



# 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!

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**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 tasks

**English:** In English, we will explore the following genres:  
Literary Description  
Flashback - The Explorer  
Biography of Percy Fawcett  
Non-chronological report - Rainforest animal

**Religious Education:** During RE lessons this term, the children will be studying the theme of The Exodus, The Eucharist and Who was Jesus?

**Science:** This term, we will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance. Children will explore questions such as: Why are my eyes blue?

**Computing:** This term, children will dive into the exciting world of programming, monitoring, and controlling products, enhancing their understanding of algorithms. They'll also develop their digital creativity by designing and building their own websites using Weebly.

**Topic (Geography):** Children will begin our exciting topic about The Rainforest, looking at the different layers, animals and topical issues, such as sustainability. We will be visiting Chester Zoo, to enhance learning about this diverse biome.

**Music:** Year 6 will be learning about the composer Richard Wagner, focusing on his music for the Valkyries. After half-term the children will be learning to play Blues Music and understand its structure.

**Physical Education:** This term, children will cover the topics Sports hall Athletics, gymnastics and yoga. The first Intra School Sport challenge this term will be the Speed bounce challenge. The second half-term's challenge will be the 'Throw-Wall-Catch challenge.

**Art and Design:** We will learn about Henri Rousseau and his rainforest paintings and produce our own art work in the style of this artist.

**Design and Technology:** During Spring Term, children will apply computing to program, monitor and control products. They will produce a Biome in a Box.'

**Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):** Year 6 will be learning about relationships and respecting themselves and others and we will look at people living in the wider world and their communities.

### Spring Term Focus Themes

#### **Remarkable Rainforests**

"Remarkable Rainforests" immerses children in the intricate ecosystems of rainforests, exploring both their human and physical geography. Linked to their science unit on Evolution and Inheritance, children investigate how species adapt and evolve within these lush environments. The focus text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell enhances their understanding through an adventurous narrative set in the rainforest. In art, children practice drawing techniques by creating rainforest scenes and studying the peppered moth, inspired by the work of artist Henri Rousseau. In Design Technology, they apply computing skills to program, monitor, and control products related to biomes. A visit to Chester Zoo further enriches their learning, offering a real-world glimpse into rainforest wildlife and conservation efforts.

**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 Journals. 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](mailto: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:



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