



# 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! We are looking forward to the exciting topics we are going to cover this term.

Year 1 Team: Mrs Rooney, Miss Bullen, Miss Finch, Mrs Lochrie, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Rosental.

Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Mrs Kohler

### Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

**Mathematics:** We will be consolidating basic number skills, addition and subtraction within 20, money, time, shape and measure. We will also be introducing multiplication and division, positional language and 3D shapes. There will be lots of opportunities given to the children to do reasoning and problem-solving activities to further develop their learning.

**English:** We will explore recounts, diaries, poetry, playscripts, character descriptions and instructions. Our phonics sessions will focus on more complex phonic patterns and words. We will be focusing on punctuation, handwriting and writing more complex sentences (using conjunctions and adding detail to our writing).

**Religious Education:** In RE we will be learning about Jesus and his disciples. The children will be learning about the life of Jesus through reading stories, drama and craft activities.

**Science:** This term will be sorting and classifying different materials. Each class will plan an investigation to test the properties of different materials. Our Seasonal Changes observation will continue throughout the year, where we will be monitoring the weather and building up the children's knowledge of seasonal flora and fauna.

**Computing:** Year 1 will be learning about algorithms and how to debug simple programs on Purple Mash. We will also learn about using technology and the internet safely.

**Topic (History and Geography):** We are learning about the Great Fire of London and exploring the causes and effects of the fire. In Geography we will be learning about the UK and its four countries, capital cities and their special characteristics.

**Music:** We will introduce basic recorder skills and focus on performing to an audience.

**Physical Education:** We will be developing skills in gymnastics and Invasion games. The Intra School Sport challenges this term are 'Speed bounce' and 'Drop-Step-Catch' task.

**Art and Design:** We will be using printing techniques to create an Easter textile and looking at the artist Rachel Reynolds.

**Design and Technology:** This Spring term, we will be planning, designing, creating and evaluating a structure for our teddy to live in, which must be waterproof.

**Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):** We will be learning about managing different relationships and the strategies required to build good friendships. We will also look at how to keep ourselves safe.

### Spring Term Focus Theme:

London's Burning!

#### Focus Reading Text:

'Toby and the Great Fire of London', by Margaret Nash

#### Recommended Websites:

English- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1)

Maths- [www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years)

#### Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St\_Wilfrids\_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

@MrsRooneyclass @1FLStWilfrids @Missbullen1bu

**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 for each half term and will be tested every 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 be sent home with **two books a week**. One is a reading book based on their reading level. The second book is based on the phonics sounds they have learned that week. Please ensure both books are returned to school to be changed each week.

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**. 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.

**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.