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NEWSLETTER

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We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message



Welcome back!

It's wonderful to see everyone back safe and sound after half term and lovely to hear their holiday news.

We have come back to school in the month of November, when we pray particularly for the repose of all holy souls—we pray for our loved ones who have passed on that they rest in peace. Thank you to Miss Brown for our beautiful poppy gardens at the front entrance, and on the junior playground path - a fitting tribute created by our children to those we have lost. Year 6 will be selling poppies and other poppy merchandise at breaktimes until next Friday. The suggested donation for poppies is 50p and, for other merchandise, prices are set at 50p or £1. For this, children are allowed to bring in cash—please send them with the correct money as no change can be given as it will be going into the sealed boxes from The Royal British Legion.

Before half term we told you about developing our approach to teaching, after we received 'Kagan' training—this is going really well and our children are even more engaged in their discussions and learning, trying out our Rally Robins, Round Robins and Rally Coaching!

We benefitted from a visit from the Life Education Centre this week for our juniors. Your children learned more about themselves, the brain, friendships and making decisions. Ask them about what they have learned and they will be able to fill you in!

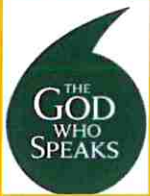
Thank you to Year 5 for a beautiful Mass on Tuesday for All Saints. Here at St Wilfrid's, we think and talk about the lives of various Saints throughout the year and try to live lives of virtue, just like them. Next Thursday, Mass will be led by Year 6—all welcome!





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The God who Speaks

November is the month when we pray for and remember the dead. Children will learn that all is made new through Jesus' Resurrection, and that when we die, our life is not ended but changed. After our time on earth ends, we are made for a new life with God in heaven!

'Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus come in Glory.'



Virtues Award

Infants

Alexis (1M)

Juniors

Charmaine, Zain (6W)

Right of the Week



Article 8 (protection and preservation of identity)

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.

This week, talk to your child about why you chose their name.
Does their name have a special meaning?



Virtues of the Half Term



Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith, **hope** and **love** are our three theological virtues.

We have **faith** in our family and friends, ourselves, our community and, of course, God. We show our **faith** in God through living out the Gospel teachings, because we have **hope**, that, if we do, we can create 'good'. This is hard, but we do our best.





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Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE and REPOSE of HOLY SOULS
Monday 7th Nov	Photos—individuals, siblings, family. If you have family/siblings outside of school, please arrive from 8am
Thursday 10th Nov 9:30am 3:45pm	Open Day for prospective parents
Wc 7th Nov	Walk Once a Week launch
WC 14th Nov	Anti Bullying Week—Odd Sock Day—Children to wear odd socks
Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th Nov	Nursery Parent Consultation—extra days, (as well as 16.11.22)
Wednesday 16th Nov	Parent Consultations—these will be held in the school hall
Tuesday 29th Nov	Christmas Dinner for EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner for Grandparents
Wednesday 30th Nov	Christmas Dinner for KS2
Tuesday 6th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production 9:30am
Tuesday 6th Dec	Pantomime in school—advanced notice - £2 per child
Wednesday 7th Dec—Friday 9th Dec	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
Tuesday 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Thursday 15th December	Jolly Jumper Day for Birmingham Children's Hospital . £1 per family
Friday 16th Dec	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school

Christmas Dinner!

Can you believe it's that time of year already?!

The Grandparents Christmas Dinner for Nurs, Rec, Y1 and Y2 will be on Tuesday 29th Nov and for Y3-Y6 will be on Wednesday 30th Nov 2022.

The cost is £6.50 per adult—this can be paid via Parentpay. If you need your log ins please contact the school office.

Thank you



A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 6th September 2022

Monday 17th October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023





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Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Whole class
RCT	Whole class
RNM	Whole class
1DG	Talia, Keon
1M	Malaika, Samantha
2B	Derek
2G	Mehr Bano
3M	Jennaye
3P	Cecilia
4B	Aimal
4P	Dominik
5P	Mehdi
5W	Riley
6G	Alessia
6W	Heinrich
Wise Owl	Delia (2B)
Music	Y4 Trumpet/Cornet musicians
Sport	Poppy (6W)
Lunchtime	2B, Alex (6G), Yahya (2B)

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone who has received an award today and we look forward to seeing who will receive awards next week.

