



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Spring Term 2026 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Year 4 Team: Miss Blackledge, Miss Bullen, Miss Clayton, Mrs Pearce, Mr Price, Mrs Ali and Mrs Woolstencroft
Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss Clayton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: This term we are focusing on formal multiplication, area, fractions and time. The children will learn about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and find fractions of different quantities. There will be a focus on telling the time and converting between analogue and digital.

English: In English this term, the children will be reading "The Firework-Maker's Daughter" as our focus reading text which is linked to their history topic. The children will develop a range of skills in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The children will also compare and contrast 'who made the bigger impact, Nikola Tesla or William Kamkwamba?'

Religious Education: The children will learn about prayer. Their second topic is 'Exploring Easter' as a story of betrayal and trust.

Science: Sound: Pupils will have the opportunity to investigate how sound works.

Electricity: Children will construct simple series circuits, trying different components. The electricity unit will be enhanced by an all-day workshop where children will have lots of opportunities to carry out experiments on electrical circuit boards.

Computing: During the Spring term in Year 4, children will begin by learning about the importance of planning when creating games. These plans will provide the framework for two game projects: designing a 3D game in the first half of the term and creating a story-based adventure game before Easter.

Topic (Geography): The children will be studying earthquakes, volcanoes and mountains in Geography.

Music: Year 4 will be continuing the Wider Opportunities Music scheme. Lessons are on a Thursday and all children must have their violin, viola or cello in school on this day.

Physical Education: This term the children will be taking part in Sportshall Athletics and gymnastics.

Art and Design: This term the children will experiment with water colours and complete a painting of a volcano inspired by Margaret Godfrey.

Design and Technology: Children will be using electrical systems to create a light up volcano.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Children will explore the themes of safe relationships and living in the wider world - Economic Wellbeing: Aspirations work and career.

French (KS2 only): Children will study the topics 'colours' and 'months of the year'.

Spring Term Focus Theme: Power of the Earth, Power of Invention

Power of the Earth, Power of Invention explores natural forces and human creativity. Using 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' and biographies of 'Nikola Tesla' and 'William Kamkwamba,' children learn how resilience and innovation shape the world. Lila's volcano journey ties into a dramatic eruption simulation, launching studies of earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountains. In Geography, pupils conduct local fieldwork in Standish, collecting data on traffic, energy, and electric vehicles to suggest community improvements. In Art, they create volcano paintings inspired by Margaret Godfrey, while in Design Technology, they build model volcanoes with working electrical circuits. Science units on Sound and Electricity are integrated, linking sound waves to earthquakes and circuits to powering their volcano models.

School Social Media Accounts to follow:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridsceprimary/>
X (Formerly Twitter): @St_Wilfrids_CE

Purple Mash: Children have access to this online platform at home, where they can enjoy educational games and use resources to enhance their learning. This will be used within school and available for children to use at home.

Home Learning

Spellings: Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list every Monday in their Spelling Record Book and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date Reading Records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. In Year 4, Reading Records must be brought into school on Monday, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given opportunities to change their reading book every week.

Library (KS2 only): Children will have the opportunity to change their library book once a week. Year 4 library afternoon is **Monday** - Please ensure that your child brings their library book on this day if they wish to change it.

Maths (Year 1 to Year 6): Children will be given a weekly home learning task in Maths, to be given out every **Friday**, to consolidate the learning that has taken place in school during the week. This needs to be returned to their child's class teacher by the following **Wednesday**.

Multiplication Tables (Year 1 to Year 6): Children have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#). Please encourage your child to use this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk stating your child's full name and class.

Home Learning Project: Children will be set a Home Learning Project, related to their termly focus theme. This is usually a practical task, which families can work with children on together and share in school.

Spring Term 2026 Diary Dates:

Friday 9th January Non-Uniform Day for Perryn (red) House Point Winners from Year 1 to Year 6 (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 8th January due to PE)

TBC Year 6 Trust 'Experience' to Edge Hill University

Friday 30th January Year 4 Sound Workshop

Friday 30th January Non-Uniform Day for January Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 29th January)

Tuesday 3rd February Year 5 Educational Visit to English National Opera in Bolton

Wednesday 4th February Year 3 Ancient Egypt Workshop

Tuesday 10th February Year 6 Chester Zoo Educational Visit

9th, 10th, 12th & 13th February Safer Internet Week: Online Safety Workshops (Y1 to Y6)

Friday 13th October School closes for half term

Monday 23rd February

TBC School reopens for Spring Term 2

Friday 27th February Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop

w/c Monday 2nd March Non-Uniform Day for February Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 26th February)

Thursday 5th March Themed Week 'Difference for Primary' Programme

6th, 11th and 18th March World Book Day

9th & 10th March Year 4 Electricity Workshops

Wednesday 11th March Year 5 Educational Visit to Cuerden Valley

Friday 13th March Parents' Evening 6 - 8pm

Wednesday 18th March Mothering Sunday Service at Church (9.30am Rec & KS1 and 10.30am KS2)

Friday 20th March Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 24th March Year 4 Volcano and Earthquake Workshop

Friday 27th March Year 3 Trust Experience to Liverpool

Monday 30th March Non-Uniform Day for March Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 26th March)

Tuesday 31st March Nursery Stay and play 9am-10.15am or 2pm-3.15pm

Thursday 2nd April Palm Praise Service at Church (9.30am Rec & KS1 and 10.30am KS2)

School closes for Easter Holiday



Spring Term 2026 Worship Themes:

w/c 5.1.26	Epiphany
w/c 12.1.26	Baptism
w/c 19.1.26	Christian Unity
w/c 26.1.26	Presentation of Christ in the temple
w/c 2.2.26	Courage
w/c 9.2.26	Love
w/c 23.2.26	Lent
w/c 23.2.26	British Saints
w/c 9.3.26	Mother Church
w/c 16.3.26	Forgiveness
w/c 23.3.26	Palm Praise
w/c 30.3.26	Holy Week

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on **Tuesday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Monday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts (not short shorts e.g. Nike Pro), or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in wet weather.

Handwriting Pens (KS2 only): Teachers will issue a 'Pen License' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for staff only, between 7am and 4.30pm. Please be respectful to residents when parking in the local community.

Pets: Dogs **are not** permitted on the school grounds, without formal consent.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back. Make up and cosmetics, including nail varnish or false nails, are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform and therefore, should not be worn. Children are allowed to wear a standard **watch** in school. However, any type of watch with a camera or recording device (e.g. smartwatches) are not permitted.

Earrings: Children **are not** permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a plastic water bottle (not a Stanley-style cup with straw), preferably clear, with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or toast for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, pastries, yoghurts, cereal bars or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that your child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.

Mobile Phones (Year 5 & 6 only): Whilst children are not permitted mobile phones in school, children in Upper Key Stage 2, who walk to school, may bring a mobile phone to keep them safe if parents and carers allow this. On entering the school premises, children **must** turn their mobile phone off, and mobile phones will be collected in during registration and stored securely, and will be returned to children at the end of the school day.