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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

A lovely week here in school.

We are really pleased with how our new curriculum is moving forward, teaching our children lots of new and exciting skills, concepts, knowledge and understanding.

I have had the pleasure of teaching (all be it briefly!) in two classes this week...Year 2 and Year 4, and the children are a credit to you—their ability to explain their learning, apply what they have learned and recall previous learning in their start of lesson flashbacks, ready to build on it was wonderful to share.

You will notice that our newsletters are becoming more collaborative, with messages from various staff members in school about exciting projects and events taking place. This week we introduce you to our authors of the term, and let you know about 'Votes for Schools'. Pass on the word to others to catch up with what our school has got to offer each week on the newsletter!

Next week, is ATTENDANCE PRIZE WEEK. Whilst we strive for excellent attendance all year round ATTENDANCE PRIZE WEEKS are extra special weeks where we offer a BIG reward in the form of a mystery prize for the class with the highest attendance!





Attendance—Target 95%

REMINDER : TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED

Class	%
RDG	95
RBB	93
1DS	89
1P	80
2G	91
2M	93
3CM	91
3G	90
4C	99
4S	85
5P	95
5B	87
6G	89
6W	89
Whole school	90

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

These classes all get a sweet treat

RDG, 4C, 5P

If class teachers are

concerned about your child's

attendance they will speak to you in the first in-
stance and work with you to put

something in place to improve this.

Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance. **Autumn Term certificates will be coming out next week!**

One term of 95% bronze certificate

Two terms of 95% silver certificate

Three terms of 95% gold certificate

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The God who Speaks

This week in Gospel, we heard of the conversion of Saul, to Paul. He later became Saint Paul. He was called by God to be of service to others.

Reading: Acts 22:6-16

'God has chosen you to know his will...you will be a witness for him'

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Make a decision about your Lenten Act of Service



Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

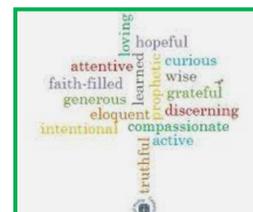
Arsema (2M)

Mehr Bano (3G)

Virtues of the Half Term

And

Catholic Social Teachings



This half term, we are

Compassionate and Loving

This week we have decided which causes we will support for our Lenten Acts of Service.

We have explored the **Rights** of others to be fulfilled by a decent standard of life and know it is our **Responsibility** to help this to happen.

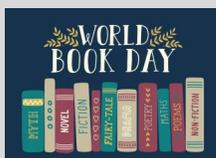


Fundamental British Values



Democracy

The school councillors are busy gathering suggestions of how they would like to celebrate World Book Day. Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them (Article 12).



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WORLD GIFTS



'World Gifts are CAFOD's range of life-changing virtual gifts.

World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them

Before Christmas, your children brought in their loose change to save up for virtual gifts for those in other parts of the world to help to transform their lives.

We are delighted to inform you that the money has now been sent off to Cafod for their chosen gifts :

Reception	Chirpy chicks!
Y1	Bees
Y2	Goat and emergency water
Y3	Homeless Shelter
Y4	Water for a family
Y5	A place to call Home
Y6	New Start Kit for a refugee child
Nursery	Trees for life



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Dates for your Diary

Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~
~~Friday 29th September 2023~~
~~Friday 27th October 2023~~
Monday 19th February 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
January 8th	Return to School
January 8th	Year 4 Parent meeting— 3pm . School Hall
January 10th	Year 3CM Parent meeting— 3pm— School Hall
January 11th	Y6G parent Meeting
January 19th	Reception to Shard End Library
January 23rd	Year 3 Stay and Pray— 9am
January 24th	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents.
January 25th	Arts and Craft Café—parent event. Run by Hodge Hill Arts Forum. 1:45pm
February 1st	Alton Castle Parent Information Meeting— 3:30pm
February 5th	Parent Coffee Morning - 9am
February 9th	Break up for Half Term
February 19th	Return to school
February 21st-23rd	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
February 28th and 29th (Y5— 26th and 28th, Nursery 27th and 28th)	Parents' Evening—please note differing dates .
April	Year 3 Reconciliation. Final date to be confirmed
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am

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Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly .

This is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.



Class	
Nurs	Whole week
RDG	Mya
RBB	Codie
1DS	Christaline
1P	Favour
2M	Saphia
2G	Lucy-Lou
3G	Alessia
3CM	Beeko
4C	Troy
4S	Ashayla
5B	Sara
5P	Dominik
6G	Zarbakht
6W	Ismah
Music	Derek (3CM)
Sport	Y6
Wise Owl	Savannah (4S)
Lunchtime	Dana (3G), Mason (2M), Rec





Composer of the Month

Our composer of the week continues to be

Elvis Presley



Born: 8th January 1935
Died: 16th August 1977
Nationality: American

Famous music: Hound dog, Suspicious Minds,
Unchained Melody and Jail House Rock

Rock n Roll

Interesting facts:

- Elvis Presley or just Elvis was an American singer, musician and actor
- He is regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century and is often referred to as the "King of Rock and Roll" or simply "the King".
- Presley's earliest musical influence came from gospel music at his church
- He was known for his very energetic dance and performance styles
- He was drafted into the military in 1958
- He won many awards including 3 Grammys



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A message from Mrs Gazey and Miss Pate : Votes for Schools

Coming
soon

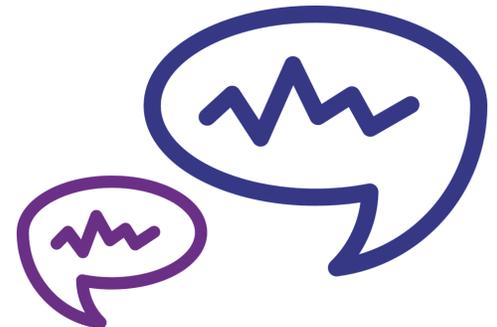
Exciting News! Here at St Wilfrid's we believe in the voice of our students and this is how we show it. VOTES FOR SCHOOLS is an innovative and forward-thinking platform that empowers young voices, builds oracy, confidence and critical thinking.

