



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 6!

Year 6 Team: Mrs. J. Broome, Miss. A. Broome, Miss. D. Cowburn, Mrs. J. Forrester, Mrs. A. Ormrod, Miss. L. Wood, Mrs. L. Harrop
Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Mrs. E. Prentki

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We revisit and develop further skills and strategies to use in: *Place value, ordering & rounding/addition, subtraction, multiplication and division*
Fractions, percentages and decimals
Geometry (angles, areas, perimeters, properties of shapes and symmetry)
Measures
Statistics (handling of data)

Please continue to support your child in encouraging them to learn multiplication tables. Also ensure that they complete homework.

English: In English we explore the following genres:

Letter writing, formal & informal
Diary Recount
Instructions
WW2 Poetry
Persuasive Writing: Recruitment Speeches
Flashback Story: Recount

Religious Education: This half-term, Year 6 will be thinking about the theme of journeys and considering the question: 'How is life like a journey?' It would be helpful if you could discuss significant events and dates personal to your child to help them complete a time line of their life journey so far.

Science: Science units of work involve methods of enquiry and investigation. Scientific facts are taught, but more importantly, they are used to further learning and understanding. The aim is to develop an enquiring mind and the skills and techniques, to find the answers to questions in a reliable and systematic way.
The unit this term is: Light and Electricity.

Computing: This term we will be furthering our online safety knowledge through leaning about Secure Websites as well as building on our graphic design skills. We will also develop our skills in Algorithms by learning how to program BBC Microbits.

Topic (History and Geography): During the Autumn term, the children will explore WW2 and in particular the impact it had on the people living in the area of Wigan. Should you have any knowledge, artefacts or family memories about WW2, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Music: The children will continue to learn to play Samba music, learning about its origins and place in today's cultures. They will learn to play more complex and syncopated rhythms, whilst following a leader. Children may want to bring ear defenders for these lessons on Thursdays.

Physical Education: Topics this term will include an adaptation of invasion games followed by Volleyball.

Art and Design: Year 6 will be focusing on textiles during the Autumn term and will be studying two designers in history—Victor Stiebel and Norman Hartnell, linking to WW2: Make Do and Mend.

Design and Technology: Year 6 will be focusing on textiles during the Autumn term and will be studying designers who have produced artwork and textiles using poppy flowers as inspiration.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Year 6 will be learning about families and close positive relationships, and about ourselves, growing and changing.

French (KS2 only): In French, we will be learning about The Euro and French Food and Drink.

Autumn Term Focus Theme: WW2: Wigan at War

"WW2: Wigan at War" delves into the impact of World War II on the local community, focusing on Wigan's role during the conflict. Linked to their history unit on local history, children explore how the war affected everyday life in their area. The focus text 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll, along with war poetry, helps bring the era to life through personal stories and reflections. In art, children engage in a Make Do and Mend project, inspired by WWII designers Victor Stiebel and Norman Hartnell, learning the importance of resourcefulness. This is complemented by a Design Technology unit where they create poppy flowers using four to six sewing stitches, honouring the poppy as a powerful symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives in war. To deepen their understanding, children participate in a WW2 workshop with authentic artefacts, and they also visit the Imperial War Museum, offering a powerful, hands-on connection to the history they are studying.

X (formerly known as Twitter) Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport @St_Wilfrids_6C
@St_Wilfrids_6B @MissBroomeClass

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 Planner 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 Journal. We expect a minimum of **four** entries/comments a week and for the monthly tasks to be completed. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. In Year 6, Reading Journals must be brought into school on Monday, for teachers to monitor and must be signed monthly. 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 6 library afternoon is **Friday**- 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. 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 2024 Diary Dates:



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| <p>Monday 16th September Monday 23rd September Friday 27th September</p> <p>Friday 27th September</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd October Wednesday 9th October Thursday 10th October Friday 18th October</p> <p>Monday 28th October Friday 1st November</p> <p>Monday 11th November Wednesday 13th November Tuesday 19th November Friday 22nd November Tuesday 26th November Friday 29th November Tuesday 3rd December Thursday 5th December Friday 6th December Friday 13th December Friday 20th December</p> | <p>Year 6 World War 2 Workshop Year 6 SATs Meeting at 5.30pm Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 26th September due to PE) 9.30am Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival at Church (Y1 to lead) 10.30am KS2 Harvest Festival at Church (Y6 to lead) 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6 6.00 – 8.00pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6 School Photographs (Individual and Family) School closes for half term</p> <p>School reopens for Autumn Term 2 Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 31st October due to PE) Act of Remembrance at St. Wilfrid's Church for Year 6 children 6.30pm (doors open 6.15pm) Open Evening for prospective Nursery and Reception parents Year 5 & 6 HH Kids Parents and Carer Session 2 – 3pm Year 6 HH Kids Sessions Year 6 HH Kids Sessions Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 28th November) Year 6 HH Kids Sessions Christingle Themed Day and 6pm Christingle Service at Church (Year 3 to lead) Non-Uniform Day – Children to bring item for Christmas Fayre 3.30pm Christmas Fayre Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 19th 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</p> |
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Autumn Term 2024 Worship Themes:

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| 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 **Thursday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Wednesday**. 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.