



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Autumn Term 2026 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 1!

Year 1 Team: Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Marwood, Mrs. Rooney and Miss Quinn

Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Miss L. Clayton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: Our focus topics will include addition, subtraction, money, measuring and time. We will be practicing number formation and recognising numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will use number lines for sequencing, addition and subtraction. A variety of mathematical language will be used within lessons, such as more than, less than, equal to, fewer, and altogether.

English: This term in English we will be looking at captions, stories, poetry and explanation texts. In English we will focus on forming our letters correctly and sitting them on the line. We will be learning to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and phonics sounds in our writing. We will also have daily phonics lessons.

Religious Education: In RE we will be learning about Harvest. We will also learn about creation and God's wonderful world.

Science: We will learn about the four seasons and weather changes. The children will go on nature walks and identify a number of trees and their seeds in our environment. They will identify the signs of Autumn and Winter.

Computing: This term, children will be introduced to the Computing Suite and will learn how to log on to their personal accounts as well as learning the correct way to log off a computer. They will also develop their skills using both the keyboard and mouse.

Topic (History and Geography): In History, we will be looking at the history of toys and how these have changed and developed over time. In Geography we will be looking at mapping skills and drawing simple routes.

Music: This term the children will be learning to feel and move to the beat and how to use their bodies to produce sounds and rhythms.

Physical Education: This term we will be practicing the fundamental skills in PE. These include throwing, catching, skipping and jumping. We will also practice gymnastic skills, including balancing.

Art and Design: In Art we will be learning about collage inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. The children will create their own collages using natural materials.

Design and Technology: The children will learn about moving toys and will design, create and evaluate their own moving picture, using a sliding mechanism.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): This term we will be raising the children's awareness of living and working together. We will be covering lessons that help us understand ourselves and others.

Autumn Term Focus Themes:

"Let's Play" explores the history of toys, focusing on changes within living memory. Using 'Lost in the Toy Museum' by David Lucas as the focus text, children delve into the world of toys from the past and present. They engage in a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic,' fostering a hands-on connection to their own favourite toys while learning about those from previous generations. An in-school workshop, further enriches their understanding with hands-on toy-making activities inspired by historical examples from the past 100 years. Children create their own toys, bring the book's characters to life, and explore how playtime has evolved over time.

"If You Go Down to the Woods Today" integrates Science and Geography as children explore the natural world. Linked to the study of plants, trees, and the changing seasons, children observe weather patterns and day length. Using 'Percy the Park Keeper' by Nick Butterworth as the focus text, children learn about the environment through the eyes of a beloved character. An autumn walk brings their topic to life, allowing them to experience seasonal changes firsthand while also taking an aerial view perspective, creating maps of their classroom and identifying human and physical features in the local area.

School Social Media Accounts to follow:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stwilfridsceprimary/>

Purple Mash: Children have access to this online platform at home, where they can enjoy educational games and use resources to enhance their learning. This will be used within school and available for children to use at home.

Home Learning

Spellings: Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list grid every half term and will be tested every 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. In Year 1, Reading Records must be brought into school on their child's allocated reading 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**.

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.

Autumn Term 2026 Diary Dates:



Friday 11th September	9.30am KS1 & Year 3 Harvest Festival at Church (Y1 to lead) 10.30am KS2 Harvest Festival at Church (Y6 to lead) 10am St Wilfrid's Church Centenary Service
Sunday 13th September	Non-uniform for September birthdays (Y2 on Thursday 26 th September)
Friday 25th September	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Wednesday 30th September	6-8pm Parents' Evening for Rec-Year 6
Wednesday 7th October	Individual and Sibling School Photographs
Thursday 8th October	Mental Health Themed Day (wear something yellow)
Friday 9th October	Non-Uniform Day for all October Birthdays (Y2 on Thursday 22 nd October)
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 11th November	10.45am Act of Remembrance at St. Wilfrid's Church for Year 6 children
Wednesday 11th November	Open Evening 5.30m Nursery and 6.30pm Reception
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week (wear odd socks to launch on Monday)
Friday 20th November	Non-Uniform Day – Children to bring an item for the Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 25th November	St. Wilfrid's Winter Fayre
Friday 27th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays (Y2 non-uniform on Thursday 26 th November)
Thursday 3rd December	Christingle Themed Day and 6pm Christingle Service at Church (Year 5 to lead)
Monday 7th December	9.15-10.15am Y5 Festive Singalong and 10.30-11.30am Y6 Festive Singalong
Tuesday 8th December	9.15-10.15am Y3 Festive Singalong and 10.30-11.30am Y4 Festive Singalong
Tuesday 8th December	2.30pm Year 1 Nativity (doors open at 2.15pm)
Wednesday 9th December	2.30pm Reception Nativity (doors open at 2.15pm)
Thursday 10th December	2.30pm Year 2 Nativity (doors open at 2.15pm)
Friday 11th December	Non-Uniform Day for all December Birthdays (Y2 on Thursday 10 th December)
Tuesday 15th December	Nursery Carol Service at Church
Thursday 17th December	9.30am EYFS & KS1 Carol Service at Church (Y2 to lead) 10.30am KS2 Carol Service at Church (Y4 to lead)
Friday 18th December	9.15am Christmas Singalong for children

Autumn Term 2026 Worship Themes:

w/c 31.8.26	New Beginnings
w/c 7.9.26	Harvest
w/c 14.9.26	Heritage
w/c 21.9.26	Trust
w/c 28.9.26	Servanthood
w/c 5.10.26	Saints
w/c 12.10.26	Fairness
w/c 19.10.26	Togetherness (United Nations Day)
w/c 2.11.26	Remembrance
w/c 9.11.26	Celebration
w/c 16.11.26	Christ as King
w/c 23.11.26	Advent
w/c 30.11.26	Hope
w/c 7.12.26	Waiting
w/c 14.12.26	Preparation

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.

PE Uniform:

PE lessons will take place on **Friday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts (not short shorts e.g. Nike Pro), or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in wet weather.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for staff only, between 7am and 4.30pm. Please be respectful to residents when parking in the local community.

Pets: Dogs **are not** permitted on the school grounds, without formal consent.

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.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g., sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back. Make up and cosmetics, including nail varnish or false nails, are not considered appropriate or consistent with our school uniform and therefore, should not be worn. Children are allowed to wear a standard **watch** in school. However, any type of watch with a camera or recording device (e.g. smartwatches) are not permitted.

Earrings: Children **are not** permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

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 fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or toast for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, pastries, yoghurts, cereal bars 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.

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.