Watch this space for our new initiative to get our children secondary ready, give them time to express their points of view and become a well-rounded individual, prepared for life - STRIVING to achieve!

VOTESFORSCHOOLS

VotesforSchools strives to help educators to embed youth voice into any and all settings, which is why we offer a range of other opportunities for young people to make their voices heard in addition to their weekly lessons:

- 1** We have our very own Youth Ambassadors, who give us insights into the issues that they want to talk about and why these matter to them. They even help us choose our Vote Topic questions! This year, our focus is on Bullying & Intolerance, The Online World, and The Climate Crisis.
- 2** For the wordsmiths in your class who have something they want to be heard on, we also have a Young Writers section on our website. This gives voter responses to a wide range of topics a platform that we hope will influence their peers and changemakers alike.
- 3** Every year, we are proud to host our National Student Voice Awards, which allow any young people or schools to submit applications that showcase the impact their work on youth voice has had. With the help of a panel of esteemed judges, we award Primary and Secondary students and schools prizes and celebrate their achievements on our website.



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A message from Ms Brown and Mrs Dunleavy Reading Rocks!

Our Authors of the Term

Nursery

Michael Rosen



Reception

Julia Donaldson



Year 1

Maini Hedderwick



Year 2

Roald Dahl



Year 3

Maisie Chan



Year 4

Jenny Pearson



Year 5

Louie Stowell



Year 6

Benjamin Zephaniah



Have you heard of any of our authors of the term? Do you know any stories or poems that they have written?

Look out for information about each of our authors, as we spotlight a different one each week!!

World Book Day



This year World Book Day will
be celebrated on **Thursday 7th
March**



Schedule and events to be confirmed very soon.. watch
this space!

Mystery Reader

During the week of World Book Day - week commencing
Monday 4th March, we would love for parents or grandpar-
ents to come into school to read a story to the class.

Please see your child's class teacher if this is something
you are interested in and remember... it's a secret!

Reader of the Week



Every week staff will be looking for
their special "Reader of the Week".

This is somebody who—reads regularly
at home and records it in their yellow
diary, shows a passion for reading by
showing enthusiasm during their pho-
nics or guided reading lessons, somebody
who changes their library book regular-
ly too—amongst many other things!

Our reader of the week will get a spe-
cial mention in merit assembly and may
get a chance to choose one of Ms
Brown's special books! Could that be



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A message from our Miss Brown and Mrs Dunleavy

Winter Mini Challenge 2023 - Ready, Set, Read!

Get Ready to Read this Winter! This online challenge invites children, aged 4 - 11 to read three books or more, before the 19th February 2024, to earn digital rewards.



How to take part

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Sign up at www.wintermini.org.uk to create an online profile. Children will be asked to provide a parent/carer email address to approve sign up. Read at least 3 books before the 19th February. Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print. You can also play games on





Online Safety



Online Safety Newsletter February 2024

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screentime passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB&zipprv=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.



How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
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Snapchat: new controls

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).
- if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

Reality Check from Parent Zone



Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

Online Safety advice for Early Years

Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

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And finally...

Playtime snacks

Monday to Thursday Healthy Snacks:
Fruit from home or school (EYFS/KS1)
Yoghurt
Toast/juice from Janis

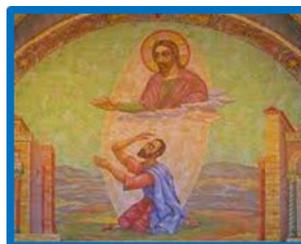
Friday is...
Free Choice FRIDAY!
Bring a snack of your choice!
Only enough for one...no family size/sharing
snacks!



Well done everyone for another wonderful week!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff



The Conversion of St Paul

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A message from our Pastoral Team



St Wilfrid's Coffee Morning

Monday 5th February 2024

**Supported by Mansoor Sharif
Early Help Co-ordinator – Hodge Hill Locality**



Pre-loved uniform

Free



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KIDD SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

SOLIHULL
SUTTON COLDFIELD



Irish Dancing classes
for boys & girls
aged 3+



Enrolling now

We are now enrolling for our leaping leprechaun
beginner classes at the following locations



Saturdays

Solihull Women's Institute
Warwick Road
Solihull
B91 3DQ

09:45 - 10:45

Thursdays

Bishop Walsh Catholic School
Wylde Green Road
Sutton Coldfield
B76 1QT

17:00 - 18:00

Contact us today to register or find out more:

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Annie Kidd ADCRE

Siobhan Monaghan TCRE

Fiona Kidd ADCRE

Registered with An Coimisiún Le Rince Gaelacha
Fully voted

