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## Our Mission:

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

### Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We have had a lovely week here in school

The children are busy planning for their Lenten Acts of Service, as well as soaking up all that new knowledge across our curriculum. Do keep up to date with what is happening in school on a daily basis via our school 'X' page (formerly known as Twitter) - @stwilfridrc

It was wonderful to see so many parents able to join us at Parents' Evening—it is so important that home and school collaborate, working together for the benefit of our children.

Two of our Year 5 children this week, Catalin and Hannah, visited St Peter's Secondary school this week and joined other children from our OLAAS Academy in an RE workshop—this is a great way to build our strength as a Catholic MAC Community . Thankyou children for being excellent role models for St Wilfrid's and for bringing back your learning for your year group.

Lots of messages in the newsletter this week, again—have a scroll down and find out what has been happening and what is happening in the coming weeks! Please note that some event dates need to change, from time to time, due to unforeseen circumstances.





## Attendance—Target 95%

**REMINDER : TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED**

Class	%
RDG	93.7
RBB	95.3
1DS	90
1P	95.4
2G	96.5
2M	98
3CM	90
3G	87.8
4C	93.8
4S	87.3
5P	97
5B	93.2
6G	93.6
6W	90
Whole school	93%

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

These classes all get a sweet treat

RBB, 1P, 2G, 2M, 5P.

**A much better week for attendance! Well done!**

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

**Monday 4th March**

**Attendance Prize  
Week**

★ Class with the highest  
attendance wins a mystery  
prize!



You have to be in to

Win!



**Termly**

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance. **Autumn Term certificates will be coming out next week!**

One term of 95% bronze certificate

Two terms of 95% silver certificate

Three terms of 95% gold certificate

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## Catholic Life and Mission

### The God who Speaks

We shared our online Liturgy led by OneLife Music. We heard about shining the light of God

### MINI MISSION

Let the light of the Lord guide our words and actions: show Racism the  
Red Card

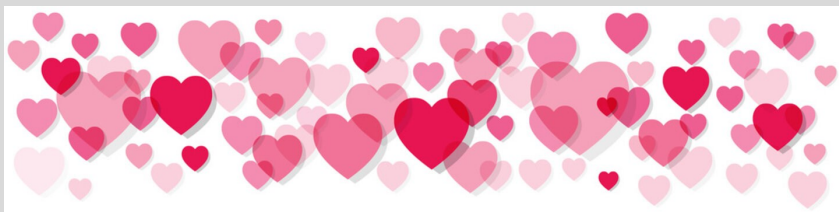


### Fundamental British Values



### Mutual respect and tolerance

This week the children's mini mission was to greet everyone with a generous heart. Through our actions and words we try to treat everyone how we would like to be treated. Every child has the right to say what they think (Article 13) but we need to be respectful in what we are saying.



### Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



This half term the children are trying to be **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future. Each class has chosen their Act of Service for Lent, some of which support the poor and vulnerable. By doing this we hope to provide them with a better future

### Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values

#### Infants

Amna (2M)

#### Juniors

Bernice (3G)



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## Dates for your Diary

### Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

Monday 4th September 2023  
Friday 29th September 2023  
Friday 27th October 2023  
Monday 19th February 2024  
Monday 22nd July 2024

## Special Event for Reception Parents

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
February 29th	Reception Fire Service visit
March 4th	Attendance Prize week
March 5th	Reception Class Assembly
March 20th	Autism Awareness Coffee Morning 9am
March 6th	Occupational Therapy Parent Workshop—time 9am
MARCH 7th	Parent Arts and Craft Café—Hodge Hill Arts Forum . <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
March 12th	Coffee Morning and Book Sale in school library—10am <b>NOTE CHANGE OF TIME DUE TO BOOK LEADER'S</b>
March 12th	Reception Parent Workshop
19th March	Class photos
19th March	Year 5 MAC Maths Challenge
20th March	SEND coffee morning - 9am
18th March	Year 3 'Bake off' <b>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>
18th March	Attendance Prize Week
April	Year 3 Reconciliation. Final date to be confirmed
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception would like to cordially invite you to a special Mother's Day Assembly on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.

