



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



'THE MISSION'

Religious Education Newsletter – Autumn 1, 2024

Dear families,

A very warm welcome to you all as we return back into our routines after the Summer break. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

Despite the change in the calendar seasons, we return to school and continue in the Church's season of Ordinary Time; a special time for us to celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and consider what it means to be His disciple.

Today we will share our Catholic Life news since we have returned and offer a 'sneak peek' of some of the exciting things we have planned this half term.

We are also keen to share details of your child's RE Curriculum learning for the half term ahead in order for you to feel a part of their RE growth and development.

Thank you for the encouraging feedback on our previous newsletter; as always, we warmly welcome any ideas, Catholic life stories and suggestions as we work together to enrich our faith.

Mrs Bold and Mrs Cannavan

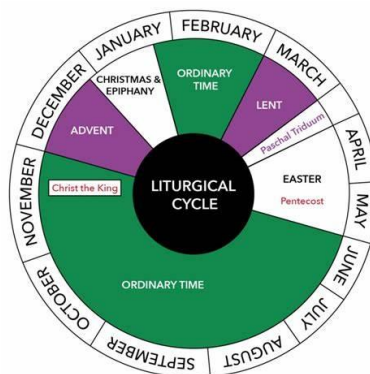
"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10: 10

Masses, liturgies and other Catholic life events this term:

- Wednesday 4th September – Mass for the new school year
- Thursday 19th September - Faith in Action launch Y6 Virtual launch assembly
- Friday 4th October – CAFOD Family Fast Day (envelopes to go out to families)
- **Monday 14th October – Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid. Mass in school. All invited**
- Saturday 19th October (onwards) – local schools Art Exhibition covering history, architecture, art and Christianity. St John's Church.
- Tuesday 22nd October – Harvest celebration Day
- Wednesday 23rd October – Y6 half day retreat (Venue TBC).
- Friday 25th October 9:15am - Preferential Option for the Poor – Catholic Social Teaching Assembly Y6 – Y6 families invited.

Liturgical Seasons celebrated this half term:

- Ordinary Time



Ask your child to talk about the Church's season and share what they have learned.



Hello from Father...

My name is Fr Paul Standish and I am the Parish Priest of St John Vianney Parish which embraces St Wilfrid's, Northwich, St Bede's Weaverham and Our Lady's Barnton. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all in the St Wilfrid's school community at the beginning of this new academic year, especially those who are new to our school family. Throughout the year, I am a regular visitor to school, celebrating Masses and other liturgical Services and I serve as a School Governor. If I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you in school throughout the year and also welcoming you to our Sunday Masses which are as follows: Our Lady's 5.30pm (Saturday evening); St Wilfrid's 9:15am; St Bede's 11.15am; St Wilfrid's 5:30pm (Sundays)."

God Bless, Father Paul

RE Learning this half term:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
We are learning:	The whole of creation shows God's love for us.	That all that is good comes from God. Prayer is a way to draw closer to God	God makes a covenant with Noah to save all living things. Understand the term 'stewardship'. The Sacrament of Baptism	Humans are made in the image of God. The story of Creation. Stewardship and Social Teaching about human dignity.	The story of Abraham. Joseph and his family. Links between virtues and the way a person lives.	We are all created in the image and likeness of God and know that God calls us to care for others and all of creation with love and respect.	The virtues of the Kingdom of God and the different ways people respond to God's invitation to belong to his kingdom. Through parables and miracles, we learn about the key messages of the Kingdom of God.

Do please ask your child about what they are learning.

September Spotlight:

New school year

Father Paul had a busy first week back in school celebrating Mass with both staff on our September Inset day and with our whole school community during our start of year Mass.

The theme of our school Mass was 'Friendship' and offered us the opportunity to reflect upon the importance of friends in our lives.

Reflecting afterwards, one Y6 child commented "Mass made me feel special, loved and relaxed."

