



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



## Autumn Term 2021 Term Newsletter

**Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 4!**

**Year 4 Team: Miss Blackledge, Miss Clayton, Miss Davies, Mr. Price, Miss Hyde, Mrs McNally and Mrs Meadows.  
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss Clayton**

### Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

**Mathematics:** This term we are focusing on place value. Children consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication and division. By the end of Year 4, it is an expectation that all children will know their multiplication tables to 12X12. Please can you practise times tables at home with your child.

**English:** In English this term, the children will read a story about a volcano linked to their history topic. The children will create an instruction manual and a diary recount. They will also explore stories about imaginary worlds such as 'The Tear Thief'. The focus will be on using a wider range of adjectives/ adverbs and using a variety of punctuation to enhance children's writing.

**Religious Education:** This term's units of study are:  
The significance of Prayer in our lives

Christmas – The symbol of light.

**Science: States of Matter:** Children explore the similarities and differences between the three states of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. They will learn how to use a thermometer and investigate matter changing from one state to another. The children will also learn about the processes involved in the water cycle.

**Computing:** The children will learn about Cyberbullying in their Online Safety lessons and the similarities and differences between it and real-world bullying. Children will continue to develop their coding skills through using Scratch to begin their Nativity project, further their debugging knowledge before creating concepts for their spring term work.

**Topic (Geography):** The children will be studying earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountains in Geography,

**Music:** In music the children will take part in our Wider Opportunities scheme; where they will learn either the violin, viola, or cello. This will take place in their weekly music curriculum with Mrs Goulding and specialist peripatetic teachers. More information will be sent to parents, but please direct any questions to Mrs Goulding.

**Physical Education:** Topics this term will include Invasion games followed by Gymnastics.

**Art and Design:** This term the children will experiment with water colours and complete a painting of a volcano inspired by Margaret Godfrey.

**Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):** We will begin exploring relationships and friendships. Health and Wellbeing will follow this topic.

### Autumn Term Focus Theme: What on Earth has Happened?

#### Focus Reading Text:

The Firework-Makers Daughter by Phillip Pullman

#### Recommended Websites:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

#### Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport  
@Blackledge\_s @MissLClayton @MrPriceClass

**Home Learning:** Home learning is set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

**Spellings:** Children will be given a spelling list in their green spelling diary every Monday 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 three 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 your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book and library book once a week on an allocated library afternoon.

Year 4 library afternoon is Thursday—Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to [reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk)

**Maths:** All children have now got access to **Maths Whizz**, which is a virtual maths tutoring programme [link](#) and **TT Rockstars** (Year 1 to 6 only), a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#).

Year 4 will bring home a red times tables diary which will focus on a specific multiplication fact every week. Alongside this, the children will be set a '2Do' on Purple Mash which replicates the Year 4 Multiplication Check which the children will complete at the end of the year.

Please encourage your child to these online programmes 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)

## Autumn Term 2021 Diary Dates:



<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School opens for Autumn Term 1
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	PTFA AGM
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Virtual Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	PTFA Family Night
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual and Siblings Photographs
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Virtual Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School closes for Half Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	PTFA Storytime with Santa event
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Disco
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas holiday

## Autumn Term 2021 Worship Themes:

w/c 06.09.21	New Beginnings
w/c 13.09.21	Courage
w/c 20.09.21	Giving/Harvest
w/c 27.09.21	Angels
w/c 04.10.21	Serving
w/c 11.10.21	Christianity around the world
w/c 18.10.21	Healing
w/c 01.11.21	All Saints
w/c 08.11.21	Remembrance
w/c 15.11.21	Fair
w/c 22.11.21	Prayer
w/c 29.11.21	Advent
w/c 06.12.21	Joy
w/c 13.12.21	Celebration

### 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 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 or cardigan, and navy/black shorts, 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 inclement weather.

**Handwriting Pens (KS2):** Teachers will issue a 'Pen Licence' 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 permit-holders only between 7am and 5.00pm.

**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. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms (new or continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or sense of smell) they must self-isolate and arrange a PCR test. Please inform school immediately of the result.

**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. We discourage extreme haircuts eg: unnatural colours, closely shaven, mohawks

**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 water bottle (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.

**Birthday Celebrations:** We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. As restrictions have now been lifted for parties, children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

**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.