



ST WILFRID'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



'THE MISSION'

Religious Education Newsletter – Autumn 2, 2024

Dear families,

A very warm welcome to you all as we enter the liturgical season of Advent and the beginning of the Church's year. This is a special time when we prepare our hearts to hear about the birth of Jesus.

Please enjoy reading this edition of our Newsletter where we will be sharing the amazing examples of the Catholic Life of our school and details of what your child is learning in the RE Curriculum this half term.

Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to complete our parents' questionnaire; the comments are so encouraging and we will share some of the feedback. 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:

- Monday 11th November – Mass of Remembrance
- Friday 29th November – Care of Creation – Catholic Social Teaching Assembly Y3 – Y3 families invited
- Monday 2nd December – Advent Mass 9:15am
- Tuesday 3rd December – KS1 Nativity pm
- Wednesday 4th December – KS1 Nativity pm
- Wednesday 18th December – EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 4th December – KS1 Nativity pm
- Friday 20th December - Carol Service in St Wilfrid's Church
- Monday 6th January – Epiphany Mass
- Monday 13th January- Parent Sacramental Meeting 2.30 pm

Did you know? The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "coming".

Liturgical Seasons celebrated this half term:

- Ordinary Time
- Advent



RE Spotlight: Elaine Morrissey

Dear Parents and Carers,

The way the staff and children uphold the Catholic ethos is evident as soon as I walk through the door, the children are so polite and welcoming, but it is the obvious love and respect for each other that really stands out – Christ and his teachings are definitely at the centre of the school.

The Good Shepherd would never allow one of His sheep to be lost; the staff all care immensely that all our children should have the opportunity and support to succeed. Therefore, as governors, it is our responsibility to make sure that we are also living out the Mission of the school –this is a role that I take very seriously. It is a privilege as a foundation governor to be asked to support the growth of the children, not just in their education but in becoming valuable members of the parish and society as a whole.

I hope and pray that God has given me the grace and wisdom through my Catholic faith to be a good role model for all the children at St Wilfrid's School.

However, above all this, it is the obvious love and respect between staff, children and governors that really stands out. It is vitally important to me that this relationship continues to grow, so that we ALL continue to grow in Christ.

As chair of governors, I am so very proud of the whole school family and my one hope and prayer is that we can all continue to work and grow together with "Christ" at our centre and where his call to "Love God and Love each other" will surely mean that *nothing is impossible, but everything is possible.*

As St. Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians, "The three most important things to have are faith, hope and love, but the greatest of them is love." I know St Wilfrid's certainly believes this showing that Christ really is at the centre of the school.

God Bless, Mrs Elaine Morrissey Chair of Governors and RE Governor.



Shining the spotlight:
RE Curriculum

Please ask your child to talk to you about their RE learning.

RE Learning this half term:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
We are learning:	Mary was called to be Jesus' mother. Jesus was born in a stable	The Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son.	The Annunciation to Mary. Advent. The Birth of John the Baptist. The birth of Jesus.	Sunday is a holy day. Celebration of Mass. That the angel brings God's message. Advent.	Prophets waken an expectation of the coming of the Messiah. Jesus's ancestry. Advent.	God's Covenant	Justice

October & November
Spotlight:

St Wilfrids' Day



Father Paul came to celebrate Mass our special St Wilfrid's day.

Reflecting afterwards, one Y2 child commented "I love it when we all pray to God altogether."

We were joined by families, members of our parish and even the RE Advisor from Shrewsbury Diocese came to celebrate with us.

"What a beautiful Mass for St Wilfrid's Day! The children were so confident and expressive. This is the authentic Catholic ethos of St Wilfrid's in action."

During Mass, our Mini Vinnies group made their pledge and received their badges from Marian Reece from the SVP Conference. Well done!

October - Month of the Rosary



Classes prayed the Rosary throughout the month of October. Mrs McEniff creatively created human rosary beads in the hall to remind the children how to use them to aid saying a rosary.

Year 6 Retreat



Year 6 visited Church for a beautiful Rosary themed retreat. The retreat, themed 'Mary the pilgrim', followed Mary along the journeys she made in her life. Our children had the opportunity to meditate and reflect upon the words of the Magnificat before looking at scripture detailing Mary's journeys.

