



NEWSLETTER

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been a lovely week in school as we celebrated World Book Day together.

It was wonderful to welcome parents into school to share stories and read with the children - the classrooms were full of excitement and a real love of books.

The children have also come home with free books, kindly donated by our partner charity Book Sparks, which we hope they will enjoy sharing and reading at home.

As we continue through the season of Lent, we are thinking about the importance of almsgiving and how we can help those in need. We will soon be taking part in our Big Lent Walk, and we would be very grateful for any sponsorship. We are also collecting loose change for our Father Hudson's charity boxes, so please send in any spare coins to help us support others.

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place next week. Appointments are necessarily five minutes long so that all families have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. If there is anything you would like to discuss in more detail, please arrange a separate time to speak with your child's teacher outside of the appointment. Parents and carers of pupils with SEND will receive an alternative invitation, as there will be individual plans to review, so you will not need to book an appointment on the Parents' Evening system.

The weather is beginning to get a little warmer, which has been lovely to see. You may notice more outdoor learning and activities taking place as we move towards spring. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to see photos and updates from around the school.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9th March - KS1 Science Fair 2pm

Tuesday 10th March - KS2 Science Fair 2pm

Wednesday 11th March - Parents' Evening

Monday 9th March - Thursday 12th March - Book Fair

Monday 16th March - Breakfast for our 'special ladies' - 8:15 - 8:45

Tuesday 17th March - Wear Green for St Patrick's Day

Thursday 26th March - KS1 Stations of the Cross assembly 9 am - Parents welcome

Friday 27th March - KS2 Stations of the Cross assembly 9am - Parents welcome

Friday 27th March - Break up for Easter Half Term

Monday 13th April - Children return to School

Monday 13th April - cake donation for KS2 easter cake sale

Tuesday 14th April - Easter bonnet parade for Nursery, Reception, YR 1 & YR2
9:10am

Tuesday 14th April - KS2 Easter Cake Sale for School Fund

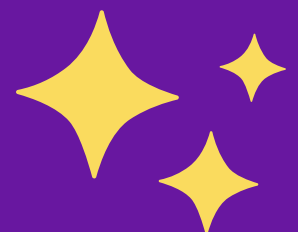
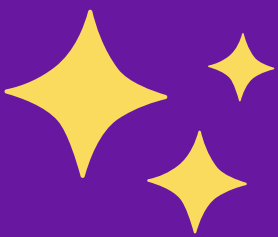
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This Lent, our Chaplaincy GIFT Team will be encouraging children to support two charities: Father Hudson's Care by filling a jar with spare coins, and CAFOD by taking part in the Big Lent Walk. The children will be learning about both charities in school, so don't be surprised if they come home asking for coins or sponsorship for their walk! You'll find the charity links below if you would like to learn more, and you can also follow the link here

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-wilfrids-fundraising-page2025/donation-amount>

to sponsor your child.





BREAKFAST CLUB!

The Best Start to Every School Day!



• FREE • EVERY DAY • ALL CHILDREN WELCOME • 8:15am - 8:45am

What Makes Our Breakfast Club Special?

Following a recent monitoring visit, our Breakfast Club was recognised as:

✔ Welcoming ✔ Inclusive ✔ Well-structured

Children were observed to be:

✔ Happy ✔ Settled
✔ Fully engaged



A Caring & Dedicated Team

Staff were praised for:

- ✔ Warm, nurturing interactions
- ✔ Working effectively together
- ✔ Creating a calm, organised start to the school day



Fun Before the Bell!

Children enjoy:

- ✔ Arts and crafts
- ✔ Tabletop games
- ✔ Dance and movement



Food & Safety You Can Trust

- ✔ Food provision meets School Food Standards
- ✔ Strong safeguarding systems in place
- ✔ Careful allergy management

Breakfast Club supports children's well-being and readiness to learn — helping them feel confident and prepared for the school day ahead.

Join Us!