Attendance—period 17th—21st October 2022

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	93.3%
RNM	83%
1DG	86.4%
1M	85.5%
2B	92.4%
2G	89.8%
3M	85.6%
3P	95.6%
4B	90.9%
4P	95.4%
5P	89.2%
5W	92.1%
6G	89.7%
6W	86.6

Whole school attendance for the period 17-21 Oct is: 89.4%





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Family and Community

"The Church is a *family* in which *one* is welcomed and learns to live as believers and disciples of the Lord Jesus"



This half term, we are putting a focus on FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

We are thinking about what it means to be a family and community, how we can help others in our family and community and how others can help us. In Gospel Liturgy on Monday morning, we talked about what Family and Community means to the children—they said:

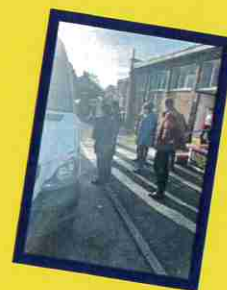
- People we can trust and who trust us
- People who can be truthful and who we can be truthful with
- People who give us comfort
- People who are kind, loving and compassionate, who share with us and show to use respect



We reflected on us being disciples on earth—the ones who build the family and community and are active in this.

During this half term

- ♦ Year 6 will be continuing their active community work, visiting The Pantry and assisting with deliveries into the centre
- ♦ We will be holding our annual grandparents' dinner
- ♦ We will be inviting our nursery families in for a hot school dinner...watch this space!
- ♦ Our School Council will be running Jolly Jumper Day in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital
- ♦ We will be holding a coffee morning so that parents can have a 'get together'
- ♦ Friends of St Wilfrid's will be holding the school Christmas Fayre
- ♦ We will be holding two open day sessions for prospective parents—for children who would like to start in September 2023
- ♦ We will be inviting family members in for half an hour to read with their child
- ♦ We will be holding anti-bullying week





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Our Student Ambassadors

Leaders in Faith

Thank you to William and Lacey, who have distributed the Eternal Rest prayer to every class, so that we can pray during this month of November, for our lost ones.



House Captain Competition

Design a poster about a figure in black history

This was a MASSIVELY supported competition with loads of entries being submitted! Well done, everyone! Choosing the winners will be a tough decision. The winning entries will be announced in assembly on Monday 7th November.

They will get 100 points each for their house and will be awarded a book.



School Council—meeting with

Mrs Husted and Mrs Milligan!

School Council followed up their first meeting by getting together with Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted to feed back school questionnaire results about what they loved about school and the changes that could be made. At the end of each term, they will let you know how they have made change. They will be looking for your help sometimes, so keep an eye on this page!

Mission St Wilfrid's!



Calling all spare children's books



School Council are looking for good quality, second CHILDREN'S hand books to be donated into school next week. They intend to sell them on, for a small price and they will use the money to develop 'book nooks' around school, where children read in peace and quiet!





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Community News

You will notice that our area by the junior playground is VERY gradually taking shape!

When this is complete and when the ground dries out a bit, we hope to be able to use it, not only for our children, but for you—our community. Bear with us as we keep going on getting it ready!



**Friends of St Wilfrid
Presents**

Christmas Fayre

at

*St Wilfrid's Catholic
Primary School*

December 02, 2022 / 4:00-6:00pm

**Santa Grotto, Tombola,
Face painting,
Goodies and lots of items to
pick for presents.**

Can you sand and paint?

Our children have asked that our playground benches have a bit of a facelift. They would like them sanded down and repainted.



Is this something that you think you could do?

If you think that it is, then please let Mrs Harrison or Mrs Kenny know in the office



Our Friends of St Wilfrid's are holding a **Christmas Fayre** on December 2nd

If you feel able to help out in any way, please contact Naz, on 07955272710





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OPEN DAY!
THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
9:30AM AND 3:45PM
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO
START SCHOOL OR NURSERY IN
SEPTEMBER 2023? COME ALONG
AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND! 
SHAWSDALE ROAD, B36 8LY





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Sacramental Preparation

Our Year 3 children and Y6 children have already started their Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The first parent meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 4:15pm.



This will be held via TEAMS - it is very important that you are able to attend, and we feel like this is the most accessible way for you to enable to do that. The link will be sent out in due course

We are a cashless school

We have finally mastered ParentPay!

Thank you to you all for embracing this change and helping us to make the switch.

NURSERY—your toast money now needs to be paid online, please, via ParentPay. It's 50p per week, which should be on your child's account by Monday, each week. Mrs Clarke has requested that each half term is paid in one lump sum to keep things running smoothly. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mrs Kenny who has been appointed as Office Administrator!

We are delighted at this appointment and welcome her to her new role.



PE KITS!

