



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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Year 1 Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

We are looking forward to an enjoyable summer term. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1 Team: Mrs Finch, Miss Quinn, Mrs Rooney, Mrs McAndrews, Miss Lundy.

Summer Term Focus Themes and Focus Texts:

Summer 1

In our exciting new topic 'Poles Apart', the children will explore the fascinating differences between hot and cold places around the world. Through this theme, they will learn about a variety of climates, environments, and the incredible animals that have adapted to live in these extreme habitats—from the icy Arctic to the sizzling savannah. Our focus text, Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett, will guide us on a heart-warming journey with Sunny the meerkat, as he travels far from his hot desert home.

Summer 2

Our focus theme is 'Down at the Bottom of the Garden', where children will dive into the wonderful world of animals that live in gardens and other natural habitats. As part of this topic, they will learn about the five main animal groups, exploring their unique characteristics and how each group is especially suited to its environment. Our focus text, Superworm by Julia Donaldson, will help bring this learning to life. Through stories, science, and outdoor exploration, children will develop a deeper understanding of the animal kingdom and the important role each creature plays in our world.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: During the Summer Term, we will practise strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions. We will also be answering reasoning problems using these four operations. Also, we will be looking at the use of positional and directional language and finding a half and a quarter of a number. We will end the Summer Term by revising time and measuring lines in centimetres, using a ruler.

English: This term in English we will be looking at information texts, poems, letters and story writing. We will be reinforcing the correct use of punctuation, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks. We will be practicing correct letter formation and extending sentences using conjunctions. We will be continuing to practice our phonics sounds in daily phonics lessons. In reading we will focus on comprehension, questioning and inferences.

Religious Education: The children will be learning about Baptism and why Joseph is a Bible hero.

Science: Year 1 will be identifying, comparing and categorising common animals. We will be learning about the parts of the human body and our 5 senses. We will also be continuing our seasonal changes observations.

Computing: The children will learn what is meant by the term 'algorithm' and how they already use them on a daily basis. They will then learn how to create animated stories, using 'Purple Mash'.

Music: We will be feeling and moving to the beat and discussing how different music makes us feel. We will perform songs using our recorders and our voices.

Topic: In Geography, we will be learning about hot and cold places around the world. In History, we will be studying the artists Bruegel and Lowry. This will involve looking at the history of the artists and studying their drawing techniques.

Physical Education: We will be developing our basic skills in athletics and invasion games and participating in our Sports Day.

Art and Design: We will be looking at mark making using different mediums, such as pastels and different types of pencils.

Design and Technology: This term we will be talking about healthy diets. Children will plan, design, make and evaluate a food face. The children will learn basic tearing and cutting skills.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): We will be learning about our responsibility to look after the environment and caring for others. We will also look at the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Home Learning

Spellings: Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list 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. Reading Records must be brought into school on their allocated day, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given opportunities to change their reading book every week.

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.

Summer Term 2026 Worship Themes:

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| w/c 20.4.26 | Resurrection |
| w/c 27.4.26 | Hope |
| w/c 4.5.26 | The Emmaus Road |
| w/c 11.5.26 | Trust |
| w/c 18.5.26 | Ascension |
| w/c 1.6.26 | Pentecost |
| w/c 8.6.26 | The Trinity |
| w/c 15.6.26 | Courage |
| w/c 22.6.26 | John the Baptist |
| w/c 29.6.26 | Citizenship |
| w/c 6.7.26 | Points of Celebration |
| w/c 13.7.26 | New Chapters |

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.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

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.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you 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.

Long hair should be tied back using a bobble or hair-band in line with the colour of the school uniform (blue, navy, grey or black).

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. Our school uniform consists of the following:

- Navy or dark grey school skirt/pinafore (knee length)
- Tailored dark grey, navy or black trousers (jogging bottoms optional in Nursery)
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Blue and white check dress (summer)
- Dark grey, navy or black tights
- Dark grey, navy, black or white socks
- Black school shoes (high-heeled shoes, boots or open-toe sandals are not permitted).

