



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Spring Term 2025 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Year 2 Team: Mrs Crawford, Mrs Mcandrews, Miss Parkinson and Mrs Edgar
Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Miss Bradburn

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We will be adding and subtracting numbers and continuing to work on our understanding of multiplication and division. We will also be learning about shape, mass, capacity and volume. We will continue to develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills to deepen our knowledge and understanding.

English: This term we are reading our focus text, 'The Boy who biked the World' by Alastair Humphreys, exploring different aspects of the boy's journey and writing our own diary extracts. We will read fantasy stories about dragons and non-fiction books about travel and transport, which link with our topic work. We will develop our reading and comprehension skills, using both fiction and non-fiction texts, and develop our handwriting and spelling. It is important that the children write using correct letter formation as soon as possible as we will start joining our letters.

Religious Education: Our first topic is 'Jesus, why did Jesus welcome everyone?', where we will explore the New Testament and learn more about the people Jesus helped.

Science: We are studying plants and seeds, looking at the inside of seeds and bulbs and describing how they grow into mature plants. The children will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow.

Computing: This term, children will explore how technology is used beyond the school environment with Purple Mash. They will also learn about internet communication and practice creating and presenting data, building key digital skills for the future.

Topic (History): Our focus theme this term is 'All Aboard'. We will be studying 'Travel and Transport', looking at different types of transportation, including space travel.

Music: We will be learning about the sounds of different classroom instruments and how to play percussion instruments correctly.

Physical Education: This term the children be taking part in Indoor Athletics and gymnastics.

Art and Design: We will learn how to mix primary and secondary colours, tints and tones. We will use these skills to draw and paint dragons and study the artist Paulo Uccello.

Design and Technology: Linking to our 'All Aboard' theme, we will explore, design and make moving vehicles.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Year 2 will be learning about relationships, staying safe and managing our feelings and emotions.

Spring Term Focus Themes

All Aboard!

"All Aboard!" takes children on a journey through the history of transport, focusing on events beyond living memory. Linked to Design Technology, children explore and use mechanisms like wheels and axles by designing and building moving vehicles. The focus text 'The Boy Who Biked the World' by Alastair Humphreys inspires them with stories of adventure and exploration. A visit from a spaceman brings the wonders of space travel to life, while a Transport Through the Ages workshop allows children to explore the evolution of different modes of transport, deepening their understanding of how innovation has shaped the world.

Fantastical Tales

"Fantastical Tales" merges creativity with storytelling as children delve into an art unit on drawing and painting, inspired by the artist Paolo Uccello and his depictions of dragons. Using the focus text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward, along with other fantasy stories, children explore the enchanting world of mythical creatures. In art, they learn techniques to bring these fantastical scenes to life. For their home learning project, children design a warning poster about dragons on the loose, combining

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 will be tested every **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. Reading Records must be brought into school on **your child's reading day**, for teachers to sign and monitor.

Maths: 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.



Spring Term 2025 Diary Dates:

Friday 10th January	Non-Uniform Day for Langton (green) House Point Winners (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 9 th January due to PE)
Tuesday 14th January	Year 6 Chester Zoo Educational Visit
Wednesday 15th January	Year 6 Trust 'Experience' to Edge Hill University
Tuesday 28th January	Year 5 Trust Experience to The Chill Factory
Friday 31st January	Non-Uniform Day for January Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 30 th January)
11th to 14th February	Safer Internet Week: Online Safety Workshops (Y1 to Y6)
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term
Monday 24th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Tuesday 25th February	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 28th February	Non-Uniform Day for February Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 27 th February)
Monday 3rd March	KS2 French Theatre Performance
Wednesday 5th March	Year 4 Volcano and Earthquake Workshop
Wednesday 5th March	KS2 Ash Wednesday Service at Church
Wednesday 12th March	Parents' Evening 6 - 8pm
Tuesday 18th March	Year 3 Trust Experience to Liverpool (3MW and 3L)
Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 26th March	Year 3 Trust Experience to Liverpool (3M)
Friday 28th March	Mothering Sunday Service at Church (9.30am Rec & KS1 and 10.30am KS2)
Friday 28th March	Non-Uniform Day for March Birthdays (Y1 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 27 th March)
Friday 4th April	Palm Praise Service at Church (9.30am Rec & KS1 and 10.30am KS2)
Friday 4th April	School closes for Easter Holiday

Spring Term 2025 Worship Themes:

w/c 6.1.25	Epiphany
w/c 13.1.25	Hope
w/c 20.1.25	Christian Unity
w/c 27.1.25	What does it mean to have faith?
w/c 3.2.25	Candlemas
w/c 10.2.25	Love
w/c 24.2.25	Forgive
w/c 3.3.25	Lent
w/c 10.3.25	Prayer
w/c 17.3.25	Saints - Focus on St. Patrick
w/c 24.3.25	Preparation for Mothering Sunday
w/c 31.3.25	Palm Praise

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 **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 (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 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.