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## Our Mission:

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



Well, what a long term, but what a wonderful one it has been!

Our children have settled into school really well this academic year and they have stepped up to the mark with our promise of Excellence in Everything. We are very proud of everything that they have achieved. Thank you to you for all you have done to support them.

A big thank you to our amazing staff, as without them St Wilfrid's would not exist in the same way that it does. They are marvellous examples of our Mission Statement - 'We strive to Follow Christ's Example to Always do our best'. It doesn't matter what their role is in school—they give their best every single time for the children

We asked the children what the best part of this term has been and they said ...

Nursery	Playing on the bikes, in the sand and in the mud kitchen, dressing up, singing and dancing to Danny go!
Reception	Having mummies and daddies in for our 'crafternoon' Our role play village
Year 1	We loved the Christmas Fayre and our Christmas play
Year 2	The pantomime, the Buddhism workshop, Jim and the Beanstalk, making Eton Mess in DT, our charity day, painting Paul Klee houses, learning about shapes, our Christmas play, reading from the Bible, dancing in PE, making our Advent Wreath, preparing for Christmas, our prayer bag was good as we got to do it with our families... and celebrating St Wilfrid!
Year 3	Learning our 3 x table, making our Reconciliation, stay and pray, cooking in DT, Ancient Egypt in history, the BFG in English, drawing and shading in art and making Christmas cards
Year 4	Learning how to sew a hem and learning about William Morris, Ancient Greece in history, the poo experiment in science (!), Kate's visit for our SCARF workshop, the fire service visit, multiplication, new techniques in art and the new library is AWESOME!
Year 5	Learning about Islam, materials in science, painting in art, Phillipe Petit in English, fractions in Maths, PE, Land of Rainbow People in PSHE, co ordinates and making Christmas cards.
Year 6	Our interesting lessons, time with friends, the meals, Confirmation, after school clubs, swimming, the pantomime and, of course, Mr Bagshaw!



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## Catholic Life and Mission

### The God who Speaks

This week, we heard the Gospel account from Luke of when Mary visited Elizabeth and they celebrated the joy that they had both been blessed with a child. The child that Elizabeth bore was John, who later became known as John the Baptist. He lived his life preparing others for the coming of the Lord and baptised them so that when they met Him, they were ready. We thanked God for the gift of John the Baptist

### Mini Mission

Our children have been asked to tell you at home about John the Baptist and his ministry—ask them about it!



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

This term in PSHE the children's focus has been 'valuing difference'. The children have been discussing the importance of always showing respect to others. The children understand that God has made us in the image of him but has made us all unique with different gifts and talents. They have identified the differences between themselves and how this should be celebrated.



## Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



Catholic Social Teachings : **Stewardship of Creation & Dignity of the Human Person**

Values and Virtues : **Intentional and Prophetic**

### Values and Virtues Awards

Infants

Juniors

King - 1P

Catalin - 6B

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## Dignity of the Human Person



We are saving for  
'A Goat that Gives'



Not only does this charity gift of a goat provide a family with up to 12 pints of milk a week – milk they can either drink or sell – it also produces free fertiliser! Fertiliser can help a family grow their own crops.

**Ensuring that  
others have  
DIGNITY**



Our grand total is £86.56

Which means we can buy 3 goats!! The remaining  
£2.56 will go to Cafod

What a difference to the lives of others!

THANKYOU



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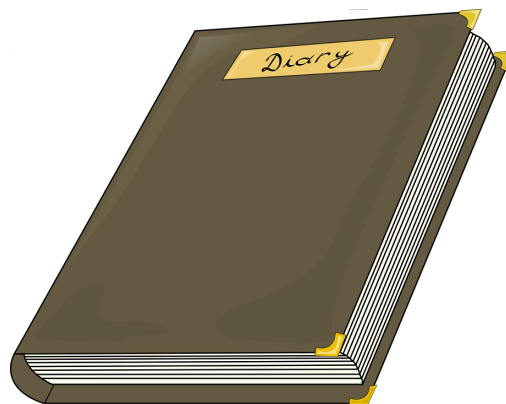
## Dates for your Diary

These dates are subject to change and more may be added also. Please keep checking

Date	
6th January 2025	Back to School!

### Reminder

**Yr 6 Parents £20 deposit for the Alton Castle Trip is to be paid no later than 20th December to secure their place on the trip. This is available on ParentPay now.**



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## Attendance—Target 95%



Class	%
RB	91.7
1DS	90.3
1P	97.9
2B	92.4
2M	91.3
3FS	88.8
3G	95.8
4G	97.6
4M	96.4
5T	91.7
5W	92
6B	95.1
6P	95.1
Whole school	93.5

Well done to all our  
classes with over 95%



If class teachers are  
concerned about your child's  
attendance they will speak to you in the first in-  
stance and work with you to put  
something in place to improve this



You've  
got to be  
in to win!



