



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

Our Curriculum: (Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We will be consolidating basic number skills, addition and subtraction within 20, money, time, shape and measure. We will also be introducing counting in our 2s, 5s and 10s. There will be lots of opportunities given to the children to do reasoning and problem-solving activities to further develop their learning.

English: We will explore recounts, diaries, poetry, playscripts, character descriptions and instructions. Our phonics sessions will focus on more complex phonic patterns and words. We will be focusing on punctuation, handwriting and writing more complex sentences (using conjunctions and adding detail to our writing).

Religious Education: In RE we will be learning about Jesus, his disciples and Easter. The children will be learning about the life of Jesus through reading stories, drama and craft activities.

Science: This term will be sorting and classifying different materials. Each class will plan an investigation to test the properties of different materials. As the weather changes, we will be looking for the signs of spring, learning about different parts of a flower and investigating whether all plants come from seeds.

Computing: Year 1 will be learning about algorithms and how to debug simple programs on Purple Mash. We will also learn about using technology and the internet safely.

Topic (History and Geography): We are learning about the Great Fire of London and exploring the causes and effects of the fire. In Geography we will be learning about the UK and its four countries, capital cities and their special characteristics.

Music: We will be finding the pulse in different kinds of music and introducing basic recorder skills to focus on performing to an audience.

Physical Education: We will be developing skills in gymnastics and Invasion games. The Intra School Sport challenges this term is 'Drop-Step-Catch' task.

Art and Design: We will be studying the artists LS Lowry & Pieter Bruegel. We will be looking at mark making using different mediums, such as charcoal, chalk and different types of pencils.

Design and Technology: This Spring term, we will be planning, designing, creating and evaluating a structure for the three little pigs, which must be waterproof.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): We will be learning about managing different relationships and the strategies required to build good friendships. We will also look at how to keep ourselves safe.

Spring Term Focus Themes

London's burning!

"London's Burning!" delves into the history of the Great Fire of London. Through the focus text 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope, children gain insight into this significant event. A workshop about the Great Fire of London brings the past to life, deepening their understanding of the fire's impact. To further engage with the history, children create a model of one of the 17th-century houses, helping them visualise how the fire spread and the architectural differences between then and now.

Marvellous Materials

"Marvellous Materials" introduces children to the science of everyday materials and their uses in construction. Linked to Design Technology, children explore building structures by designing a house for the Three Little Pigs. The focus text 'Iggy Peck, Architect' by Andrea Beaty inspires creativity and problem-solving as children learn about different materials and their properties. A materials hunt around the school further enhances their understanding, allowing them to identify and categorise various materials in their environment, and consider their suitability for different building purposes.

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. Reading Records must be brought into school on **their allocated day**, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given opportunities to change their 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.

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**. 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.