on scopy but please speak directly to the class teacher to advise the time you have booked, and whether you require a Teams or telephone appointment.

The meetings for Year 3.4 are as follows:

Tuesday 20th February 3:10pm to 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd February 3:10pm to 5:30pm

Meetings for all other classes are as follows :

Tuesday 20th February 3:10pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday 21st February 3:10pm to 5:30pm

These meetings are an opportunity for you to have a brief discussion with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's targets.

★ Attendance Winners ★

Name	Class	
Miss Burke	Nursey	90.9%
Miss Jones	Reception	90.7%
Mrs. Gravano	Reception	96.2%
Miss Baker	Year 1	94.4%
Mrs. Pettitt	Year 1-2	97.7%
Miss Downie	Year 2	94.9%
Mrs. Bacon	Year 3	97.2%
Mrs. Oakes / Mrs. Beardmore	Year 3-4	94.7%
Mr. Petrozzi	Year 4	95.7%
Mr. Bailey	Year 5	96.8%
Mrs. Forrester	Year 5-6	97.1%
Mrs. Mortimer	Year 6	97.2%

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS**

*"School - where
memories are made."*



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Spring term 1 class attendance
Winners are :

Year 1-2 - 97.7%

Whole school attendance for
Spring Term 1

95.3%

Well Done Everyone !!

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 everyday!



Volunteer Support

We are always looking for volunteers to support the school with walking to church, trips, and events taking place in school.

All volunteers are now required to have a DBS.

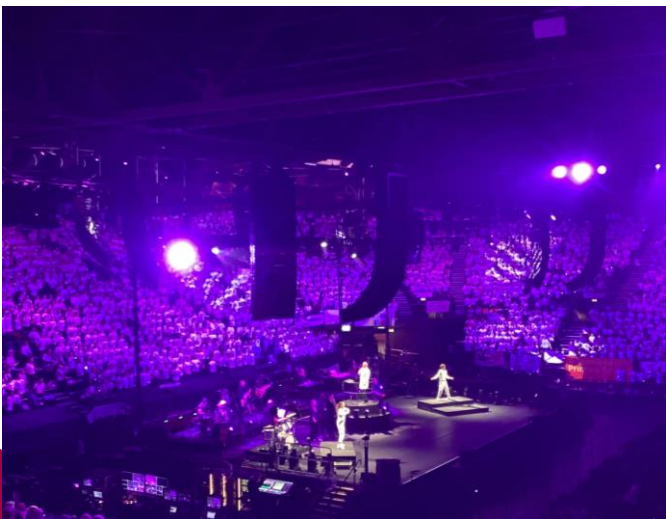
Please contact the school office for more information on how you can apply.

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



Young Voices 2023

Since September the children in Young Voices have been learning songs to be part of the largest choir in the world. We are privileged to have been part of this event. Children, staff and parents who came to watch the show had a truly amazing time. Well done to everyone involved! Our photos show the children working hard in rehearsals and the main event.



Tortoise visit to Reception

Reception have had a very exciting visitor this half term, Daisy the tortoise! We all loved seeing the tortoise and watching how he moved around the classroom. We had lots of interesting questions such as, "Do you have to cut his nails?" and "What food does Daisy eat?"

The children were fantastic with Daisy and very gentle when they got to say hello. Well done, Reception!



Reception Miss Jones - Parent Lunch.

We loved seeing our special people for lunch this term !

Thank you so much for joining us and sharing a lovely lunchtime with us all.

We had lots of lovely comments on how calm and well behaved the children were while eating their dinner!

Well done everyone !



Celebrations & Events

Year 6 RAF Cosford

Y6 had a fantastic day at RAF Cosford on 31st January. They took part in two WWII themed workshops; learning all about day to day life during the war and about the planes used by Britain and Germany. They handled artefacts, dressed up, experienced a mock air raid and much more.



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On 17th January Year 6 enjoyed a WWII themed day which culminated in a tea dance. Mrs Jones taught them dance moves from the 1930's and 1940's and tea, biscuits and Victoria sponge were provided as refreshments. It was a lovely afternoon and the children wore fantastic World War II costumes!



Who's who



Name : Mrs Bacon

Position : Year 3 Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher & Art lead



Name : Mrs Coates

Position : HL Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Class support across all classes



Name : Mr Bailey

Position : Year 5 Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher.& D&T lead



Name : Mrs Bi

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Supporting learning in Year 5

Who's who



Name : Mrs Gravano

Position : Reception Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher, Senco & After school club lead



Name : Mrs Dempsey

Position : Supervisory Assistant

Responsibilities : Wraparound care & lunchtime assistant



Name : Mrs Powner

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Supporting learning in Year 2



Name : Miss Burke

Position : Nursery Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher & I.T lead.



Key Dates – Spring 2



Tuesday 20th February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21st February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21st February	Lenten Retreat – One Life Mission
Thursday 22nd February	Year 3-4 Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd February	Year 1-2 Parent Lunch
Monday 26th February	Year 5 Class Saint Feast Day – St Oscar Romero
Monday 26th February	Bringing Books to Life – West End Schools
Tuesday 27th February	Bringing Books to Life – West End Schools
Wednesday 28th February	Confirmation Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 28th February	Lenten Prayer and Reflection Service (led by Year 5)
Thursday 29th February	Whole School Mass
Friday 1st March	Year 2 Parent Lunch
Tuesday 5th March	Tempest Vista Photographs for Year 6 & Reception
Wednesday 6th March	PTFA Mothers' Day Stall
Wednesday 6th March	Lenten Prayer and Reflection Service (led by Year 4)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7th March	PTA Mothers' Day Stall
Friday 8th March	Year 3 Parent Lunch



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Wednesday 13th March	Year 5 Forest School Day
Wednesday 13th March	Year 6 Parents Maths Workshop
Wednesday 13th March	Lenten Prayer and Reflection Service (led by Year 5/6)
Thursday 14th March	Whole School Mass
Thursday 14th March	Year 6 Confirmandi – Confessions after mass
Thursday 14th March	School Council trip to Houses of Parliament
Friday 15th March	Year 3-4 Parent Lunch
Friday 15th March	Non-School Uniform Day – PTA Chocolate Bingo Donations
Tuesday 19th March	Canon Paul to visit Year 6 in school
Tuesday 19th March	Year 6 Confirmation at Sacred Heart
Wednesday 20th March	Year 4 Forest School Day
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 Maths Workshop with Parents
Thursday 21st March	Lenten Prayer and Reflection Service (led by Catholic Life Leaders)
Thursday 21st March	PTFA Chocolate Bingo Event – 3:30pm
Friday 22nd March	Reception trip to Gentleshaw
Friday 22nd March	Lent Stay and Pray