



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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Year 6 Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

We are looking forward to an enjoyable summer term. Thank you for your continued support.
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Summer Term Focus Themes and Focus Texts:

Amazing Animals: Heartbeats and Habitats

'Amazing Animals: Heartbeats and Habitats' explores the fascinating world of animals through the lens of science, focusing on the heart and circulatory system in their study of animals, including humans. They also delve into living things and their habitats, examining how animals live in and interact with their environments. The focus text 'The Spider and the Fly' by Mary Howitt introduces children to poetic depictions of animals, enhancing their understanding of animal behavior and symbolism. To deepen their knowledge, children participate in a 'Heart Dissection' workshop, providing a hands-on opportunity to explore the anatomy and function of the heart, and connecting their scientific studies to real-world biological processes.

Moving On Up!

'Moving On Up!' is designed to help children transition smoothly from primary to secondary school. Through the focus text 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio and other books such as, 'The Boy, The Fox and The Mole' by Charlie Mackesy, and 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed, children explore themes of self-acceptance, resilience, and personal growth. They write a procedure in the form of an informal instruction manual titled "How to Be a Successful Year 6 Pupil," reflecting on their experiences and preparing for future challenges. Additionally, a visit from an inspirational guest encourages children to think about their aspirations and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead as they move to secondary school.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We will be revising all concept areas and will be working on our problem solving/reasoning skills. Children will be working towards Key Stage 3 transition work, including the use of calculators.

English: In English we will explore the following genres: Formal writing (Police incident report), Narrative (The Spider and The Fly) **Procedure** (Instruction manual – How to be a successful Y6 student) and **Poetry** (Free Verse - Moving on).

Religious Education: This term, we will be looking at the themes of Ascension and Pentecost, Ideas about God and People of Faith.

Science: Science units of work involve methods of enquiry and investigation. Scientific facts are taught, but more importantly, they are used to further learning and understanding. The aim is to develop an enquiring mind and the skills and techniques to find the answers to questions in a reliable and systematic way. The units this term are 'Animals including humans' and 'Living Things and their habitats'

Computing: Children will finalize their website projects. They will finish the year by learning how to create and understand algorithms in the coding language Python, followed by an introduction to the responsible use of A.I. through the website Hour of Code.

Topic: In History, we will be uncovering the mysteries of the Maya civilisation. We will learn about Maya ruins, the life, society and civilisation of both ancient and modern Maya people.
In Geography, we will be studying South America with a particular focus on Brazil.

Music: In music the children will learn the importance of film music and study prolific composers, such as John Williams and Hans Zimmer.

Physical Education: Topics this term will include cricket followed by dance and adventurous outdoor activities.

Art and Design: Children will learn about Mayan culture in Art, culminating in a printing project.

Design and Technology: Pupils will explore food through the lens of Maya Maize and Bean Stew, learning to cook while applying the principles of nutrition and healthy eating.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Year 6 will be learning about living in the wider world with a focus on our own community and moving onto secondary school

French: In French, the children will be learning about favourite subjects, pastimes and ice cream flavours. They will continue to apply key vocabulary they have learned in their previous units.

Recommended Websites:

<https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-americas/maya>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/mayans/>

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 the children to record the name and page numbers of the book they are reading in their planner and parents/carers to sign and date beside this 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. 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 6 library afternoon is Friday - 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.

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 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.

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.



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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