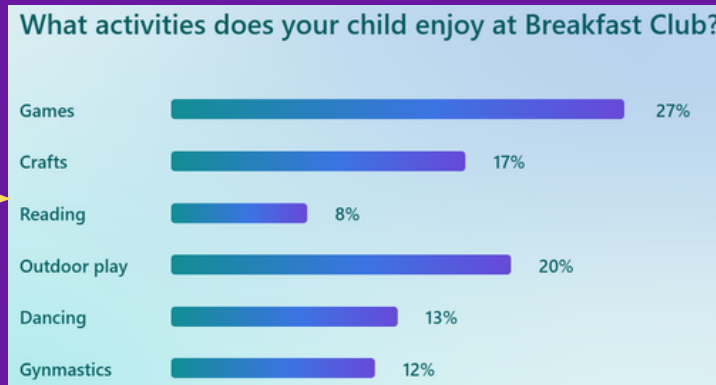
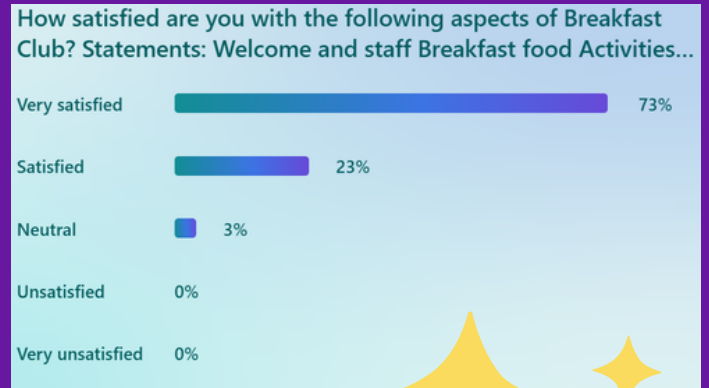
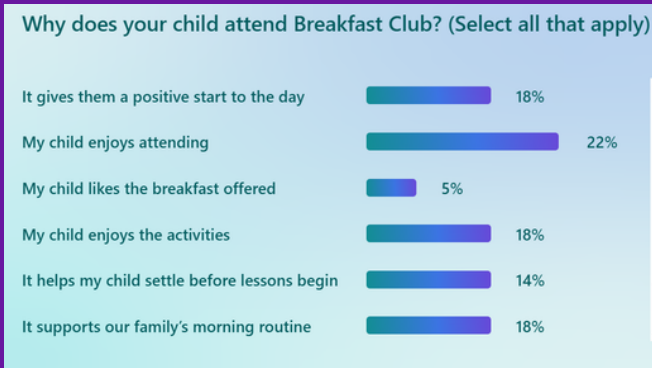
- ✔ Free of charge
- ✔ Open every school day
- ✔ No child turned away

Come along and start the day the best way!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to those of you who managed to respond to our parent survey about Breakfast Club - your input to our evaluating our success and any areas for further development are very much appreciated.

A reminder - most children do eat breakfast, but your child can come along *even if they have already had breakfast at home!* They are welcome to join in from 8:15am onwards to catch up with their friends or to make your own journey into work easier



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Ladies Who Breakfast




A Mothering Sunday Celebration


A special morning for the wonderful ladies
in our school community





 Light breakfast provided

 Fun craft activity to enjoy together

 A lovely way to celebrate Mothering Sunday

 Monday
16th March

 8:15 – 8:45am

 School Hall

Ladies-Only Event

Gentlemen – your turn will come later in the year!



In school, on time,
ready to shine.

Every Day Counts at St. Wilfrid's

There are **190** school days
in each academic year.
When children miss school,
the days add up quickly.



5 days absent = **1** week of learning lost

10 days absent = **2** weeks of learning lost

15 days absent = **3** weeks of learning lost

19 days absent almost **4** weeks of learning lost

At St. Wilfrid's, we want every child:



In school



On time



Ready to shine

★ Punctuality Matters ★

Being late is lost learning



5 mins late each day = **3** days lost



10 mins late each day = **6.5** days lost



15 mins late each day = **10** days lost

This week's winners are

CLASS 4B

CLASS 4M

CLASS 5B

CLASS 6M

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CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Transfiguration. Prayers for those receiving sacraments

The God who Speaks	A bright cloud covered them, and a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him."
Mini Mission	Please pray for those receiving Sacraments this year Jesus our Lord, You walk with us every day. Bless all those preparing to receive their Sacraments. Fill them with Your joy, peace, and courage. Help us to be signs of Your light to others. Amen.

This week we shared the events of the Transfiguration and reflected on how we too reveal ourselves as children of God when we receive the sacraments. We pray for those receiving the Sacraments this year

BUILDING THE KINGDOM

This week we celebrated World Book Day and discussed the importance of how reading can help to develop and grow our imagination. By exploring our reading knowledge we are growing our vocabulary. This vital skill helps us to spread God's message through the stories we learn.

