



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 5!

Year 5 Team: Mrs. Prentki, Miss Dudley, Mrs. Cunliffe, Mr Price & Miss Beckwith and Mrs Ormrod
Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Mrs Prentki

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: The focus in Maths will be place value, mental strategies and methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Children in Y5 should already know the times tables up to 12 x12

English: This term, we will be reading the novel 'The Wild Way Home', which is linked to our History topic. We will write dialogue, explanations and newspaper articles. We will also be focusing on spelling, handwriting, grammar and punctuation.

Religious Education: This term we will study The Bible and its different versions along with the Christmas Story. We will make links between Bible passages and Christian behaviour which will focus on our Christian Values.

Science: Earth and Space: Children will learn about the position of the planets in our solar system and the movement of the Earth, both on its own axis and around the Sun. We will then focus on forces, including gravity.

Computing: In Year 5 Autumn Term Computing, the children will learn about Spam in their Online Safety lessons and the dangers it poses, this will include creating material to raise awareness of the dangers to other children. They will learn how to create simulations before using Scratch to code their Nativity project.

Topic (History): This term we will study Prehistoric Britain and the developments in technology. We will develop skills by interpreting information from a range of sources and conducting our own enquiries.

Music: SAMBA! The children will start to learn Samba music. They will play rhythms on a range of Samba instruments and learn how to listen to other parts whilst playing. Children may want to bring ear defenders for these lessons on Mondays.

Physical Education: This term we will focus on invasion games and net games with a focus on volleyball.

Art and Design: In Art this term, we will be studying the work of Peter Thorpe to create our own space paintings.

Design and Technology: This term in DT, we will be learning how to create a moving toy using cams mechanisms.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Children will explore the theme of relationships focusing on friendships and Health & Wellbeing focusing on ourselves growing and changing.

French (KS2 only): We will explore where we live (town or country) and explore features of our town.

Autumn Term Focus Themes:

'When Britain Was Wild' takes children on a journey through prehistoric Britain, exploring how people lived and changed from the Paleolithic period to the Iron Age. Through *The Wild Way Home* by Sophie Kirtley, children follow Charlie as he travels 6,000 years into the past, linking fiction with their exploration of prehistoric life. Children investigate evidence including cave paintings, *Star Carr*, *Skara Brae*, *Stonehenge* and the *Amesbury Archer*, considering what sources reveal about the past and their limitations. A prehistoric workshop brings learning to life, while a *Prehistoric Fact File* and *Stone Age to Iron Age Museum* allow children to share and showcase their learning.

'Out of This World' takes children on a journey into the wonders of space, exploring our solar system and Earth's place within it. Through *'Tuesday'* by David Wiesner, children encounter a magical night-time adventure that sparks curiosity about the moon and sky, while *'Curiosity'* by Markus Motum introduces the search for life on Mars. In *Science*, children investigate the movement of the Earth, Moon and planets, including day and night. Inspired by Peter Thorpe, they create abstract space paintings in Art, while in *Design Technology* they design space-themed mechanisms. A planetarium visit brings their learning to life, deepening their understanding of the universe.

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 every Monday in their Spelling Record Book 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. In Year 5, Reading Records must be brought into school on Monday, 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 5 library afternoon is **Monday** - 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 **Monday**, 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 **Monday**.

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.

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 **Monday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Tuesday**. 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.

Handwriting Pens (KS2 only): Teachers will issue a 'Pen License' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

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.

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.