



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Autumn Term 2024 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 1!

Year 1 Team: Miss Bradburn, Miss Finch, Miss Stretch, Mrs Rooney, Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Stokes and Ms. Burns
Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Miss E. Bradburn

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 practising 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 producing neat handwriting. We will be learning to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and phonic 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 fruits 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 practising the fundamental skills in PE. These include throwing, catching, rolling, skipping and jumping. We will also practice gymnastic skills including rolling, jumping, and balancing.

Art and Design: In Art we will be learning about primary colours through the work of Mondrian. We will also be creating nature patterns inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

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 the wider world and people's responsibilities.

Autumn Term 1 Focus Theme: Let's Play

"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. A visit to the Salford Toy Museum further enriches their understanding, offering a tangible experience of historical toys and how playtime has evolved over the years.

Autumn Term 2 Focus Theme: If you go down to the woods today...

"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 first-hand while also mapping the landscape and reflecting on how natural spaces have evolved within living memory.

X (formerly known as Twitter) Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport
@St_Wilfrids_1FS @St_Wilfrids_1B @St_Wilfrids_1R

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 not** be used for homework this year, but 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 half term and will be tested each 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 your child's allocated day, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given a new 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**.

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 2024 Diary Dates:



Monday 23rd September	2.45 – 3.15pm Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents and carers
Friday 27th September	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 26 th September due to PE)
Friday 27th September	9.30am Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival at Church (Y1 to lead) 10.30am KS2 Harvest Festival at Church (Y6 to lead)
Wednesday 2nd October	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Wednesday 9th October	1R and 1FS Educational Visit to Salford Museum
Wednesday 9th October	6.00 – 8.00pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Thursday 10th October	School Photographs (Individual and Family)
Wednesday 16th October	1B Educational Visit to Salford Museum
Friday 18th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28th October	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Friday 1st November	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 31 st October due to PE)
Monday 11th November	Act of Remembrance at St. Wilfrid's Church for Year 6 children
Wednesday 13th November	6.30pm (doors open 6.15pm) Open Evening for prospective Nursery and Reception parents
Friday 29th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 28 th November)
Thursday 5th December	Christingle Themed Day and 6pm Christingle Service at Church (Year 3 to lead)
Friday 6th December	Non-Uniform Day – Children to bring item for Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December	3.30pm Christmas Fayre
Friday 20th December	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 19 th December) 1.30pm EYFS & KS1 Carol Service at Church (Y2 to lead) 2.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Church (Y4 to lead) School closes for Christmas

Autumn Term 2024 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.9.24	New Beginnings
w/c 9.9.24	Leaders of Faith
w/c 16.9.24	Kind
w/c 23.9.24	Harvest
w/c 30.9.24	St. Michael and All Angels
w/c 7.10.24	Together (Inclusivity)
w/c 14.10.24	Peace
w/c 28.10.24	All Saints (Saints of God)
w/c 4.11.24	Remembrance
w/c 11.11.24	Generosity
w/c 18.11.24	Joy
w/c 25.11.24	Preparations
w/c 2.12.24	Advent
w/c 9.12.24	St. John the Baptist
w/c 16.12.24	Preparing for Christmas

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, 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.

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, 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.

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.