The correct Pe kit is important for two reasons

- 1) It shows that our children are ready for learning and developing their PE skills
- 2) It builds on our sense of identity

Children must wear a pale blue polo shirt

If outside, black or navy blue **PLAIN** jogging/track suit bottoms or leggings and trainers

If indoors black or navy blue shorts and black **PUMPS**

We are looking for children who wear their PE uniform with pride, this week and they **will be nominated for our prize draw raffle**. If you are struggling with any items, please contact our Pastoral Team and we **MAY** be able to help.

Have a happy and safe weekend and we shall see you back on Monday



Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff.



We'll be wearing odd socks with
the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** and their
patrons, **Andy** and the **Odd Socks**,
on **Monday 14th November** for **Odd
Socks Day**. Will you?

**Odd
Socks
Day**



#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay



Online Safety Newsletter

November 2022

Anti-Bullying Week 2022

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November

The theme this year is Reach Out. The Anti Bullying Alliance have worked with Kidscape to develop resources to help you support your child:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Early Years

Is your child online? It's important that devices are set up with age-appropriate parental controls and access is restricted to appropriate apps/content. **We would advise that children only access devices when you are with them.** Sometimes, regardless of what controls we have in place, children may accidentally view inappropriate content so it's important we are around to help them if they do.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has published a short booklet including advice and guidance on how to navigate the online world with your child. This is aimed at parents/carers with children under the age of 5: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/children-under-5/online-safety-for-under-5s-booklet>



Roblox – updated PEGI rating

PEGI have announced a change to the age rating for Roblox. PEGI used to rate Roblox as 7+, however because of the huge level of user generated content within Roblox, PEGI have changed the rating to a Parental Guidance label (icon shown right). You can read more about this change here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-changes-rating-advice-roblox>



What is Roblox?

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, it may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up Parental controls appropriate to your child.**

Allowed Experiences - NEW

Roblox has introduced Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age set. Please note that experiences above the age restriction set may be seen in search results. Age categories available are 9+, 13+ and all ages. You can find out how to set up Allowed Experiences here: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/8863284850196-Allowed-Experiences-Controls>

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them, then ensure you set the Monthly Spend Restriction to zero.

Game content – as mentioned, games are created by different users so sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Blocking users and reporting – ensure your child knows how to do this.

What should I do?

- Play the game with your child.
- Explore the parental controls within Roblox and set as appropriate.
- Show your child how to use the Report Abuse system within Roblox to report inappropriate content and how to block other users.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.11.22.

Discord

Discord is a social networking app used by gamers to **chat to each other**. There can be in app purchases through Discord's premium subscription service. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The Apple App store rates it as 17+. Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups.

Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat about the game (**rather than the game's own chat facility**).

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created this article, which outlines four steps to creating a safer account, including how to block users.

- <https://discord.com/safety/360043857751-Four-steps-to-a-super-safe-account>

What do I need to be aware of?

We always encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use different apps/websites and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers common questions:

- <https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-answering-parents-and-educators-top-questions>

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-discord-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

Social Media Algorithms



Parent Zone have written this article explaining how algorithms work on social media. Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. There are benefits but unfortunately there are negatives, which are outlined in the below article:

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>

[morearticles/what-are-social-media-algorithms-and-how-can-they-be-manipulated](https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/what-are-social-media-algorithms-and-how-can-they-be-manipulated)

Yubo

Yubo is a social network, which you must be over 13 years of age to join **although the App store rate it as 17+.** Those aged 13 to 18 years old must have parental permission and will join a separate Yubo community that is for under-18s. Yubo do use an age-verification system (you must take a photo of your face and then facial age estimation technology is used to check).

You make 'friends' by swiping right on someone's profile picture and if they do the same on yours then you can chat with them or stream live videos. **Due to the nature of this app, your child may come across content that is not appropriate to them.** If your child does use this app, then ensure they know how to use the app's reporting facilities and know how to block other users.

What do I need to be aware of?

Location: Users have the choice to share their location. You can hide/show your location at any time (country will always be visible). Location is disabled for all users under 18.

Live Streaming: - this is when somebody broadcasts live (real time).

Inappropriate Content

YuBucks - Yubo's official Currency, can be used to gain additional functionality.

Guides

Yubo have created the following guides, we would recommend reading them before you allow your child to access this app. If you do not think this app is appropriate for your child, then talk to them and tell them why and what your concerns are.

For Parents: <http://parents-guide.yubo.live/>

For Teens: <http://teens.yubo.live/>

Checklist

SWGfL and the UK Safer Internet Centre in collaboration with Yubo have created this checklist.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-the-yubo-social-media-checklist>