



4.10.2024

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting and busy week in school with lots going on. The Senior Leadership Team have been popping into Writing lessons and talking to the children about the feedback they receive. The children are enthusiastic about their school work and love sharing what they are learning.

Reception September 2025

This year we are not holding a traditional open day for prospective families. Instead we are offering personal tours around school for any one considering applying for a place in our wonderful Reception class for their child. We have had more visits this week and our visitors have been very complimentary. Please let friends and families know they can ring and book a tour.

Social Media / Phones and Tablets

I am pleased to say that I have not been made aware of any issues with social media, phones or gaming outside of school this term. This does not mean that we should drop our guard. Built into our Computing and PSHE curriculum is a lot about online safety.

I hope you are finding the monthly online safety bulletins useful. This is something school has invested in to keep everyone up to date with all the new sites and apps.

Please ensure all your parental controls are in place and regularly checked and updated. Check your child's tablet and for our oldest children any phones or gaming consoles.

Issues in the past particularly with 'WhatsApp' and online gaming have occurred when children's use of technology was not routinely checked. WhatsApp is not designed to be used by primary aged children.

Some useful sites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunch in advance. Please also discuss your choices with them as every week we have children saying that they don't like a certain thing and their mum or dad keeps ordering it!

RE Survey

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete our RE survey. It was really good to read such overwhelmingly supportive responses. I shared the anonymised analysis with our RE Link Governors last night.

St Wilfrid's Day Mass – Monday 14th October

A week on Monday, at 9:15am we will be having a Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid. If you would like to join us please arrive by 9:10am and we will seat you in the chapel before Mass starts. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of our school's Saint.



We would be delighted if you would join us for Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid, our school patron saint.

Monday 14th October 2024
9:15am
St Wilfrid's School Hall

Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

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



On Monday 14th October, there will be no PE. **Please ensure all children are in full school uniform** and not PE kit for this special celebration.

Parents' Evenings

Bookings will open for Parents' Evening on Monday 7th October. In the past, we have had several requests for alternative days and times. I am very mindful of staff workload and so if you are not able to make an appointment on the planned Parents' Evenings I will ask staff to send you an email to give you a brief overview of how your child has settled in to the new year group. They will do this during appointment gaps on Parents Evening. This is not as good as speaking to the teacher yourself, looking at your child's classroom and enjoying the work they have completed so far in their books. Please make every effort to attend.

Blue Peter Book Badges

Thank you to Mrs Bold who told me about this last year. One of our Year 4 pupils proudly showed me their badge this week.

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St Francis of Assisi

This morning in our Celebration Assembly we talked about St Francis of Assisi whose Feast Day is today. Our Year 3 class have St Francis as their class patron saint.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff

Headteacher