



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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## Year 3 Summer Term 2026 Newsletter

**Welcome to Summer term!**

**Year 3 Team: Mrs. Lochrie, Mr. Miles, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marwood, Mrs. Edgar and Miss Howlett.**  
**Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss. L. Clayton**

### Summer Term Focus Theme and Focus Text:

#### **From Plants to Plates**

From Plants to Plates invites children to explore the incredible journey food takes from its origins in nature to their dinner table. Through their geography unit, they investigate where different foods come from around the world, how climate and land use affect food production, and the importance of Fair Trade and food sustainability. The thought-provoking text *The Great Food Bank Heist* deepens their understanding of food inequality and inspires discussion around fairness and community support. In science, children explore the world of plants, learning how they grow and the vital role they play in our ecosystems and diets. Linked to this, design and technology lessons challenge pupils to design and prepare their own healthy sandwich, using ingredients they've researched and carefully selected. A visit to Kenyon Hall Farm brings the topic to life, giving children the opportunity to see food growing first-hand, explore how local farms operate, and understand the importance of seasonal produce.

### Our Curriculum:

**(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)**

#### **Mathematics:**

Our focus in mathematics teaching is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations including number facts and the concept of place value. Year 3 Summer topics will include number, place value and money, mental addition and subtraction, shape, measures, time, data, fractions, multiplication and division. Children will focus on problem solving and finding patterns between topics.

#### **English:**

Children will continue to develop and apply their growing knowledge of spelling, handwriting and grammar. This half term, we will be studying *The Secret World of Plants*, by Ben Hoare. We will use this text to write our own information report on plants, limericks and a descriptive paragraph on nature. Next half term, we will focus on the text *The Great Food Bank Heist* by Onjali Q. Rauf. We will use this book to support writing a diary entry and a one-sided argument on food banks.

#### **Religious Education:**

Children will study what it means to be called by God, then they have the opportunity to consider the value and purpose of rules. They will reflect upon the rules that exist in their own lives and consider the rules followed by other faiths and the ways in which the rules influence behaviour and decisions. During this term we will have two exciting visits from Rector Andrew and a Monk.

#### **Science:**

Our focus this term is on plants and how they grow. Children will study the functions of different parts of plants, pollination and fertilization and the life cycle of plants.

#### **Computing:**

In Year 3 Summer Term Computing, the children will learn how to use PowerPoint to create a presentation about themselves from a blank slide through to their final version. They will finish the term by learning how to create animations using onion skinning in a variety of applications.

#### **Music:**

In music, the children will be learning about pentatonic scales; learning songs, playing accompaniments and composing their own melodies.

#### **Topic:**

This half term, Year 3 will be looking at where our food comes from. We will be studying climate zones and how this affects food production across the world. We will also look at food banks and how they support our local community. After half term, Year 3 will study *The Tudors*, focusing particularly on Henry VIII and his wives.

#### **Physical Education:**

This term our theme is striking and fielding, followed by Outdoor Adventurous Activities after half-term.

#### **Art and Design:**

We will study Hans Holbein before creating our own Tudor style self-portrait.

#### **Design and Technology:**

Year 3 will be creating their own healthy sandwiches.

#### **Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):**

This term, we will be focusing on mental wellbeing, then looking at the wider world and our economic wellbeing.

**French:** This term, we will be focusing on numbers 13-31 and days of the week.

## Home Learning

**Spellings:** Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list and will be tested the following Friday.

**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.

**Library (KS2 only):** Children will have the opportunity to change their library book once a week. Year 3 library afternoon is Tuesday - 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 Friday.

**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](mailto: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.



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## Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

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