We are asking you to please send in a picture of your child with their Mum. Please email these to [g.barnes@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.barnes@stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk) by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February so they can be included in our assembly.

Thank you,  
Reception Team





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## A message from Miss Hunt

Come along and find out  
how, together, we can help  
our children access their  
learning with  
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**  
techniques.

**Date: Wednesday**      **Time 9:15 am**  
**6th March**

*Is your child having difficulty regulating their emotions at home or school?*

*Do they struggle to sit still or complete chosen activities?*

*Are they lively and unfocussed? Are they a dare devil who craves danger?*

*Are they a child who has to touch objects/people and constantly fiddle with things?*

*If any of these sound familiar you may benefit from attending our Occupational Therapy workshop; this will be an opportunity to gain strategies and advice to support your child's sensory needs at home.*

*If you have any further questions please contact Miss Hunt.*





## A message from Mrs Dunleavy

### World Book Day 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day next week, on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. This year's World Book Day theme is **"snuggle up with a good book"**. We are asking children to come to school in **pyjamas or their comfy clothes/ lounge wear**.



**Please remember to bring your favourite book to school with you!**

#### Rock up and Read

We will be hosting **"rock up and read"** sessions, where you will have the opportunity to come into school from 9am- 9:15am to read with your child.

**Please see the timetable below**

<b>Reception</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 1</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 2</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 3</b>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 4</b>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March

If you could like to come to read with your child on their allocated day then please go round to the office ☺





## A message from Year 3

### LENTEN FRUNDRAISER!

**Re: Year 3 'Bake for Harry' Morning -  
Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 9.30am**

We hope this letter finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to involve parents during Lent and to create a sense of community within our school, we are delighted to invite you to Year 3's 'Bake for Harry' morning, as our chosen Lenten fundraiser.

The 'Bake for Harry' event is an exciting opportunity for parents to showcase their baking talents and contribute to a meaningful cause during Lent. The cakes will be judged by our very own Mrs. Husted, and the most creative entry will be awarded a fantastic baking hamper.

Please bring your cake entries to school at the end of the day on Monday, 18th March 2024, when you collect your children. We're looking forward to seeing the wonderful creations you come up with!

On the morning of Tuesday, 19th March 2024, from 9.30 am to 10.30 am, we invite all parents to come and sample each other's delicious cakes for a small donation and you can enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee. All funds raised are going towards Year 3's chosen charity.

**HELP HARRY HELP OTHERS** is a charity dedicated to raising funds for children with cancer and supporting vital research to combat brain tumors. Your contribution will make a significant impact on the lives of these children and their families.

During the event, there will also be an opportunity for parents to have a photograph taken with their child and their creation. These photographs will be professionally laminated and presented for a small fee, all of which will be donated to our chosen charity.

Your participation in this event is not only a chance to showcase your baking skills but also an opportunity to support a noble cause, as well as enjoy some tasty cakes! We look forward to your enthusiastic involvement in making the 'Bake for Harry' morning a success.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to sharing this delightful and charitable event with you.

Best regards,

Mrs Gazey, Miss Clohesy, Mrs Sennett and Mrs Puri





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## Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly .

This is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.

RBB	Chisara
RDG	Edward
1DS	Alan
1P	Grace
2G	Keyaan
2M	Alessia
3G	Abubakr
3CM	Delia
4C	Diaraye
4S	Gracie
5B	Sam
5P	Xaiya
6G	Lottie
6W	Mohib
Wise Owl	Malaika
Sports' Award	Lewis (1P)
Music Award	Kyce (2M)
Reading Award	Sefora
Lunchtime	Amiolaoluwa (RBB), Eesa (3CM) and Nursery



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## LENT

During Half Term, we entered the season of Lent

This is a time of reflection , becoming an even better version of ourselves .

We prepare for the sacrifice that Jesus made—his life. He showed his love for the world and that He was truly the Son of God.

