



# 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

### Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 5!

Year 5 Team: Mrs. E. Prentki, Mrs. L. Cunliffe, Mrs. S. Melling, Miss A. Blackledge & Mrs. H. Pearce  
Upper Key Stage 2 Phase Leader: Mrs. E. Prentki

**Our Curriculum:** (Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website).

**Mathematics:** This term we will be looking at rounding numbers and fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be looking at different measures such as time, mass, volume and capacity and reflecting and translating shapes.

**English:** This term children will be exploring the focus reading texts linked to Ancient Greece and using these as inspiration to create their own character descriptions, narratives and persuasive leaflets.

**Religious Education:** Pentecost - what happened next?

This term, children will gain a greater understanding of the lives and resilience of the early Christians. They will also learn about the significance of the life of St Paul.

Exploring the lives of Women in the Old Testament

In this unit, children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible and God's big story.

**Science:** Human Life Cycles: The children will describe the changes as humans develop to old age and compare the gestation periods of animals and humans.

Living things and their habitats: The children will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will also learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

**Computing:** Children will create Text-Based adventure games (also known as Choose Your Own Adventure games) using Purple Mash. After this, children will learn about Networks before advancing their Microsoft Word skills.

**Topic (History):** This term's topic is looking at the Ancient Greeks. During this topic we will explore civilisation in this period of history and their legacy.

**Music:** This term the children will be preparing for a concert by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and we are honoured that they will be spending a day with us, in June. All the concert pieces are taken from the BBC Ten Pieces project, so the children will be working on activities to familiarise themselves with these pieces.

**Physical Education:** Topics this term will include Striking and Fielding followed by OAA (outdoor adventurous activity).

**Art and Design:** In art, children will explore 3D sculptures by creating wire flowers based on the work of Georgia O'Keefe and Frida Kahlo.

**Design and Technology:** The children will learn about securing structures and create their own marble run based on a Greek game.

**Relationships and Health Education (PSHE):** We will be learning all about keeping safe (drug education) and economic wellbeing (money).

**French (KS2 only):** This term, we will be learning all about the weather and numbers 40-200.

### Summer Term Focus Theme

#### It's all Greek to me!

"It's All Greek to Me!" immerses children in the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. Through their history unit, they explore the rich culture, mythology, and achievements of this influential civilisation. The focus text 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, along with Greek Myths and 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' by J.K. Rowling, fuels their imagination and deepens their understanding of Greek mythology and its lasting impact. In Design Technology, children apply their knowledge by constructing an Ancient Greek Marble Run, exploring structures inspired by Greek engineering and architecture. An Ancient Greek workshop brings history to life, offering hands-on experiences with Greek artefacts, games, and traditions.

**Purple Mash:** Children have access to this online platform at home, where they can enjoy educational games and use resources to enhance their learning. This **will not** be used for homework this year, but will be used within school and available for children to use at home.

#### Home Learning

**Spellings:** Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list every **Monday** in their Spelling Record Book 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 **Monday**, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given opportunities to change their reading book every week.

**Library (KS2 only):** Children will have the opportunity to change their library book once a week. Year 5 library afternoon is **Monday** - please ensure that your child brings their library book on this day if they wish to change it.

**Maths (Year 1 to Year 6):** Children will be given a weekly home learning task in Maths, to be given out every **Monday**, to consolidate the learning that has taken place in school during the week. This needs to be returned to their child's class teacher by the following **Monday**.

**Multiplication Tables (Year 1 to Year 6):** Children have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#). Please encourage your child to use 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) stating your child's full name and class.

**Home Learning Project:** Children will be set a Home Learning Project related to their termly focus theme. This is usually a practical task, which families can work with children on together and share in school.

## Summer Term 2025 Diary Dates:

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April**– Year 6 Practice SATs Week  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**– School closed for Bank Holiday  
**w/c Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 SATs Week (Part 1)  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Bikeability training for Reception children on Y3/4 playground  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 4 Trust Experience at Scotsman's Flash  
**w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**– Year 6 SATs Week  
**w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 2 SATs Week (Part 2)  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 3 Educational Visit to Turton Tower  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 5 Ancient Greek workshop / Year 2 Trust Experience at Aviva Studios in Manchester  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Trust Orienteering Event at Rock and River (morning only)  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**– School closes for Half Term



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**– School reopens for Summer Term 2  
**w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication check (2-week window)  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**– Class Photograph Day  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (am)** – Year 6 visit to the Vajravara Kadampa Meditation Centre  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Reception Educational Visit to Smithills Farm / Nursery rockpool visit  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 PGL Parent & Carer Meeting 5.30pm  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Confirmation Service at Church 4pm  
**w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**– Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 2 Recheck (2-week window)  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Bikeability  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – BBC Music Performances 9.15am, 10.30am and 1.30pm / Year 3 Buddhist Monk Visitor to School  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June (am)** – Nursery Den Making Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 2 Educational Visit to Martin Mere  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Prags Reception Festivals of other Faiths Workshops  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 PGL Residential to Boreatton Park  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Tasters Days at Standish High School  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 4 Viking Workshop  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Dance Festival at Robin Park**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 1 Educational Visit to Mere Sands Wood  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Reception Trust Experience  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Induction Evening for New to Nursery and Reception Parents  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Year 1 Big Top Tent Trust Experience at St. Wilfrid's  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – SWEET Summer Fayre  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 4 Summer Gala Concert at Robin Park Arena  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers' Disco at The Crown  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – 10am** Year 6 Leavers' Service at Church  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **Wednesday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Thursday**. 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 hoodie, 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 wet weather.

**Handwriting Pens (KS2 only):** Teachers will issue a 'Pen Licence' 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 staff only between 7am and 4.30pm. Please be respectful to residents when parking in the local community.

**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.

**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.

**Sun care:** As the weather begins to improve, you may wish to provide your child with a sun hat for when they are outdoors. This needs to be clearly labelled with their name. We also encourage you to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at school.

**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.

**Mobile Phones (Year 5 & 6 only):** Whilst children are not permitted mobile phones in school, children in Upper Key Stage 2, who walk to school, may bring a mobile phone to keep them safe if parents and carers allow this. On entering the school premises, children **must** turn their mobile phone off, and mobile phones will be collected in during registration and stored securely, and will be returned to children at the end of the school day.

**Pets:** Dogs **are not** permitted on the school grounds, without formal consent.