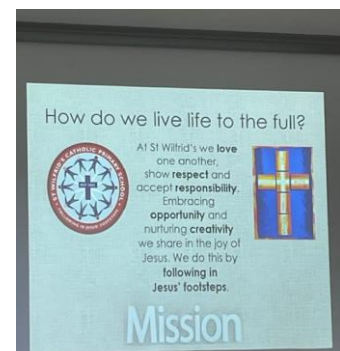
During Mass, Father **blessed our new 2024/25 Prayer and Liturgy leaders**. Congratulations to Connor, Ella, Gracie, Oliver, Monty, Martha, Bea, Noah, Mason R, Lucy, Suzanne and Jordan G.

Our Reception Liturgy leaders will be selected later in the half term.



Mission

Mrs McEniff welcomed us back with a powerful assembly reminding us of our important mission to follow in the footsteps of Jesus living each day to the full.



Please ask your child to share what they know about our school's mission.

It is an essential part of who we are.

At St Wilfrid's we are proud of the fact we are considering the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable before our own.

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and formed by the teachings of the Church leaders. Simply put, it is our **moral compass** guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

This school year we will continue with our approach to focus on a Catholic Social Teaching principle each half term beginning with '**Preferential Option for the Poor**'.

We began with a launch assembly on Monday and will end with a **Year 6 class assembly** at the end of the half term. Y6 families do please add the **25th October** to your diaries!




This month, our **Year 6** children will begin their **Faith in Action award** journey.

We look forward to sharing details of their work as we move through the school year.

Do please get in touch if you have any queries about this wonderful award.



Over the next few weeks, we will be making important preparations for our Harvest celebrations.

Our action will include raising money for  and collecting dried and tinned goods for our local foodbank.

We are looking forward to "**Brightening up the Harvest**" and in doing so, supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

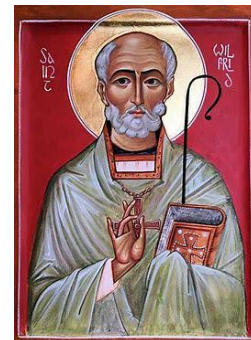
Keep a look out for the **fundraising envelopes** which will be coming home at the **start of October**. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Sacraments 24/25

Many of our families in Year 4 will be thinking about our preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Our sacramental programme and dates are in the process of being finalised and we are looking forward to communicating these to you this term.

Do remember our sacramental programme is available to **all children** in Year 4, 5 and 6 who have been baptised Catholic or are wishing to enter the faith via Baptism.



St Wilfrid's Day

Our school Feast Day (12th October) falls on a Saturday this year so we will be marking the day on **Monday 14th October**.

We will begin the day with a very special **Mass in school** at **9:15am** followed by coffee/light refreshments.

Invitations will be sent nearer to the time. We are hoping many of our families and our wider parish community will be able to join us. All welcome.

Having a say...

The **Catholic Life** of our school and the **quality of the Religious Education** we provide is at the **heart of everything we do** at St Wilfrid's.

In the Summer Term, we spent time working with the **children** talking about the things they enjoy in RE and how we can improve. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the suggestions/ideas were wonderful.

Next week it your turn! St Wilfrid's families will shortly receive a **very important survey/questionnaire** about the Catholic life of our school including our RE curriculum. We hope you will be able to help us by completing the questionnaire as soon as you can. **Your feedback is so important to us.** Thank you!

RE lessons are exciting. We always learn something new. They bring us closer to God.

Pupil voice comments, Summer 2024

Live Simply



We are delighted to confirm that St Wilfrid's has **achieved the CAFOD's Live Simply award** following an assessment earlier in the week. The children have received the exciting news in assembly today.

Following a year long process of activities, evidence collation/submission and a 2-hour assessment, we can now share this feedback from our assessor:

"It has been a pleasure to hear about your faith inspired actions, demonstrating how you have been living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with communities around the world living in poverty. This is a fantastic achievement, and we warmly congratulate you, your pupils, and your staff team."

As an **award-winning school**, we are now free to use the Live Simply logo and will be presented with our award in due course. Every child has played their part in this and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

On behalf of all at St Wilfrid's, we wish to thank all our families for your support and generosity throughout this process. We could not have achieved this without you!

THANK YOU