



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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Year 2 Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 2!

Year 2 Team: Mrs. Crawford, Miss Parkinson, Miss Massey, Mrs. Chesney, Miss Ormrod, Mrs. Aindow, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. Price (PE), Miss Bevan (Swimming), Mrs. Goulding (Music), Mr Jones (Computing)

Summer Term Focus Themes and Focus Texts:

Animal Detectives

'Animal Detectives' immerses children in the study of animals and their habitats, focusing on the diversity of living things. Through a comparison of a non-European locality, such as Kenya, children explore different ecosystems and the animals that inhabit them. The focus text *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson guides their understanding of nocturnal animals and their behaviours. In addition, *The Gorilla Who Wanted to Grow Up*, also by Jill Tomlinson, supports children's exploration of animal development and independence. This heart-warming story of a young gorilla learning to grow up encourages children to reflect on how animals (and humans) change as they grow and the challenges they may face along the way. A visit to Martin Mere, provides a hands-on experience, bringing the subject to life, where children can observe a variety of birds and other creatures in their natural habitats, deepening their connection to the natural world.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We are continuing to develop our skills in addition and subtraction, learning different strategies to work out problems. We will focus on 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables and increase our understanding of division. We will be applying our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills to problem-solving. We will also revisit measure, money, shape and statistics as part of our revision and to further develop our skills.

English: In English we are continuing to improve our understanding of comprehension and grammar using our focus text 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark'. We will develop our spelling, and use suffixes such as -ly, -ful, -ness, -less, correctly. We will be reading and writing a variety of genres, making sure we use adverbs and adjectives in our writing. We will develop our writing skills, ensuring that our handwriting is neat with tall letters tall and tail letters going under the line. Our letters must be correctly formed with some diagonal strokes, ready to join.

Religious Education: We will learn and discuss Ascension and Pentecost and what this means to Christians. Then we will also focus on why Church is a special place for Christians and discuss other special places and beliefs.

Science: As part of our Animal Detectives Theme, we will learn about Animals including Humans. The children will learn about life cycles and habitats. We will discuss the importance of eating healthily and having an active, healthy lifestyle.

Computing: In Year 2 Summer Term Computing, the children will learn how to create and use spreadsheets to perform multiple calculations. They will learn how they are important in the workplace for productivity. Children will build upon their picture creating skills before finishing the year off by creating digital music.

Music: In music the children will continue to learn to play the recorder. They will learn new notes and focus on the quality of the sound they are making. If your child has a recorder, please make sure it is in school every Monday.

Topic: In history we will be learning about famous people, including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In our geography topic we will be learning about Kenya and comparing it to our own locality. We will look at change, differences and similarities.

Physical Education: Year 2 will develop their basic skills in PE and learn and play receiving games.

Art and Design: We will explore African art and the Artist Pavitra Eshwar. The children will design some artwork in this style.

Design and Technology: The children will learn about nutrition and they will design and make a healthy dish.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): In PSHE we will be discussing how to stay safe online and thinking about ways to manage money.

Home Learning

Spellings: Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list at the beginning of the term 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:

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 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.

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

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
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