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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We hope you have and a great week, both at home and in school.

This week started with an exciting even for 3G who were chose for an extra 'Glow Sports' session due to their wonderful behaviour , consistently, in PE. We are very proud of you , 3G and your reward was well deserved.

Our St George's Day celebrations were joyous—the school was a sea of 'red', with children and staff dressing up to mark the day! Thankyou to Janis and all of the cooks for our tasty St George's Day special dinner!

Thankyou to all who were able to attend the First Holy Communion parent meeting and workshop yesterday ; families of children who are due to receive this special Sacrament attended together with those who are not—we thoroughly enjoyed the community atmosphere with our children and families supporting the important sacramental milestones of others.

AND ...today we celebrated Earth Day! Scroll down for further info and photos!

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that our logo has had a slight revamp! Can you spot the differences?! This is in preparation for our incoming new website and Instagram page. We will keep you up to date on the progress of both of these!



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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

This week, we shared the word's from the Gospel :

'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you ' (Matthew)

We considered the Dignity of Work and how we should treat those who work and who can not work

MINI MISSION

Each class will be adding a prayer to their daily prayers about the Dignity of Worker



Fundamental British Values



Individual Liberty

The children asked, and we provided!

Friday is 'Free choice Friday'. The children are invited to bring a snack of their choice for break time. This a small snack just for themselves. This could be packet of crisps, a chocolate bar or a biscuit. **Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously (Article 12).**



**you asked.
we listened.**

Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



Catholic Social Teachings : This week we have started our daily Dignity of Work prayers—the power of prayer is like no other

Values and Virtues : Eloquent and Truthful—Using our voice to pray for the Dignity of Work



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During Lent, Reception carried out a number of fundraising activities in order to donate to those in need...but they didn't just help humans...they also helped cats!!

They brought in goods to donate to Ward End Cat Rescue in return for dressing as a cat for the day! We received a lovely message of thanks and some pictures...how wonderful!

Thankyou Reception!



Good morning,

All the cats and volunteers at Ward End Cat Rescue would like to thank you for the bags of goodies you have sent for us. The cats will really enjoy eating the food and treats that you have most kindly donated. We are a very small home rescue based which runs solely on donations so all help is wonderful.

Here are some of our lovely cats that will be enjoying the food, all these cats live at the rescue. Many of them reside there because they are semi feral which means they are frightened of people and cant be rehomed and others are older or have significant health issues.

Anyway, thank you again, you are very generous and it is much appreciated.

From

Ward End Cat Rescue



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Attendance—Target 95%



Class	%
RDG	91.1
RBB	94.4
1DS	93.6
1P	91.9
2G	89
2M	90.5
3CM	91.3
3G	86.7
4C	96.3
4S	94.5
5P	93.5
5B	92.9
6G	91.5
6W	95.9
Whole school	92.4

Sweet treats for each class over 95%



If class teachers are

concerned about your child's

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

something in place to improve this



You've got
to be in to
win!

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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)
May 7th	Year 2 Buddhism Workshop
May 9th	Year 3 Hinduism Workshop
May 15th	Year 3 Reconciliation in church - 9:15am
WC 13th May	KS1 and KS2 SATS
May 14th	Y4 Adopt a School Cooking
May 15th	Year 3 Reconciliation
May 21st	Little Kid Role Play Town - EYFS
May 23rd	Good Shepherd Mass
June 4th	Asthma Friendly School Assembly—all welcome to attend ; this will be followed up by a parent meeting where can discover more information about Asthma
June 7th	Vocations Day—dress up as a worker—eg vet, driving instructor, doctor, hairdresser, teacher, cook, chef etc . No charge
June 11th	Y2 yoga workshop
June 12th	Year 2 Trip to Conkers
12th June	Meeting for new Nursery Parents -1:30pm
12th June	Meeting for new Reception Parents—2:15pm
12th June	Phonics Screening
14th June	Y3 Faith enrichment
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am . Photographs ,in church, from
June 25th	MAC Athletics for selected children
1st July	Festival of Faiths—children may dress up in something that would wear to go to worship and may bring in an object that is important to their faith...nothing too precious please!
2nd July	Y4 Adopt a School Cooking
11th July`	Reception trip to Attwell Farm



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A message from Miss Barnes

Dear Parents / Carers,

On **Wednesday 1st May 2024**, 'Story Express' a book fair, is coming to St Wilfrid's.

