



# NEWSLETTER



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another busy and special week at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, with our children taking part in a range of exciting events and opportunities.

We were very proud to be represented at the Good Shepherd Mass, which celebrated the wonderful work of Father Hudson's Care and the charity work carried out by schools during Lent. A special thank you to Mrs Galvin, who took three children to represent our school on this very special occasion. Thank you also to everyone who helped to raise money for Father Hudson's Care during Lent. We were delighted to send off a donation of £261.20 to support their important work.

Year 3 enjoyed an important Internet Safety Workshop delivered by Compass, helping them to think carefully about how to stay safe, sensible and respectful online.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Girls' football team also took part in Round 2 of the Football League at Erdington Academy and came third! The children represented St Wilfrid's brilliantly, showing teamwork, determination and excellent sportsmanship. Well done to everyone involved. A special thank you to Miss McCoy for accompanying the children and supporting them so well throughout the event. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Y3 Trip to Birmingham Art Gallery

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - YR 3 Museum Trip - lunch to be booked via ParentPay by 30<sup>th</sup> April or provided from home.

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

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - YR1 & YR2 trip to Conkers

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery & Reception trip to Statfold Railway

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - YR4 trip to the ThinkTank

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - YR6 trip to Drayton Manor

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - INSET Day - School closed

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - YR5 trip to the Black Country Museum

# SCHOOL DINNER TASTERS!



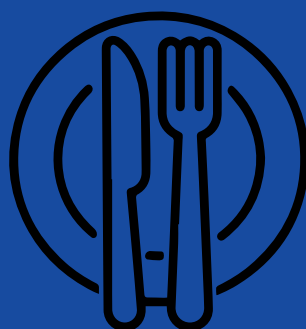
Wednesday 6th May - School Dinner Taster

On Wednesday 6th May, we are pleased to be hosting a school dinner taster session on the junior playground with Mrs Fox from our school dinner providers, Aspens.

This is a great opportunity for children to taste some of the meals on offer, and we warmly encourage them to give it a try. Parents are also very welcome to have a taste too, so you can see for yourselves the quality and variety of the food available.

Please remember that school dinners are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and we strongly encourage families to take advantage of this entitlement. For our junior children, school dinners continue to be a great, nutritious and convenient option.

We hope this taster session helps children feel excited and confident about choosing a school dinner.



# ATTENDANCE



**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  
YR 1 , YR 2, 4B, 4M, 5W



## CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

This week, Hawwa and Aun prepared and led school Celebration of the Word. They helped us to honour the life and work of St Catherine of Siena , helping us to reflect on how she chose to show love and encouraging us to do the same. Our mini mission for this week has been to show love to others



## BUILDING THE KINGDOM

Building the Kingdom

This week, some of our children attended the Good Shepherd Mass, celebrating how schools and charities help to build the Kingdom of God through the work they do. Our Year 5 and Year 6 footballers also showed how God blesses us with God-given gifts and talents, using them with teamwork, pride and sportsmanship.

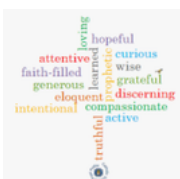


## VALUES AND VIRTUES

This half term we are remembering to be Attentive and Discerning

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

We are Stewards of Creation  
Dignity of the Worker





# 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

This is a final reminder that the closing date for our art competition is Friday 8th May.

Pupils are asked to create their artwork on one piece of A4 paper, inspired by either **The Journey** or **The Day the War Came**. These texts link closely to our focus on British Values, particularly **mutual respect, tolerance, and understanding of different cultures and experiences**.

The winning entry will receive a £10 gift voucher, and the artwork will be displayed in the Library of Birmingham. The GIFT Team will select the winner.

We look forward to receiving the final entries and celebrating pupils' creativity.



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!

SCAN



It's long been a question that has divided many scientists - is Pluto a planet or not? Scan the code to find out more!



# AWARD WINNERS

Merit of the Week			
Nursery	Michael	YR4B	Brayden
REC	Zaniyah	YR4M	Arsema
YR1	Maryam	YR5W	Zamil
YR2	Tiarra	YR5B	Alessia
YR3G	Alesia & Ruairi	YR6M	Whole Class
YR3H	Christaline	YR6RM	Layla



Reader of the Week			
		YR4B	Alexis
REC	Noah	YR4M	Amna
YR1	Marcu	YR5W	Eesa
YR2	Rolade	YR5B	Alfie
YR3G	Jemima	YR6M	Riley
YR3H	Salieu	YR6RM	Charlie



### Wise Owl

Eshal - YR 1

### Sports Award

Girls Football Team

### Music Award

Salieu - 3H

### Values & Virtues

Dylan - YR 1

Malaika - 4B

### Lunchtime Award

Adayah - 3H

Mason - 4M

Class 5W

**Well Done to Everyone!**





We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday, following the Bank Holiday Monday.

**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

# An invite from our G.I.F.T. team

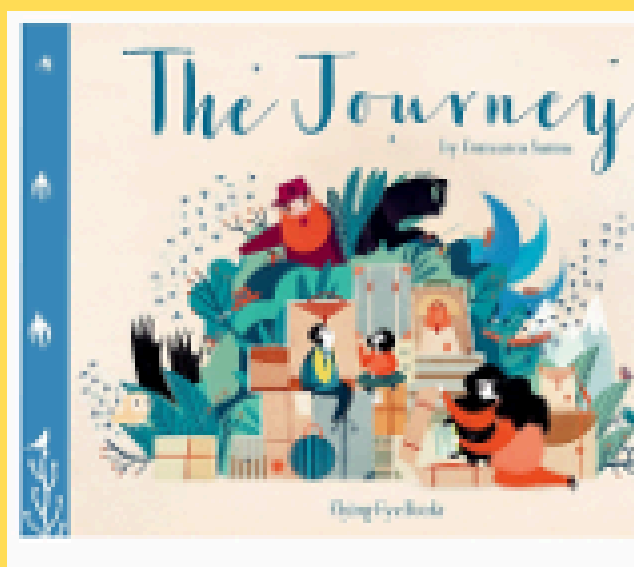
## Refugee Week: 15<sup>th</sup> June

### Artwork competition

This year's theme is courage. Create a piece of artwork on a piece of white A4 to represent the story 'The Journey' or 'The Day the War Came'. The winner will receive a £10 gift voucher of their choice and their artwork will be displayed in the library in Birmingham City Centre. Be in it, to win it!



All other entries will be put on display over in church or within school. Good luck!  
The closing date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.





# **Nursery Places Available! Start in Sept 2026**

**Contact school  
office for detail  
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