P.E. Uniform:

Children are expected to attend school in P.E. uniform on their P.E. day. This consists of the following:

- Sky-blue T-shirt
- Navy sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie (no distinctive logos)
- Navy/black traditional P.E. shorts or navy/black leggings (not Nike Pro) or navy/black joggers
- Dark-coloured trainers (bright colours are not permitted).

Swimming: Children in Year 2 to Year 6 are expected to bring in swimming kit on their swimming day. Appropriate swimwear should be worn. Children with long hair are required to wear a swimming hat.

Earrings and Jewellery: Any form of jewellery is strongly discouraged and will only be permitted for religious or medical reasons (You will be required to request consent from school via email or letter). For Health and Safety reasons, under no circumstances, are earrings allowed to be worn in school.

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 toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal 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.



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Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

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| Friday 24 th April | Easter Praise Services at St. Wilfrid's Church 9.30am Rec. & KS1 (Year 2 lead) & 10.30am KS2 (Year 5 lead) |
| Friday 24 th April | Non-uniform for April birthdays (Thursday 23rd April Non-uniform for Y1&3 April Birthdays) |
| Friday 24 th April | 1pm-2pm Year 4 Vocal Workshop |
| w/c Monday 27 th April | Year 6 Practice SATs Week |
| Friday 1 st May | Non-Uniform Smalley House Point Winners |
| Monday 4 th May | School closed for Bank Holiday |
| w/c Tuesday 5 th May | Year 2 SATs Week (Part 1) |
| Tuesday 5 th to Thursday 7 th May | Bikeability training for Reception children |
| w/c Monday 11 th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| w/c Monday 18 th May | Year 2 SATs Week (Part 2) am - Sensory Room & Stem |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Y4 Trust Experience - Water Sports at Scotsman's Flash |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Nursery cooking workshop |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 5 Library Concert |
| Friday 22 nd May | Non-uniform for May birthdays (Thursday 21st May Non-uniform for Y1&3 May Birthdays) |
| Friday 22 nd May | School closes for Half Term |
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| Monday 1 st June | School reopens for Summer Term 2 |
| w/c Monday 1 st June | Multiplication check (2-week window) |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | 9:30-10:15 Music Alive! Performance |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | Nursery Parents' Evening 1-5pm |
| Friday 5 th June | Class Photograph Day |
| Friday 5 th June | Y6 Heart Dissection |
| Sunday 7 th June | Year 6 Confirmation Service at Church |
| w/c Monday 8 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 Recheck (2-week window) |
| Monday 8 th June - Thursday 11 th June | Year 6 Bikeability |
| Tuesday 9 th June | Reception Educational Visit to Smithills Farm |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Y3/4 Trust Sport Event - Orienteering at Rock and River |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Y4 Teeth workshop |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Nursery Parents' Evening |
| Tuesday 16 th June | Y3 to Kenyon Hall Farm |
| Tuesday 16 th June | Nursery Stay and Play |
| Wednesday 17 th June - Friday 19 th June | Year 6 PGL Residential to Boreatton Park |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | Year 1 Educational Visit to Mere Sands Wood (2 classes) |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Year 1 Educational Visit to Mere Sands Wood (1 class) |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Nursery and Reception Induction Evening |
| Wednesday 24 th June & Thursday 25 th June | Standish High Taster Days |
| Friday 26 th June | Year 6 Leavers Service at Chorley St. George's (am) |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Nursery Rockpools Workshop |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Year 2 to Martin Mere |
| Wednesday 1 st July | SWEET Summer Fayre |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Y1 Trust Experience Big Top Circus |
| Wednesday 8 th July, 3.30 5.30pm | Optional Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 9 th July | Year 6 Leavers' Disco |
| Friday 10 th July | Y3 Standish Library Concert |
| Thursday 16 th July, 10am | Year 6 Leavers' Service at Church |
| Friday 17 th July | 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Service at School / School closes for Summer Holiday |