



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 3 Team: Mrs Lochrie, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Marwood, Mr Miles, Miss England and Mrs Forrester
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss L Clayton

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: Our focus in mathematics teaching is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations including number facts and the concept of place value and reasoning and explain how they have reached that answer. There will be a greater emphasis on the teaching of multiplication tables throughout Year 3.

English: This term, children will be creating a character description based on the Egyptian Cinderella, then kenning poems and setting descriptions based on our focus text 'The Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. Children will also be writing a civilisation narrative based on Weslandia by Paul Fleischman. We want to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. Children will continue to develop and apply their growing knowledge of spelling, handwriting and grammar.

Religious Education: RE lessons will focus on Jesus: How did/does Jesus change lives? We will then explore the sadness and joy of Easter.

Science: Our focus this term animals including humans. The children will learn about the different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. They will learn to describe and explain the skeletal system of humans and compare to animal skeletons. Next half term, the children will learn about light and shadows, the Ancient Egyptian beliefs about night and day and how our world has evolved since.

Computing: This term, children will learn how to use email safely and effectively through Purple Mash. They will also explore data handling by working with databases and Excel, developing essential skills for organising and interpreting information.

Topic (History): This term's topic we will be looking at Ancient Egypt. During this topic we will explore and study the Egyptian civilisation and its achievements.

Geography- We will learn about countries and cities of the United Kingdom. This will include mapwork and the use of symbols.

Music: Year 3 will be studying and composing in the style of the music of John Adams. After half-term they will be looking at classical music that depicts animals through Carnival of the Animals.

Physical Education: Topics this term will include dance, gymnastics and athletics.

Art and Design: The children will be consolidating their learning about Ancient Egypt by designing and creating prints related to hieroglyphics.

Design and Technology: The children will explore and create simple pneumatic systems in order to make their own moving sarcophagus.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): The children will look at making healthy choices and safe, positive relationships.

French (KS2 only): This term, year 3 will learn how to say the alphabet in French, then focus on saying their own name.

Spring Term Focus Themes

Valley of the Kings

"Valley of the Kings" transports children back to the time of Ancient Egypt, where they explore the fascinating history of this ancient civilisation. Through their history unit, they delve into the lives of pharaohs, mummies, and the rich culture of the Egyptians. The focus text 'Secrets of the Sun King' by Emma Carroll, adds a layer of mystery and adventure to their learning. In art, children explore Ancient Egyptian printing techniques, drawing inspiration from the intricate designs of William Morris. An Ancient Egyptian workshop further enriches their learning, offering hands-on experiences with artifacts, hieroglyphics, and the iconic practices of this storied civilization.

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 **Friday** in their Spelling Record Book and will be tested the following **Friday**

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 **Wednesday**, 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 3 library afternoon is **Wednesday**. 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 during the week. 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.

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 **Friday**. 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 (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.

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.