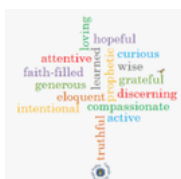


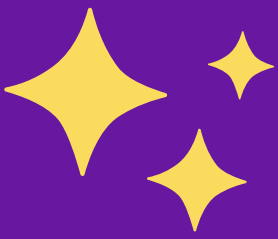
VALUES AND VIRTUES

This half term we are remembering to be Intentional and Prophetic

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

We are Stewards of Creation
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable





READING SUITCASES !

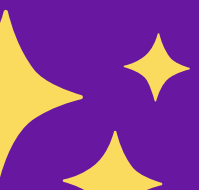
Our new Reading Suitcases, which will continue to be coming home with children every Friday . These special suitcases are designed to encourage families to enjoy some quality time together through reading. Inside, you'll find a lovely book to share, a notebook to jot down your thoughts, and even some hot chocolate to enjoy while you read! We hope this becomes a cosy and fun weekly tradition for you and your child.



Please return the suitcase by the following Wednesday so it can be shared with another family.
Happy reading!



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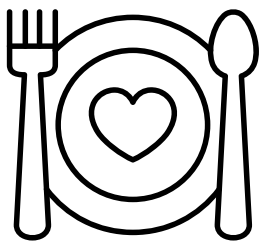




British Values

This week, our School Council met to review our current lunchtime menus. Representing the views of their classmates, the councillors discussed options and took a democratic vote on whether to introduce a traditional menu or a combination menu. This process gave pupils a meaningful opportunity to express their opinions—an excellent example of **Democracy**, one of our core British Values.

To support the changes, children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 who usually bring a packed lunch will be offered taste pots so they can sample dishes from the new and exciting menu. We hope this encourages our younger pupils to explore a wider variety of foods and to share their own thoughts as we continue to shape our school meals together.



Each week, our children and staff will be sharing a little bit of news from somewhere in the world. If you want to find out more about the story, log onto BBC Newsround www.bbc.co.uk/newsround or scan the QR code!

SCAN



Wouldn't it be great if we could all sleep through the Autumn? Some animals do and its called 'Hibernation' scan the code to find out more!



AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	M'Larnie	YR4B	Brayden
REC	Levi	YR4M	Kyce
YR1	Brodie	YR5W	Xamora
YR2	Abdul	YR5B	Joy
YR3G	Lilly	YR6M	Benjamin
YR3H	Matei	YR6RM	Savannah



Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Cullen
REC	Mahwish	YR4M	Laila
YR1	Annie	YR5W	Delia
YR2	Anvidha	YR5B	Alessia
YR3G	Apryl	YR6M	Anaya
YR3H	Ellie	YR6RM	Biemnet



Wise Owl
Jan - 4M

Sports Award
Class 4B - Rugby

Music Award
Hannah-Rose & Mayumi

Values & Virtues
Lydia - REC & Hermela Yr6

Lunchtime Award
Betty - Rec Philip Yr 6 Yr 1

Well Done to Everyone!





Have a restful weekend
We pray for those caught up in conflict around the
world

Mrs Husted, Mrs Milligan, and the staff team



TERM DATES

25/26

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Monday 1st September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025	Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026	Monday 13th April 2026 to Monday 20th July 2026
Autumn half-term break	Spring half-term break	Summer half-term break
Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Christmas Holiday	Easter Holiday	
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026	Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026	