The children then built their own prayer stations to show these key moments. After lunch we had chance to make our own rosary.

Special thanks to Mairie Gelling, Chaplain at St Nicholas' Catholic High School for her support with the retreat. Perfect preparation for the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' (more details to follow on this in the New Year!)



At St Wilfrid's we are committed to our role as 'Stewards of Creation.'

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 this half term our focus is: **'Care of Creation'**.

We had a launch assembly in early November before **Year 3's class assembly**. Keep your eyes peeled for photos!

Congratulations to Year 6 for their fabulous Harvest assembly, highlighting last half term's focus - the importance of a **'Preferential Option for the Poor.'**



Sacraments 24/25

Our 24/25 sacramental programme will begin with a parent meeting and Mass of enrolment in January after which, we will be welcoming to sacramental classes the Year 4 who will be preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Dates have been agreed with Father Paul and will be as follows: **Reconciliation Wednesday 26th March 6pm** and **First Holy Communion Saturday 7th June 10am**.

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.

THANK YOU...

We had a very successful harvest and thanks to you, we donated lots of food for the foodbank and collected vital funds for CAFOD. In total we collected £183.88 91 (17 bags) for the foodbank and £188 for CAFOD.

Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU

BRIGHTEN UP this HARVEST and BUILD a BRIGHTER WORLD



CAFOD CLUB AND MINI VINNIES

We have two charity based after school clubs.

Our Mini Vinnies have recently joined elderly parishioners for a mass and served them tea and biscuits in the Parish Centre afterwards.

They have also launched a fundraiser 'Teach a child to read'. Each class has a money box and has been challenged to raise £10 which we will send to CAFOD to teach a child to read.

Our newly formed CAFOD club come together once a month, to pray and think of ways in which we can help support our global family.

We will continue to look for ways we can support those needing our help.



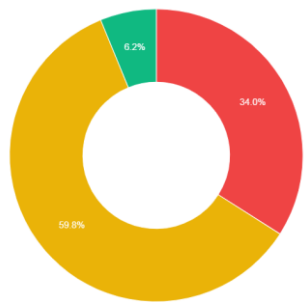
What you said...

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 Autumn term, families had the chance to comment on the Catholic life of our school including our RE curriculum via a questionnaire. We were thrilled that so many of you took the time to complete. Thank you! Here are some of the results...



The school works well with the local parish(es)

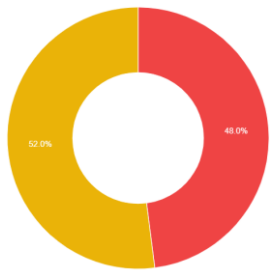


- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know

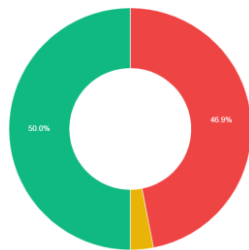
Full results will be available on our school website:

St Wilfrid's
Catholic Life and
RE tab

I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it



My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons



- Agree
- Don't know
- Strongly agree

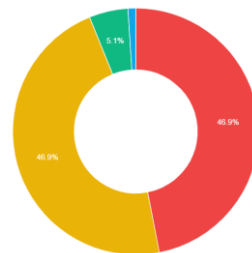
Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th October we remembered those soldiers who gave their lives for others.

We also remembered loved ones who have passed away, adding their names to our prayer tree. This has been available in our Chapel throughout the month of November for children to add names of loved ones for us to remember in our prayers.



The school supports me in my role as the first educator of my child



- Agree
- Strongly agree
- Don't know
- Disagree

"The school is very supportive of families getting involved with the Catholic community through events at the school and promotion of the parish events." Parent Voice 2024.



Supporting families in your role as first educators in the ways of the faith is very important to all the staff and governing body at St Wilfrid's.

To offer further help, **did you know we have a dedicated page on our school website?** Please look at the Catholic Life and RE/Catholic life at home for details of the Sunday Gospel in Church and for suggestions on ways to pray for the different seasons of the Church's year.

During December our beautiful travelling cribs will be offered to families to enable you to encounter Jesus as a family through prayer and scripture in the important season of Advent.

Please do get in touch if we can further support the prayer life of your family.

