



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Summer Term 2025 Term Newsletter

Reception Team: Mrs Horton, Miss Massey, Mrs Clay, Mrs Mullen, Mrs Kohler, Mrs Raoof, Miss Lundy, Miss Prentki. **Early Years Foundation Stage Phase Leader:** Mrs Newman

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

We will be developing relationships and working on holding conversations, asking, listening to and answering questions. We will be talking about respect and collaborating with others.

Literacy and Communication & Language

The children's literacy skills are developing well. Most children know all their letter sounds taught in Reception. We will be continuing to learn how to use this knowledge to read and write more complex words. We will also be continuing to learn and spell tricky key words. During this Summer Term, the children will work on extending their writing and using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.

Maths

We will be continuing to develop our understanding of number. We will be developing our calculating skills and doing lots of addition and subtraction, doubling and halving. The children will continue to learn number bonds within ten and ensure that they are recording numbers correctly.

Understanding the World.

We will be looking at stories. These will be in the form of Traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will also explore Bible stories from the Old Testament (Creation, Noah, Jonah, Joseph and David and Goliath). The children will be encouraged to retell the stories orally and to develop their own stories based on this theme.

We will also be looking at materials which are used for building. The children will sort and classify them and carry out their own science investigations about different materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at different characters who could live in a fairy tale castle. The children will make up stories and experiment with different types of materials relating to these stories. The children will re-enact and adapt many traditional tales through their play. The children will be investigating changing states of matter, by making porridge and bread.

Physical Development

During PE we will be looking at team games and athletics. For our intra-sport challenge, we will be concentrating on over arm throws, and participating in a 'mini marathon'.

We will also be continuing to use tools such as hole punches, scissors and tweezers to develop fine motor skills.

Spring Term Focus Theme: Once Upon a Time/See How I Grow.

Focus Reading Text: Three Little Pigs /Jack and the Beanstalk

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk , Cbeebies – Alphablocks and Numberblocks www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people cbeebies <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm> <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> [BBC Tiny Happy People](http://www.bbc.co.uk/1/learning/numberblocks)

Home Learning

Please can you help your child develop their Literacy skills to support them in gaining independence.

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. In Reception, Reading Records and books must be brought into school every day. Teachers will sign reading records and change their reading book every Friday. Children will read in class during the week.

We will be using 'Evidence Me' for you to share pictures of your child's achievements at home and for us to share some of their 'Wow moments' or group work in school.

Harder to read words and Spellings: Children will be given strips of 'harder to read' words to learn at home. They will receive a new strip once they have learnt the previous one. Once they are able to read all Reception words, they will begin to spell these in a Spelling book.

In order to achieve the Early Learning Goal for Writing, children need to be able to write a sentence independently. Children need to be able to use their phonic knowledge to sound out. Children will soon be bringing home a 'news' book. Please work with your child to write a simple sentence about what they have been doing each week, and return to school on Mondays to share with the class.

2025 Diary Dates:

Friday 25th April– Easter Praise Services at St. Wilfrid's Church 9.30am Rec. & KS1 (Year 2 to lead) and 10.30am KS2 (Year 5 to lead)

w/c Monday 28th April– Year 6 Practice SATs Week

Monday 5th May– School closed for Bank Holiday

w/c Tuesday 6th May – Year 2 SATs Week (Part 1)

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th May – Bikeability training for Reception children on Y3/4 playground

Friday 9th May – Year 4 Trust Experience at Scotsman's Flash

w/c Monday 12th May– Year 6 SATs Week

w/c Monday 19th May – Year 2 SATs Week (Part 2)

Monday 19th May and Tuesday 20th May – Year 3 Educational Visit to Turton Tower

Tuesday 20th May – Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop / Year 2 Trust Experience at Aviva Studios in Manchester

Wednesday 21st May – Trust Orienteering Event at Rock and River (morning only)

Friday 23rd May– School closes for Half Term

Monday 2nd June– School reopens for Summer Term 2

w/c Monday 2nd June – Year 4 Multiplication check (2-week window)

Monday 2nd June– Class Photograph Day

Tuesday 3rd June (am) – Year 6 visit to the Vajravahni Kadampa Meditation Centre

Wednesday 4th June – Reception Educational Visit to Smithills Farm / Nursery rockpool visit

Thursday 5th June – Year 6 PGL Parent & Carer Meeting 5.30pm

Sunday 8th June – Year 6 Confirmation Service at Church 4pm

w/c Monday 9th June– Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 Recheck (2-week window)

Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 10th June – BBC Music Performances 9.15am, 10.30am and 1.30pm / Year 3 Buddhist Monk Visitor to School

Thursday 12th June (am) – Nursery Den Making Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's

Thursday 12th June – Year 2 Educational Visit to Martin Mere

Friday 13th June – Prags Reception Festivals of other Faiths Workshops

Monday 16th June – Wednesday 18th June – Year 6 PGL Residential to Boreatton Park

Monday 23rd June and Tuesday 24th June – Year 6 Tasters Days at Standish High School

Monday 23rd June – Year 4 Viking Workshop

Wednesday 25th June – Dance Festival at Robin Park

Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July – Year 1 Educational Visit to Mere Sands Wood

Wednesday 2nd July – Reception Trust Experience

Wednesday 2nd July – Induction Evening for New to Nursery and Reception Parents

Thursday 3rd July – Year 1 Big Top Tent Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's

Friday 4th July – SWEET Summer Fayre

Tuesday 8th July – Year 4 Summer Gala Concert at Robin Park Arena

Tuesday 15th July– Year 6 Leavers' Disco at The Crown

Thursday 17th July – 10am Year 6 Leavers' Service at Church

Friday 18th July – 9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Service at School / School closes for Summer Holiday

Summer Term 2025 Worship Themes:

w/c 21.4.25	Easter Praise
w/c 28.4.25	Fair
w/c 5.5.25	How do we Remember?
w/c 12.5.25	The Emmaus Road
w/c 19.5.25	Easter People
w/c 2.6.25	Pentecost
w/c 9.6.25	The Trinity
w/c 16.6.25	How Christians say 'Thank You'
w/c 23.6.25	Peter and Paul
w/c 30.6.25	Women of the Old Testament
w/c 7.7.25	Courage
w/c 14.7.25	Expressing Joy

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 Tuesdays Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper or cardigan, 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 plastic water bottle (not a 'Stanley-style' cup with straw), 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.

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.