It is a time of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting

We will be carrying out our Acts of Service for those who need our help

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT WILL BE A NON UNIFORM DAY IN EXCHANGE FOR £1 , IN ORDER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAFOD AND FR HUDSON'S - TWO CHARITIES WHO CARRY OUT WONDERFUL WORK

<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/>

Each class will be carrying out their own Act of Service, doing something good for a group in need

Nursery	TBC	TBC
Reception	Teddy-Rose Foundation Ward End Cats Protection	Raffle and crafternoon Dress like a cat
Year 1	Birmingham Dogs' Home	Movie afternoon and dog visit
Year 2	Home Start Birmingham	Raising awareness and wear your pyja-
Year 3	Help Harry Help Others	'Bake Off'
Year 4	RSPCA	Hamper
Year 5	Caflo Food Bank	Food Collection
Year 6	Orphans in need	Fundraising



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## A message from Miss McCoy : Composer of the Half Term

Our Composer of the Half Term is

**James Brown**



**Born: 3 May 1933**  
**Died: 25 December 2006**  
**Nationality: American**

**Famous piece of music: I got you (I feel good)**



### Pop

#### Interesting facts:

- Brown grew up in poverty
- He started his career as a gospel singer
- Brown's rhythmic style and sharp vocals on stage led to the style called 'funk'
- James Brown was one of the founders of funk music thanks to his rhythmic style and sharp vocals on stage.
- Funk was developed during the 1960s and derived from a mixture of soul, R&B and jazz music, and had a blend of rhythm and dance mixed in.
- James Brown's success in the music business and development of soul music earned him the nickname 'The Godfather of Soul'.
- James Brown was musically gifted in many ways. He could play several instruments including the percussion, organ and drums.
- James Brown made an appeal for peace on national television following the assassination of Martin Luther King.



**Get up off a that thing**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1\\_uNMy2OqAI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_uNMy2OqAI)



## A message from Miss Gripton: Artist of the Half Term



### Jean-Michel Basquiat



- An important artist from the USA.
- Born on 22nd December 1960.
- His parents split up when he was young and he mainly lived with his dad because his mum was sometimes unwell.
- From a young age, Jean-Michel enjoyed art.
- Created his own drawings of his favourite cartoon characters, comics and biblical scenes.
- When he was seven years old, Jean-Michel and his friend (Marc) created their own children's book.

In 1967, Jean-Michel was knocked over by a car. He had to have an operation and spent a long time in hospital. To help pass the time, Jean-Michel's mum gave him a book used by doctors to learn more about the human body. Jean-Michel copied lots of the pictures from the book.

When he was 17, he started creating graffiti art under the tag SAMO, and quickly became famous, appearing on TV and magazines. By 21, he started painting and his work was displayed in art galleries. He used oil pastels, crayon, spray paint and pencil. He liked to collage ideas together.

John-Michael didn't go to art college, he just took inspiration from things around him. He was inspired by diversity and lots of his later work explores the power and vulnerability of various groups of people who have been at risk of discrimination or oppressed.

He travelled the world showing his art and became friends with famous artists and created a painting with Andy Warhol.

Within a few years he was making 1 million dollars a year selling his paint-

### Competition:

Many of Jean-Michel's paintings featured cartoon-like figures.

They were created using bright colours and sometimes had crowns.

Create your own cartoon figure (you may want to put a crown on it! You could create your own graffiti by using chalk and drawing on the ground outside. Chalk soon wears away but you could take a photo of your art so that it will last forever)

Entries will be displayed in the hall and the winner will win an art set!!

**SPECIAL EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES—15TH MARCH**



## A message from Mrs Gazey

### Racism and inclusion

PSHE resource | Key Stage 2

This week Mrs Gazey led an assembly for Key Stage 2, to learn about Racism and the ways that we can make sure that this is something that doesn't happen at St Wilfrid's! We heard from some premier league footballers who are campaigning to inform and inspire the youth of the UK with their "No ROOM FOR RACISM" campaign! Mrs Gazey has already had some entries for the Anti racism poster and acrostic poem competition! Look out for children wearing the say no to racism badges around school. You can learn more about the ways that some of the most well known professional footballers are supporting this campaign here;

<https://plprimarystars.com/resources/nrfr-racism-inclusion>



### What Can We Do to Help Eliminate Racial Discrimination?

Recognise that no matter what our skin colour, accent, language we speak or the place we are from, we are all equal and deserve the same rights and treatment.

