

# NEWSLETTER



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

As we move further into Lent, it has certainly been a high-energy week! We kicked things off on Monday morning by welcoming the special ladies in our children's lives for breakfast. It was a lively and bustling start to the school day, and we are grateful to those who were able to join us and share that time with the children.

The energy levels stayed high as Key Stage 2 took to the Smoothie Bike. There was plenty of noise and hard work as the pupils pedaled at full speed to blend their fruit, learning practical lessons about nutrition and the physical effort required to power a healthy lifestyle.

In our spiritual life, our pupils also participated in Sacramental Confessions this week. This provided a vital opportunity for them to find a moment of quiet, seek God's mercy, and reset their hearts as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

We dressed in green for St Patrick - at St Wilfrid's we take our lead from the example of the saints. St Patrick's courage and resilience inspires us all.

We are officially hitting our stride with The Big Lent Walk. The children are busy clocking up their sponsored steps to raise much-needed funds for CAFOD, putting our faith into action to help our global neighbours. Thank you for your continued encouragement of their fundraising efforts.

We also send our warmest wishes to our families who have been celebrating Eid. We hope this special time of feasting and gratitude, marking the end of Ramadan, is a wonderful occasion for your families and friends.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - KS1 Stations of the Cross 9 am - Parents welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - KS2 Stations of the Cross 9am - Parents welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter Half Term

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Children return to School

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - cake donation for KS2 Easter cake sale

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter WOW DAY - more info to come

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday Children return on **TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> May**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - SATs Week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Children break up for half term

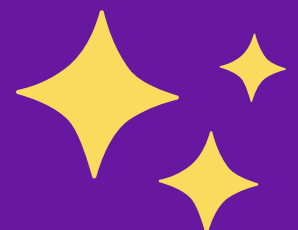
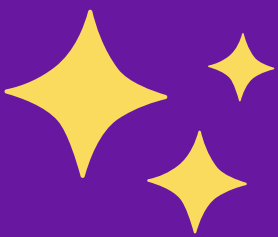
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Children return to school



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.





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 6M



# CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

Jesus is the Son of God and helps us when we ask

The God who Speaks	<b>Blind Bartimeus</b> Jesus helps by performing a miracle because he is the Son of God
Mini Mission	Say an extra prayer in class to say thankyou to Jesus for helping us 

Houlay and Sara

This week Sara and Houlay, in Y3, prepared and led our whole school Celebration of the Word. Through the miracle of Blind Bartimeus, they helped us to reflect on God's goodness and how it never fails

## BUILDING THE KINGDOM

This week we celebrated Mothering Sunday and all the special women in our lives who help to shape who we are and allow us the free will to explore our individuality. We give thanks for the special ladies in our lives and even celebrated with our 'Ladies that Breakfast' event during Breakfast Club!



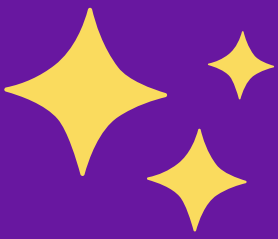
## VALUES AND VIRTUES

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 !

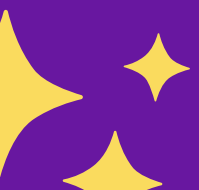
Our new Reading Suitcases, which will continue to be coming home with children every Friday . These special suitcases are designed to encourage families to enjoy some quality time together through reading. Inside, you'll find a lovely book to share, a notebook to jot down your thoughts, and even some 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!



We strive to follow Christ's example to always do our best





# British Values

## Smoothie Bike Fun

This week, the children had the exciting opportunity to try out a smoothie bike during a special session delivered by our catering company, Aspens. The pupils explored a range of fruits, selected their favourites to create a class smoothie, and then powered the blender themselves by pedalling the bike.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it provided a fantastic hands-on way to learn about healthy choices. It also linked beautifully to our British Values—particularly **individual liberty**, as pupils made their own decisions about which fruits to include, and **mutual respect**, as they worked together and encouraged one another while taking turns on the bike.



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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround) or scan the QR code!

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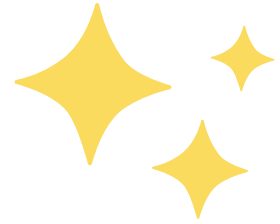
Look what can happen when we recycle!