Teacher Training Days for 2025–2026 School Closed to all Pupils

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

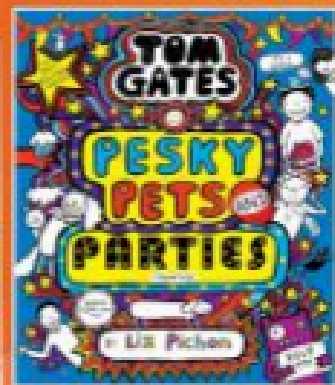
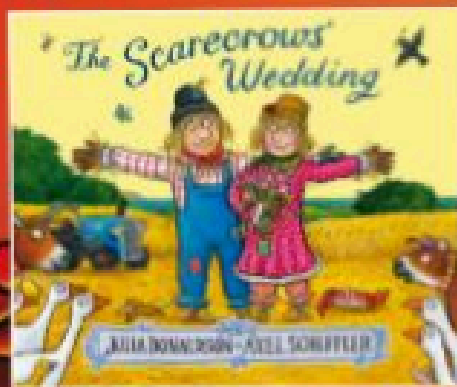
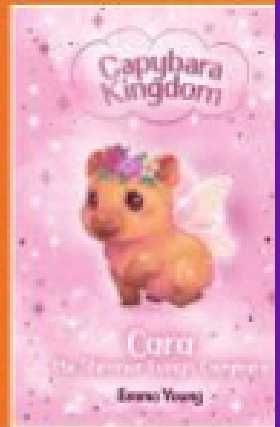
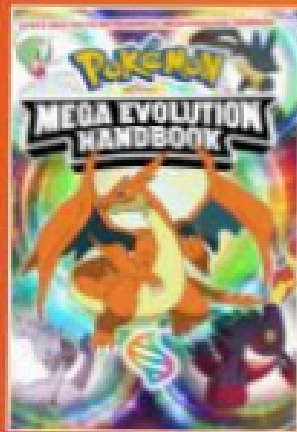
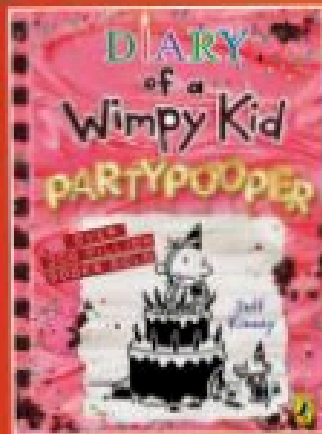
Wednesday 1st July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!



GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2020

DATE: 9th – 12th March

TIME: 3:30 – 4:15

LOCATION: School Office

Scan to pay securely online!





Navigating The Wait Together

Turning the autism assessment waiting period into a time for positivity and productivity.

These FREE sessions are aimed at parents/carers with children (up to 18) who are on the Birmingham autism assessment/diagnosis waiting list.

Are you a Birmingham resident? Is your child waiting for an autism assessment? Join us for a free workshop to learn practical skills to support your child, better understand the system, and meet other parents on a similar journey.

Topics will include:

- What is autism
- Navigating the system
- Sensory processing
- Behaviour
- Communication
- Eating & Sleeping
- Wellbeing
- And more!

The sessions will be offered both online and face to face.

Please **register your interest** by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XnVNkKxUME>

For more info, please contact:

Kelly@resourcesforautism.org.uk

CATHOLIC UNION YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2026



FORGIVENESS - WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Send your entry to: info@catholicunion.org.uk

JUDGE: MARGARET
MIZEN MBE
MIZEN FOUNDATION

DEADLINE: 22 MAY 2026
PRIZES!

OPEN TO:
RECEPTION - Y6

www.catholicunion.org.uk

MIZEN
FOUNDATION

Child Death Review Team Comms

The Child Death Review Team Newsletter is circulated to all partners within Birmingham and Solihull to highlight campaigns and share learning from local child death reviews.

Safer Sleep Week 2026

Safer Sleep Week 2026 will run from the **9th – 15th March**. This is The Lullaby Trust's national awareness campaign targeting anyone looking after a young baby. They raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the simple advice that reduces the risk of it occurring.



The theme for 2026: Baby necessities

Overwhelmed by baby products? You're not alone. With so many options (and conflicting advice) it can be hard to know which are safest for your baby to sleep in. Not to mention, it can be expensive!

This Safer Sleep Week we're sharing the 'baby necessities' – the essential items that your baby needs and how to check that they're as safe as possible.

We want to remind you to **keep it simple to keep it safe.**

- Which products your baby needs and which you can (and should) leave on the shelf.
- What to look for in a product, or on the label, to know if it fits within safer sleep.
- What to dress your baby in for sleep in different temperatures.

lullabytrust.org.uk



KARATE

£4.00 A LESSON (FIRST LESSON FREE)

WEDNESDAYS 6PM – 7PM

HILLER HOUSE SCOUT HUT,

29 ROGERS ROAD,

WARD END (just past Fox & Gloze)

B8 2JJ

WARD END KARATE
CLUB.

BLACK BELT 6TH
DAN INSTRUCTION!

INCREASE YOUR
CONFIDENCE!

IMPROVE YOUR
FITNESS!

LEARN A NEW
SKILL!

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