



# St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'  
Philippians 4:13



## Spring Term 2023 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very happy New Year!

Year 3 Team: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Waterworth, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Blackledge and Mrs. Ali  
Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Miss Clayton

### Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

**Mathematics:** Our focus in mathematics teaching is to ensure that pupils become increasingly fluent with whole numbers and the four operations including number facts and the concept of place value and reasoning and explain how they have reached that answer. By the end of Year 4, pupils should know their multiplication tables up to and including the 12-multiplication table and show precision and fluency in their work. Therefore, there will be a greater emphasis on the teaching of multiplication tables throughout Year 3.

**English:** The children will explore William Shakespeare, creating a biography of his life using the research that they find. They will then create a playscript. We will be reading 'The Life and Times of William Shakespeare' by Sue Perkins, 'Best Ever Shakespeare Tales' by Terry Deary and 'Pop-up Shakespeare' by Jennie Maizels. Following this, we will create an advertisement for a new wife for Henry VIII, linking to our current topic of Tudors.

**Religious Education:** RE lessons will focus on Jesus, the man who changed our lives. We will then explore the sadness and joy of Easter.

**Science:** Our focus this term is on plants and how they grow. After half term, we will be studying animals including humans, children will learn about the different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. They will learn to describe and explain the skeletal system of humans and compare to animal skeletons.

**Computing:** The children will learn about emails on Purple Mash. They will then explore databases including the use of Excel.

**Topic: History** -The children will find out about Tudor life, focusing in particular on Henry VIII and his wives. **Geography**- We will learn about countries and cities of the United Kingdom. This will include mapwork and the use of symbols.

**Music:** Year 3 will be studying and composing in the style of the music of John Adams. After half-term they will be looking at classical music that depicts animals: Carnival of the Animals and Peter and the Wolf.

**Physical Education:** Topics this term will include dance, gymnastics and athletics.

**Art and Design:** We will be looking at the artist, Mark Rothko and creating our own fabric panel based on his designs.

**Design and Technology:** We will be looking at and sampling varying types of bread in order to plan, design and make a 'healthy sandwich' in our STEM room.

Spring Term Focus Theme: Off with her head!

**Focus Reading Text:** The Tempest - A Shakespeare Story by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross.

**Recommended Websites:**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk> <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>  
<https://purplemash.co.uk> <https://trockstars.com/>

**Twitter Accounts to follow:**

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

**Home Learning:** All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks 2email in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

**Spellings:** Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

**Reading:** In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** entries/comments a week). This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary. Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book and library book once a week on an allocated library afternoon.

**Year 3 library day is on a Tuesday** —Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and library book on this day if they wish to change it.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to [reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk)

**Maths:** Children in Year 1 to 6 have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#) Please encourage your child to this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact [helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk)

## Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates:



<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens for Spring Term 1
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners in Year 3 and 5
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners (Y1, 2, 4 & 6)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School closes for Half Term
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School reopens for Spring Term 2
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothers' Day Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Palm Praise Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	School closes for Easter holiday

## Spring Term 2023 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.1.23	Epiphany
w/c 9.1.23	Joy
w/c 16.1.23	Christian Unity
w/c 23.1.23	Baptism
w/c 30.1.23	Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple
w/c 6.2.23	Trust
w/c 13.2.23	Forgiveness
w/c 27.2.23	St. David's Day
w/c 6.3.23	Fair
w/c 13.3.23	Mothering Sunday
w/c 20.3.23	Preparation – How we prepare ourselves
w/c 27.3.23	Palm Praise

### Additional Information:

**Playground Equipment and Games:** Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

**PE Uniform:** PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Friday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

**Handwriting Pens (KS2):** Teachers will issue a 'Pen License' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

**Parking:** Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

**Pets:** Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

**School Uniform:** Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back.

**Earrings:** Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

**Water bottles:** Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

**Snacks:** Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

**Birthday Celebrations:** We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. Children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

**Medication:** If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.