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Our Mission:

We strive to
follow Christ example,
to always do our best.



Today, we celebrated Our Lady and All Saints MAC Feast Day—the birthday of Mary , our Mother.

After sharing in liturgy with Mrs Milligan, the classes produced some beautiful artwork to share with other OLAAS schools and to send to our central offices over in Solihull.

And no birthday celebration would be complete without party food—cake, a drink , and, of course, a lolly!

We follow the example of Mary—being open to what God asks of us, being ready to say YES!

Our Lady, pray for us.

Welcome Back!

And what a wonderful start to the year it has been.

The children and staff have come back happy and everyone has been busy, settled and really positive. Well done , everybody! It's great to be back together.

This year, as a whole school community, we are striving for

Excellence in Everything!

And what a super start we have made—we thank you for your support in this and for helping our and your children to be

- On time every day and in school every single day unless they are too unwell
- In the correct uniform—smart and worn with pride, including PE kit
- Ready, Respectful and Safe, treating both children and staff how we would like to be treated
- Hard working , including completing homework on time and to a high standard

Over the holidays, Mr and Mrs Dunleavy and Dougie, welcomed baby Willow. They are all doing really well and we can't wait for Mrs Dunleavy and Willow to come into school to visit.





Updates



ASPENS

We are **always** in the mood for good food!

School Lunches

- Over the holidays we have had kitchen renovation. The children gasped and broke into spontaneous applause when it was revealed! Thankyou to Janis and our catering staff , as well as our site supervisor, Mr Stokes, for working hard to prepare this so that it was ready for our children on day one.
- As you know, we have switched to our new catering provider—Aspens. The food looks and tastes delicious—there is plenty of choice and the children have provided positive feedback already. If your child has sandwiches, why not ask them to give the new dinners a try—please speak to Mrs Thomas or Mrs Kenny if you wish your child to switch.
- As with any change, there have been a couple of teething problems outside of our control—thankyou to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Kenny for working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everyone gets fed!

School Uniform

- Well done to all those who have come back correctly dressed . Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform each day—we will remind them if they are not dressed correctly. At the minute we have a few children not in a school tie—**these are available from the school office and must be worn.**



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Communication

Communication from School

- My Child At School App - If you are struggling to set up this app please do come to the office and talk to us. We are happy to help get you set up seamlessly. Please spread the word to other parents that may not be set up do to not having the correct email address on the system.
- Parent Pay—Please make sure that your Parent Pay is set up and you are getting into the routine of booking your child's meals on Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have not booked your child's meal in advance then they will be provided with the lighter / pasta option rather than the meat main/vegetarian main.
- Please note tuck has now changed to toast only at a cost of 50p. Please make sure if you would like your child to have tuck you will also need this booked on parent pay as we are unable to book it through our system anymore.

Parent Code of Conduct

- At St Wilfrid's Catholic Junior and Infant School, it is important that parents, pupils and staff, respect each other's contributions and work together to achieve the highest possible levels of success for all pupils. When choosing St Wilfrid's Catholic Junior and Infant School, you are given and agree to our Home School Agreement which underpins the ethos of our school.
- With this in mind we would like to remind all parents that we operate a 'zero tolerance' of the use of inappropriate behaviour anywhere on the school site or via social media in line with our Home School Agreement. When to choose to bring your child to St Wilfrid's you agree to bode by all of our policies an procedures

We expect:

- That no members of staff, parents or children are the victims of aggressive or abusive behaviour or threats from other adults on the school premises or via social media.



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Attendance and Punctuality:

A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly, particularly during the current cost of living crisis impacting families.

Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their potential

You should be aware of the changes to the law related to school attendance, in particular the new national penalty notice framework which came into force on the 19th August 2024. Penalty notice amounts have increased and there is now an escalation process for repeated offences.

There is more information on the Government website : https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents/5

Our latest school penalty notice accrued a fine of **£986.50**

If you are worried about your child's attendance the first port of call is your child's class teacher .



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Term Dates and Teacher Days 2024-25



Term Date-

Term		2024-2025
Autumn Term	Term Starts	02.09.2024
	Half Term	28.10.24 - 01.11.2024
	Term Ends	20.12.2024
Spring Term	Term Starts	06.01.2025
	Half Term	17.02.2025 - 21.02.2025
	Term Ends	11.04.2025
Summer Term	Term Starts	28.04.2025
	Half Term	26.05.2025 – 30.05.2025
	Term Ends	21.07.2025

Inset Days-

Autumn Term Inset Days	02.09.2024 03.09.2024 25.10.2024
Spring Term Inset Day	24.02.2025
Summer Term Inset Days	23.05.2025 21.07.2025