Make sure everybody feels included and welcome.

Encourage people to tell someone if they feel they are being racially discriminated against.

Have conversations about how racial discrimination affects you or your friends.

Be aware of our own prejudices and make an effort to change them.

If you think you see racism happening, tell a responsible adult and get help.



#### Black History Month

Marcus Gayle: I'm proud of my Jamaican heritage



#### Black History Month

Gomez: Positive black role models are so important



#### Black History Month

Amadou Onana on the people who've inspired him



#### Black History Month

Wes Morgan: We are indebted to the Windrush Generation



#### Black History Month

Desailly: I looked far for my black sporting heroes



#### Black History Month

Benjamin Zephaniah on the Premier League and the legacy of Windrush





## A message from Ms Brown and Mrs Dunleavy: Reading



Our Spotlight Author the Week is Year 3's Author

Maisie Chan



Maisie Chan is children's author whose debut novel  
**DANNY CHUNG DOES NOT DO MATHS** won  
the Jhalak Prize and the Branford Boase Award in 2022.

Her latest novel **KEEP DANCING, LIZZIE CHU** is out now and is  
longlisted for the Diverse Book Awards 2023.

Masie is a UK writer born in Birmingham of Chinese descent. she  
works to support and encourage writers of East and Southeast  
Asian descent in the U.K. She lives , currently, in Glasgow

She has a dog called Miko who has big eyes.

### We love reading at St Wilfrid's!

This week, classes have been voting for what their class read of the day will be. The children have thoroughly enjoyed choosing the story by themselves. Classes have also been enjoying some time in our school library- choosing and exploring the different books.



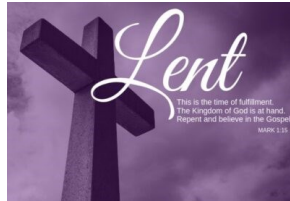
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## And finally...



Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself .



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff

### Playtime snacks

Monday to Thursday Healthy Snacks:

Fruit from home or school (EYFS/KS1)

Yoghurt

Toast/juice from Janis

Friday is...

**Free Choice FRIDAY!**

Bring a snack of your choice!

Only enough for one...no family size/sharing  
snacks!



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## KARATE

£4.00 A LESSON (FIRST LESSON FREE)

**WEDNESDAYS 6PM – 7PM**

**HILLIER HOUSE SCOUT HUT,**

**29 ROGERS ROAD,**

**WARD END** (just past Fox & Goose)

**B8 2JJ**



WARD END KARATE  
CLUB.

BLACK BELT 5<sup>TH</sup>  
DAN INSTRUCTION!

INCREASE YOUR  
CONFIDENCE!

IMPROVE YOUR  
FITNESS!

LEARN A NEW  
SKILL!

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## Holiday Clubs



**HODGE HILL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP



**Fun physical  
activities**

**Food  
workshops**



**HODGE HILL PRIMARY**  
Twycross Grove  
**MON 25th - THUR 28th**  
**MARCH**  
**10am - 3pm**  
**FREE & PAID PLACES AVAILABLE**  
**FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6**



## PRICE

**£15.50 per day**

**FREE** places **ONLY** will be provided with lunch

*All staff have enhanced DBS checks & have experience working with children*

**BOOK NOW**



**SCAN ME**

## 20% Discount

if you book by 15th March

Use **EASTER24** as the voucher code

**USE THE QR CODE OR WEBSITE LINK**

There is a **PAID** camp and a **FREE** Bring it on Brum Camp

Children from the local area who receive Free School Meals due to benefits (not because they are in Infants) will be eligible for a **FREE** place with a Bring It On Brum voucher code available from your school office.