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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

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## Awards

Each week, we recognise the special achievements of our children in our  
Celebration Assembly

It's a celebration of our God given gifts and talents

'What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God'



### Merit of the Week

Nurs	Andrei	RB	Whole Class
1DS	Whole Class	4G	Whole Class
1P	Whole Class	4M	Whole Class
2B	Bella	5T	Mateusz
2M	Whole Class	5W	Whole Class
3G	Alliana	6B	Whole Class
3FS	Keyaan	6P	Whole Class

### Reader of the Week

1DS	Molly	4G	Ken
1P	Whole class	4M	Louis
2B	Izhaan	5T	Troy
2M	Nawal	5W	Hawwa
3G	Saphia	6B	Eurabena
3FS	Abigail	6P	Sam

### Wise Owl

Keon - 3G

### Sports Award

Hawwa - 5W

### Music Award

Talia - 3G

### Lunchtime Awards

Whole School!

Well Done Everyone!

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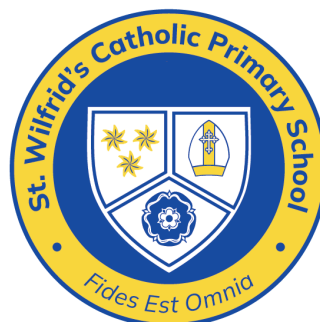
Please remember to go to Mass over Christmas.

On behalf of our staff, please accept our huge thanks for your generous cards and gifts. It is never expected, but very much appreciated.  
Thank you so much

Please remember that if you are struggling over Christmas, there are contacts you get in touch with please find attached below

Have a lovely Christmas break—we wish you a happy and holy celebration and a blessed new year. We will see you on the 6th January

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff





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## In the Community

If you're experiencing  
abuse, we're here to **help**



**chat to us**

Connect to a support  
worker with our **Live Chat**  
service.



**email**

Send an email to one of our  
**support workers**. We will  
reply within 5 working days.



**forum**

Speak to other women in our  
**supportive community** of  
survivors.



**survivor's  
handbook**

Get help on **housing, safety  
planning**, dealing with  
police and more.

For more information visit  
[www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

Women's Aid is a registered charity in England No. 1054154

**women's aid**  
until women & children are safe



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### Foodbanks, community pantries & community cafes

Provide free food for those in need. Food banks usually require a referral from professionals, but families can access the other resources themselves.

Food Justice Network has a map with local information so you can search for provision near where the family live <https://www.bvsc.org/food-justice-network>.

### Hodge Hill Pantry

For a small weekly subscription of £4, members of the Hodge Hill Pantry are able to purchase a weekly food shop including fresh fruit and vegetables and family favourites to stock up the cupboard and fridge.

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/birmingham-hodge-hill-pantry/>

### Holiday Activities & Food programme (HAF)

Bring it on Brum website has details and a mailing list

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

**Family Action FOOD (Food On Our Doorstep) club Families can pay £1 per year to join which entitles them to purchase £15 of food per week for £3.50**

Available in Erdington, Garrets Green, Ladywood, Rubery, Acocks Green and Ward End.  
Email [birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk](mailto:birminghamfoodclubs@family-action.org.uk) or call 07816408850 for details

### Healthy Start Vouchers

Families on low income can access Healthy Start vouchers for pregnant women and young children. These can be spent on fruit, vegetables, and milk (including infant formula) Speak to Health Visitor or apply online <https://applyforhealthystart.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/apply-for-healthystar>

### Turn 2 Us Grants Search

Website that searches for grants for things like energy bills, school uniform, white goods. Also has a benefits checker tool Families can search directly <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/>



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### Household Support Fund: Update 25th November 2024

The Household Support Fund is currently open for enquiries and applications.

Applications will be accepted from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, or until all funding has been exhausted, if this is sooner.

If you need to contact us about an existing successful enquiry or application, please leave a voicemail with your name, postcode and phone number on 07855 409 582 or email us at [household.support@greensquareaccord.co.uk](mailto:household.support@greensquareaccord.co.uk). You can also use these contact details to submit any additional information that we have requested.

#### What is the Household Support Fund?

The Household Support Fund is a one-off grant of up to £200 to Birmingham households, currently facing financial hardship, with the funds intended to help households with food costs and energy payments.

#### Who is eligible?

- You must be a Birmingham Resident
- You must be experiencing financial hardship, particularly with regards to covering costs linked to food and energy
- Your household must not have received a £200 grant payment in the last 12 months\*

Please be aware that you may be expected to provide proof of address and proof of means-tested benefits (if you are in receipt of them) to support your application.

Receiving a grant from this fund will not impact on any other benefits you may be receiving or may be entitled to.

\*Each household is only eligible to receive one £200 grant payment in a 12 month period. e.g. If you received a £200 payment on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, you cannot make another application until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Any enquiry received before your eligibility date will be rejected.

#### How to apply for the Household Support Fund

The quickest way to apply is by completing the [online enquiry form on the BVSC website](#).

If you are eligible, your name will be added to the Waiting List and a member of the team in your local area will reach out to you using the contact details provided in the next 3-4 weeks.

