



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 4!

Year 4 Team: Miss Clayton, Mr. Price, Miss Beckwith, Miss Bullen, Mr Pearce and Miss England.

Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss L. 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: During this term our focus reading text is "Empire's End", which we use to develop a range of skills in reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Our supplementary reading text is "Escape from Pompeii".

Religious Education: This term's units of study are: 'The Church' where the children will learn about different churches and 'Christmas' where we will learn about the symbol of light.

Science: Teeth: The children will look at identifying different types of teeth and their functions in humans and animals. **Topic 2: Digestion:** The children will look at how food is transported around the body using scientific vocabulary.

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.

History: The children will learn about the cause and effect of the Roman invasion on the British Empire.

Music: Throughout music in Year 4 children will learn either a violin, viola or cello as part of our Wider Opportunities scheme. These lessons will take every Thursday and the children must have their instrument in school for their lesson. Please see Mrs Goulding if you have any questions.

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

Art and Design: In Art this term, we will be studying the work of Pablo Picasso to create our own musical instruments collage.

Design and Technology: The children will design and make Pompeii bread.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): This term the children will learn about positive friendships and how to resolve conflicts. We will also learn about healthy lifestyles and hygiene.

French (KS2 only): We will learn how to ask and answer the question 'Quel âge as-tu?' and 'As-tu un animal?'

Autumn Term Focus Theme: The Rotten Romans

"The Rotten Romans" immerses children in the history of the Roman Empire and its significant impact on Britain. Through the focus text 'Empire's End' by Leila Rasheed, children explore the stories and legacy of Roman Britain. Linking with Design Technology, they delve into the culinary history of the era by learning to bake Pompeii bread, connecting with the everyday life of ancient Romans through a hands-on cooking and nutrition project. A visit to Ribchester, a site rich in Roman history, further enhances their understanding, allowing them to explore Roman artefacts and experience the enduring influence of the Roman Empire first-hand.

X (formerly known as Twitter) Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport @St_Wilfrids_4CP
@St_Wilfrids_4Bu @St_Wilfrids_4B @LT_Trust

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 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 4, 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 4 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 **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:



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) Year 4 Educational Visit to Places of Worship in Blackburn
Tuesday 1st October	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Wednesday 2nd October	6.00 – 8.00pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Wednesday 9th October	School Photographs (Individual and Family)
Thursday 10th October	School closes for half term
Friday 18th October	
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 15th November	Year 4 Educational Visit to Ribchester Museum
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 **Wednesday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Monday**. 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.

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.

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.

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.