**Arts & Crafts**



**https://bookings.kssp.co.uk/list**

**100% OF PARENTS SAID THEY WOULD SEND THEIR CHILD / CHILDREN TO OUR CAMPS AGAIN !**





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## District Football Trials

Erdington and Saltley  
Primary Schools' FA

### District Football Trials

Summer Term 2024

To attend the 2024/25 district football trials, your child must...



attend an  
Erdington and Saltley  
primary school



currently be  
in year 3, 4  
or 5



be one of  
the best  
footballers in their  
year group



be hard  
working,  
committed and  
respectful

If you want your child to attend the 2024/25 district  
football trials, register them today at:

[www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials)

Erdington and Saltley  
Primary Schools' FA

### District Football Trials

Summer Term 2024

Bromford, Hodge Hill, Erdington, Nechells, Saltley,  
Shard End, Ward End and Washwood Heath

#### Eligible Primary Schools

Abbey	Cromwell	Hodge Hill	Paget	St Wilfred's
Adderley	Erdington Hall	King Solomon	Parkfield	St Margaret
Audley	Featherstone	Lea Forest	Rosary	Mary
Birches Green	Firs	Leigh	Shaw Hill	St Mary and
Brookvale	Gunter	Marsh Hill	Shirestone	John
Brownmead	Harper Bell	Nansen	Slade	St Peter & St
Colebourne	Hawthorn	Nechells	St Barnabas	Paul
Corpus Christi	Heathlands	Oasis Short	St Clement's	Story Wood
Court Farm	Highfield	Heath	St Jo's B7	Thornton
	Hillstone	Osborne	St Matthew's	Ward End
		Oval	St Saviours	Washwood
				Heath
				Yenton

Email [espsfa@hotmail.com](mailto:espsfa@hotmail.com) for further information.

Or visit our Instagram and Twitter pages @espsfa .



Birmingham



[www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials)

Summer Term 2024

Register today to receive  
further information



### Erdington and Saltley Primary Schools' FA District Football Trials

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/daughter has been identified by their school as a talented  
footballer and nominated for the 2024 Erdington and Saltley district  
football trials. This letter contains key information about district foot-  
ball.

#### What is district football?

District football is the highest level of youth football for primary aged  
pupils outside of academy football. As a city, Birmingham has over  
300 primary schools. These schools are divided into seven geo-  
graphical districts, with each district having its own representative  
football team.

#### What is Erdington and Saltley district?

Erdington and Saltley has 49 primary schools across Erdington,  
Saltley, Nechells, Hodge Hill, Washwood Heath, Bromford and  
Shard End.

#### My child already plays for a football team. Is this a problem?

No. District footballers also play for a second team - either a grass-  
roots team or an academy team. Boys' district matches are played  
on Saturday mornings, while girls' games are played on Friday eve-  
nings. They do not clash with grassroots football.

#### My child plays for an professional academy. Is this a problem?

No. Children who play for academy teams (e.g. Birmingham City,  
Walsall, Wolves) are allowed to play district football.

#### Why should my child play district football?

**Best facilities in the city:** All district games are played from a central  
location - Aston Villa's training ground.

**High standard:** District football is the highest standard of youth foot-  
ball outside of academy football.

**Player Pathway:** District football offers players a direct route into an  
academy such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City or Wolves. Each  
year, many Erdington and Saltley players are signed by profession-  
al clubs. We currently have former players playing professionally for  
Manchester City, Manchester United, Leeds United, Aston Villa,  
Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and others.

#### When are the trials?

The 2024 trials will be held throughout May and June 2024.

#### What do I need to do if I want my son / daughter to attend the trials?

Register them ASAP at either [www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials) or  
[www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com/trials](http://www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com/trials).

#### Where can I learn more about district football?

[www.espsfa.com](http://www.espsfa.com)

[www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com](http://www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com)

Instagram: @espsfa or @bhampsfa

Twitter: @espsfa or @bpsfa

## REGISTER TODAY!

[www.espsfa.com/trials](http://www.espsfa.com/trials)

[www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com/trials](http://www.birminghamprimaryschoolsfa.com/trials)

