



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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Nursery Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

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Summer Term Focus Themes and Focus Texts:

Food Glorious food

'Food Glorious Food' introduces children to the exciting world of food and healthy eating. Using 'The Shopping Basket' by John Burningham as the focus text, children engage in food tasting activities, broadening their palates and exploring different flavours. They select a recipe to make together, learning about the importance of making healthy choices with food, drink, and physical activity. The children also get hands-on by making fruit salads and bread, exploring the textures and tastes of different ingredients. The topic includes diverse texts such as 'Mama Panya's Pancakes' by Mary and Rich Chamberlin and 'It's a No-Money Day' by Kate Milner, which help children learn about food from around the world and the significance of sharing and community. They also explore what happens to The Gingerbread Man when he falls into water, adding a scientific twist to the classic tale. A visit from a chef further enriches their understanding of food and health, making the topic both educational and enjoyable.

Under water adventure

'Under Water Adventure' takes children on an exciting journey beneath the waves, with 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson as the focus text. Through this story and other engaging books like 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz, and 'One Day on Our Blue Planet: In the Ocean' by Ella Bailey, children explore the diverse species that inhabit the ocean. They learn about different marine habitats and the unique creatures that live there. The topic also emphasises the importance of looking after our oceans, teaching children about conservation and the role they can play in protecting marine life. This underwater exploration not only fuels their curiosity but also instils a sense of responsibility for the natural world.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The children will continue to forge friendships and learn to play fairly with each other. We will provide opportunities for the children to develop confidence in talking in groups and we will support children in asking questions. In group time we will be discussing our favourite food and where our food comes from.

Communication and Language: The children will be given lots of opportunities during small group sessions such as 'chatting time' to develop their speaking and listening skills. These skills will also be supported through continuous provision whilst they are playing and interacting with the other children. We will be learning new songs related to food and under the sea.

Physical Development: The children will have continuous access to the outdoor environment where they will be able to ride the bikes, develop their throwing and catching skills, practise writing on a larger scale and use the climbing frame. The children will learn different ways of moving their bodies through yoga. We will also build on the skills taught during the 'Skill Wise' sessions.

Mathematics: This term the children will revisit shapes through games and activities as well as developing skills in adding sets of objects together. We will continue to look at numbers and practise counting in different situations.

Literacy: The children will have the opportunity to practise their writing in the continuous provision, making lists and labelling pictures. We will be listening to stories and poems about food and under the sea and discussing what they have heard. Through our 'Essential Letters and Sounds' work, the children will continue to have opportunities to develop their skills in sound recognition and begin to develop skills in breaking words up into sounds.

Understanding the World: Our topic work will teach the children about where food comes from and about the different types of food people eat. They will also have the opportunity to grow a variety of vegetables and learn what plants need to grow. We will be exploring habitats that different sea creatures live in and where in the world you might find them.

Expressive Arts and Design: The children will be given opportunities to develop different art skills such as painting, collage and drawing. As part of our topic work, we will use food to create pictures.

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk Cbeebies – Alphablocks and Numberblocks www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people

Home Learning

Please can you help your child develop their Physical skills to support them gaining independence.

Please can you help your child develop their physical skills to put on their own coat, zip it up and use a knife and fork. We also ask you to support your child in a home learning project finding out about their family, by making a family tree.

We encourage that you share stories and read with your children at bedtime and talk about the pictures in the book and what is happening in the story. We also encourage providing audible books for your children to listen to as this can help with children's interest in books

To encourage counting you can get your child to set the table. For example, counting out the correct number of pieces of cutlery for the family. Also playing simple board games which involve counting dots on dice or spaces on a board.

Remembering three things will also help your child

Summer Term 2026 Worship Themes:

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.

Outside agencies: If your child is under speech and language, audiology or any medical professionals for specific needs please can you make sure you let the Nursery staff know.

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 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.

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

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
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 3.30-5pm
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