



St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy

Spring 2 Newsletter



A message from Mr Glover

Dear Parents and Carers,

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, school life has successfully continued on! We come to the end of a busy and enjoyable spring term and I hope this newsletter recalls some of the memorable moments we have enjoyed in the last 5 weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and commitment you have continued to show St Wilfrid's Catholic Academy throughout this term.

Our Y6 children celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation enjoyed a wonderful Mass on Tuesday night and I am sure we as a community will continue to support them on their faith journeys.

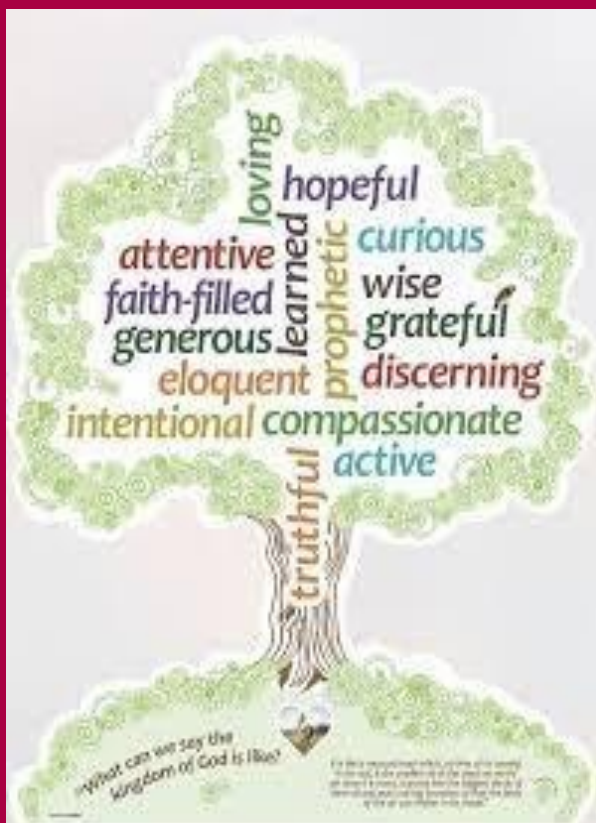
I look forward to the summer term and the joys of the end of year productions, sports days and awards assemblies that we have to look forward to with our families and wider community.

As we reach the penultimate Sunday of Lent it is a time to thank God for our blessings. I hope the Easter break brings a happy and relaxing time for you and your family.

Kind Regards,

Mr Glover

Values & Virtues



Summer 1 Eloquent & Truthful

We are teaching our children to be **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

By developing an **eloquent** language which pupils can begin to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers. We want pupils be **truthful** in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

A quote from Pope Francis



“Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God! Christ is risen! Christ is Alive!”.



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](#)

First Holy Communion June 2024

Saturday 8th June – 10.30am – First Holy Communion Mass

In order to help the children to feel fully prepared for receiving the Sacraments, the following sessions have been arranged for children to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith, which are in addition to the learning taking place in RE lessons. It is important that your child attends all of these sessions.

Holy Communion Preparations

Tuesday 16th April - 3pm until 4pm

Tuesday 23rd April - 3pm until 4pm

Tuesday 30th April - 3pm until 4pm

Tuesday 7th May - 3pm until 4pm

Tuesday 14th May - 3pm until 4pm

Tuesday 21st May - 3pm until 4pm

★ Attendance Winners ★

Name	Class	
Miss Burke	Nursey	92.6%
Miss Jones	Reception	88.1%
Mrs. Gravano	Reception	91.2%
Miss Baker	Year 1	96.5%
Mrs. Pettitt	Year 1/2	94.0%
Miss Downie	Year 2	94.5%
Mrs. Bacon	Year 3	94.1%
Mrs. Oakes / Mrs. Beardmore	Year 3/4	96.9%
Mr. Petrozzi	Year 4	96.7%
Mr. Bailey	Year 5	96.0%
Mrs. Forrester	Year 5/6	94.4%
Mrs. Mortimer	Year 6	95.3%

**EVERY SCHOOL
DAY COUNTS**

*"School – where
memories are made."*



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Spring term 2 class attendance
Winners are :

Year 5/6 97.4%

Whole school attendance for
Spring Term 2

94.7%

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!