Scientists turn plastic waste into medicine to help people



# AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	John-Wesley	YR4B	Keyaan
REC	Isaac B	YR4M	Amy-Leigh
YR1	Carissa	YR5W	Kaiden
YR2	Anvidha	YR5B	Victor
YR3G	Horeb	YR6M	Daanish
YR3H	Reuben	YR6RM	Nicole



Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Samantha
REC	Andrei	YR4M	Mussie
YR1	Jrae	YR5W	Beekoo
YR2	Olivia	YR5B	Alfie
YR3G	Liarna	YR6M	Reico
YR3H	Maya	YR6RM	Niamh

**Wise Owl**  
Aahyan - 3G

**Sports Award**  
Reception

**Music Award**  
Cullen - 4B

**Values & Virtues**  
Sofija - Rec & Ken 5W

## Lunchtime Award

Tiarra-Amelia - YR2    Jan - 4M    Class Nursery

**Well Done to Everyone!**





Thank you for a wonderful week. Such a lot to thank God for.  
We send our warmest wishes to those celebrating Eid.  
Have a restful weekend

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
<b>Autumn half-term break</b>	<b>Spring half-term break</b>	<b>Summer half-term break</b>
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
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>	
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

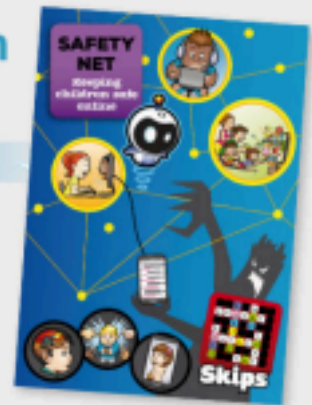
Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

**Wednesday 1st July 2026**

Monday 20th July 2026



## When Something Goes Wrong Online — A Simple Action Plan for Parents

### 1. Stay Calm First

If your child tells you something worrying:

- Thank them for telling you
- Avoid blaming or panicking
- Reassure them: "We'll deal with this together."

### 2. Keep the Evidence

- Take screenshots (include usernames and dates)
- Save messages
- Keep profile links



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

### 3. Use Official Reporting Routes


Grooming or exploitation – CEOP: [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

Illegal images – Internet Watch Foundation: [www.iwf.org.uk/report](http://www.iwf.org.uk/report)

Nude images shared (under 18s) – Report Remove: [www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove](http://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove)

If in immediate danger, call 999.

### 4. If You Feel Overwhelmed - Use Structured Support

You can use free ChatGPT to help structure next steps.  ChatGPT

Free access: <https://chat.openai.com> Example prompts:

- My child received inappropriate messages. What steps should I take in the UK?
- How do I report online grooming?
- What should I say to my child after cyberbullying?

**Important:** ChatGPT is a support tool and does NOT replace official reporting or police action.



### 5. Ongoing Protection at Home

- Keep regular, calm conversations
- Review privacy settings together
- Monitor gaming contacts
- Encourage early disclosure

Children will make mistakes online, just as they do offline.

Trust and communication protect them more than punishment.



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: [info@skipsed.com](mailto:info@skipsed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941


Developed in partnership with





# Parents & Carers

## Parenting Conference 2026

— Birmingham —


 Birmingham Rep Theatre


 Thursday, 26th March 2026


 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM


 **FREE LUNCH INCLUDED**


### Keynote Speakers


 **Darren Laville**  
Trauma-Informed Parenting Expert


 **Matt Stone & Lea-A. Bentley**  
Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP)

 **Zelpher Ferguson**  
ADHD & Neurodiversity

 **Steven Stanier**  
Online Safety & Digital Risk

 **Malieka Selassie**  
Loss and Bereavement Specialist

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Community Advocate & Lived  
Experience Speaker

 **Craig Pinkney**  
Urban Youth Violence Specialist

**Casey Gordon**  
Child & Adolescent  
Psychotherapist

**Steven Stanier**  
Family Law Solicitor

**Craig Pinkney**  
Urban Youth Violence  
Specialist

**Dion Calder**  
Family Law Solicitor

**Amarni**  
Youth Voice Representative

## Register Now

- ✓ Expert Speakers
- ✓ Practical Workshops
- ✓ Community Support



*And many more... You don't want to miss this!* Scan to Register <sup>11</sup>