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# NEWSLETTER

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

What a wonderful week we've had filled with spiritual growth, learning, and exciting preparations.

We were delighted to welcome our governors for a visit this week. who were overwhelmingly positive, and they left feeling truly impressed by the dedication and hard work of our pupils and staff. I

Year 4 led us in a beautiful Mass, demonstrating their growing understanding of our faith .

Looking ahead, our Year 6 pupils are eagerly anticipating their trip to Alton Castle next week. If any parents have last-minute questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. For those Year 6 pupils not attending the trip, we look forward to seeing you in school all week as usual.

As always, we are immensely proud of our St Wilfrid's family and the way we support and encourage one another in our journey of faith and learning.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- From February half term, pupils may wear PE kits on PE/Swimming days. This includes a pale blue polo shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, school jumper or cardigan, and trainers. No other sweatshirts or hoodies, please.
- Also, 'Free Choice Friday' allows pupils to bring a snack for breaktime. Remember, it should be a personal portion, not large bags to share.

### ATTENDANCE OVER 95% THIS WEEK - WELL DONE!

Reception - 96.7%

Class 2B 96.4%

Class 3G 98.1%

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mon 10th Feb** - Alton Castle trip for Yr6

**Wed 12th Feb** - Children return

**Thurs 13th Feb 9am** - Compass coffee morning

**Fri 14th Feb** - Children break up

**Mon 24th Feb** - INSET day

**Tues 25th Feb** - Children return to school

**12th March** - Parents' Evening

**Schools can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age. St Wilfrid's have now had to fine 2 families this academic year for holidays during term times and there will be more processed for attendance. Following Birmingham City Council guidelines If issued with a penalty notice, both parents must pay £80 within 21 days or £160 within 28 days otherwise further prosecution can be imposed**

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## CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

### The God Who Speaks

This week, when we joined in liturgy, we took time to reflect on being a Child of Light after listening to the Presentation of the Lord

### Mini Mission

At St Wilfrid's we show that we are children of light every single day, shining God's love on others. Over the next two weeks, however, we have been asked to revisit our Stewardship of Creation Pledge and demonstrate our love for others and the world in that way.



## BUILDING THE KINGDOM

This week our children have been builders of God's Kingdom

by bringing home Mrs Husted's Homework and discussing with you the Church Jubilee.

They are invited this year to be Pilgrims of Hope and now that they have told you all about this, you can be a Pilgrim of Hope too!

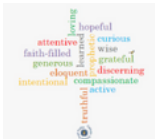


## CHURCH JUBILEE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Click on the QR code to sing along with the special Pilgrims of Hope hymn we have been singing

## VALUES AND VIRTUES



This half term we are being Curious and Active - who do we need to offer HOPE to and what can we do?

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

This half term we are considering Rights and Responsibilities of ourselves and others. We are considering those who need our support and planning how we will be responsible for their quality of life by putting an active service into place after half term

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## BRITISH VALUES

### Democracy

The school councilors have been busy collecting responses from classes about what children like and dislike about school dinners.

The councilors will then be meeting with Anna Fox from the catering company to share their findings and to discuss further changes.



## VOTES FOR SCHOOL



Our recent assembly explored the question, "Would a year of arts improve our life?"

We're keen to hear if you've discovered Birmingham's cultural offerings.

Have you attended Chinese New Year celebrations, visited the revamped Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, or perhaps enjoyed a Pokémon hunt around our beautiful city?

We'd love to know how you're embracing the arts in Birmingham!

## SAFEGUARDING TIP OF THE WEEK

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS:** A message arrives saying "Have you seen this...". It's a scam designed to trick you into clicking on a link that leads to a website that steals your personal information.
- SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS:** Be wary of anyone offering you a deal that seems too good to be true. Scammers often use social media to promote these deals.
- YOU'RE A WINNER!** This kind of scam involves fake prizes. You receive a message saying you've won a prize and are asked to provide personal information to claim it.
- HAPPENS NOW!** Scammers often use social media to spread rumors and create panic.
- FALSE FRIENDSHIPS:** Scammers often pretend to be someone you know to gain your trust. They might ask you for money or personal information.
- PANIC MODE:** Be wary of anyone who is trying to create a sense of panic, especially if they are asking you to provide personal information or money.
- FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS:** Scammers often use the names of celebrities to promote fake products or services.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- STAY INFORMED:** Keep up to date with the latest information and best practices.
- TALK TOGETHER:** Encourage children to talk to you if they see something suspicious.
- ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM:** Encourage children to think critically and not to believe everything they see online.
- BE PROACTIVE:** Encourage children to report any suspicious activity to you or the police.

**Meet Our Expert:** Meet our expert, who provides advice on how to stay safe online.

**WakeUp Wednesday** The National College

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## AWARD WINNERS!

### Merit of the Week

**Nursery** - Zuriel  
**Reception** - Malak  
**1DS**- Alex  
**1P** - Anvidha  
**2B** - Salieu  
**2M** - Bilal  
**3FS** - Cullen

**3G** - Teheira  
**4G** - Anastasia  
**4M** - Faith  
**5T** - Renato  
**5W** - Klay  
**6B** - Leo  
**6P** - Aimal

### Reader of the Week

**1P** - Olamiposi  
**1DS**- Eliana  
**2B** - Christaline  
**2M** - Hareem  
**3FS**- Brayden  
**6P** - Leo

**3G** - Iman  
**4G** - Kaiden  
**4M** - Olivia J  
**5T** - Branice  
**6B** - Lucian

### Wise Owl

Delia

### Sports Award

Ava

### Music Award

Liarna

### Values & Virtues

The Faith team KS1 & KS2

### Lunchtime Awards

Lilly - YR1P

David - Yr6B

Class 2B

Well done to everyone for a wonderful achievement!



**Next Wednesday, Mrs Stibbs retires!**

**We will miss her hugely after so many years at St Wilfrid's, but wish her lots of fun on her new adventures!**

**Have a lovely weekend- Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff**

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE LINKS WE SENT OUT TO FIND OUT MORE!**



**COMPOSER OF HALF TERM - HANS ZIMMER**

**AUTHOR OF HALF TERM - MAIRI HEDDERWICK**



**ARTIST OF HALF TERM - FRIDA KAHLO**

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