School Council London Trip 2024

Our school council representatives along with head boy, head girl and their deputies had an excellent time in London! They got to visit parliament, take part in a debate and ask Jonathan Gullis questions of their choice. They had the opportunity to experience a boat trip and the London eye! Fantastic time had by all.



Year 6 Confirmation March 2024

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 19TH March. It was a wonderful celebration and the children were so reverent throughout. Thank you to the Sponsors and families for supporting your children on this special day.



2024 Recorder Festival

Year 3 and Year 3/4 were invited to take part in this years Recorder Festival where they played with over 600 other children. The children were absolutely fantastic and it was clear they had worked very hard in their music lessons leading up to this.



Celebrations & Events

World Book Day

We have all had a fantastic day, celebrating reading. The children and staff looked fantastic in their costumes and it has been lovely hearing the children talk so enthusiastically about their favourite books and book characters. All classes have taken part in lovely reading activities, including Book Bingo and Quizzes. Our younger children have loved finding the Golden Ticket books and have loved listening to stories read by our Year 6 children. Thank you to the Year 6 children who were fantastic when reading stories to groups of children and even the whole class, in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1.



Who's who...



Name : Mrs Mullock

Position : HL Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Class support across all classes



Name : Mrs Williams

Position : Supervisory Assistant

Responsibilities : Wraparound care and lunchtime assistant



Name : Mrs Marks

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Support learning in Reception



Name : Mrs Holland

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Supporting learning in Reception

Who's who...



Name : Miss Downie

Position : Year 2 Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher. R.E & KS1 Lead



Name : Miss Jones

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Supporting learning in Year 5/6 & dance lead.



Name : Miss Copeland

Position : Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities : Supporting learning in Year 2 & one to one support



Name : Mrs Forrester

Position : Year 5/6 Teacher

Responsibilities : Class teacher. Assistant Headteacher & English lead.

Early Years Visit

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Fire engine visit – Early years were very excited to meet some fire fighters and sit in a fire engine . A big thank you to the Green Watch Firefighters for coming into school.



Homework Policy

At St Wilfrid's we see homework as a key area in which we can continue to develop an effective partnership between teachers, children, parents and carers that works to pursue the aims of the school. In the schools where homework is most effective, it is this partnership that is key to its success. We encourage all our parents to read the new policy, which can be found here on our school website – [St Wilfrid's Homework Policy](#).



Minibus Driver

(Required as soon as possible)

We are looking to appoint a minibus driver on a casual basis to support our educational trips and visits. If you would like any further information about the post please contact the School office.



Key Dates – Summer 1



Wednesday 10th April	Year 5 Maths workshop
Wednesday 10th April	Year 3/4 Forest School
Thursday 11th April	Whole School Mass
Wednesday 17th April	Year 3 Forest School
Thursday 18th April	Early years parent workshop
Friday 19th April	Year 4 parent lunch
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 1/2 Class Saint feast day
Wednesday 24th April	Year 3 Swimming lessons
Thursday 25th April	Year 3 trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Thursday 25th April	Whole School Mass
Friday 26th April	Year 5 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 1st May	Year 1/ 2 Forest School Day
Wednesday 1st May	Year 4 Class Saint Day
Thursday 2nd May	KS2 Family First Aid
Friday 3rd May	Year 5 /6 Parent Lunch
7th to 13th May	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 8th May	Year 1 Forest School Day
Friday 10th May	Whole School Mass



Key Dates – Summer 1



Friday 10th May	Year 6 Parent Lunch
Monday 20th May	National Numeracy Day
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Chester Zoo trip
Thursday 23rd May	Whole School Mass
Friday 24th May	School Closes for Half Term
27th to 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	School opens to all



Key Dates – Summer 2



Friday 5th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 15th July	Y6 Prom
Thursday 18th July	Leavers Mass
Wednesday 17th July	End of year awards for EYFS – Y5
Friday 19th July	Y6 Prize Giving
Friday 19th July	End of term