On the day, we will be holding a coffee morning from **10am – 11am**. Parents can come and look round the book fair with their children, then stay for a free tea or coffee in the hall. Our pastoral team will be on hand if you have any questions for them.

Books at the book fair are £2 each or any 3 for £5, cash and card payments are both accepted.

If you are unable to attend, children will have the opportunity to go with their class teacher to purchase books throughout the day.



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A message from our Pastoral Team

Alongside our book fayre, we will be holding a coffee morning
to which you are **MOST** welcome—please join us!



St Wilfrid's Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1st May

10:00 – 11:00 am

**Providing Information
On local Community Support**



**Pre-loved uniform
Free**

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A message from Miss Clohessy and Mrs Gazey : Earth Day

Today, we celebrated Earth Day

EARTHDAY, this year, affirms the commitment to end the use of plastics and supports a 60% reduction in the production of **ALL** plastics by 2040.

The theme is , *Planet vs. Plastics*, and



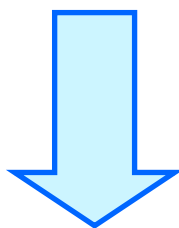
This week, we asked all children to bring in an empty plastic bottle that has been washed out, in order to recycle it into a plant holder—we will be ensuring that these plastics we have used get more than one use by making them into mini planters—thankyou for your kind donations to our bottle bank and cake sale to fund the soil and seeds





A message from Miss McCoy : Composer of the Half Term

Our Composer of the Half Term is



Bjork

Pop

(90's singer/songwriter)



Born: 21 November 1965

Nationality: Icelandic

Famous piece of music:
Play Dead, It's oh so quiet

- Björk Guðmundsdóttir is an Icelandic singer, songwriter, composer, record producer, actress and environmental activist. She is a keen advocate for environmental causes in Iceland
- Born and raised in Reykjavík, Björk began her music career at the age of 11 and gained international recognition as the lead singer of the alternative rock band the Sugarcubes, by the age of 21
- She started to study classical music at the age of 5 and released her first album in 1977 (mainly traditional Icelandic folk songs)
- Bjork is known for her distinct three-octave vocal range and eccentric persona
- She has developed an eclectic musical style over her four-decade career that has drawn on electronic, pop, experimental, trip hop, classical and avant-garde music
- She is known too for her very quirky sense of fashion and her unique, almost child-like singing voice
- She has written songs for many other famous artists including Madonna but declined to duet with her.
- She has won five BRIT Awards and 16 Grammy nominations



Here is a link to the song of the week by Bjork!

Hyperballad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x1icKp4MNC>



A message from Miss Gripton : Artist of the Half Term

Augusta Savage



Augusta Savage was an American sculptor who fought against racism, to create a place for Black women in the world of art

- **Born on 29th February 1892 in Florida USA**
- **From an early age she used clay from the ground to make figures**
- **Clay sculptures cast in plaster or bronze**

In 1923, Augusta became one of a group of young American women to be selected to attend a summer art course in France. Her place was later refused because of her race

During the 1920s, Augusta received a commission to create a sculpture of W.E.B. Du Bois, who was leader of the Civil Rights movement (a protest for racial equality)



'Gamin'

In the late 1920s, Augusta Savage sculpted Gamin, a portrait just of a black boy. Today, this is one of the few pieces of her work that still exists

She became part of the 'Harlem Renaissance' — a cultural movement of black writers, artists and musicians, who believed that the power of art could bring positive change

Augusta went on to become the first black member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors and also became the first director of the Harlem Community Art

- Augusta opened a gallery showcasing art by black artists
- Augusta died in 1962 having inspired many

Competition Time

This half term, I will be running a whole school art competition to win a prize. I would like you to create a sculpture (a 3D piece of art) of someone who has inspired you. This can be made from any materials you have at home eg playdough, tin foil, salt dough, cardboard, match stick, pipe cleaners etc The closing date for this is Friday 17th May. I can't wait to see your work!



A message from Mrs Dunleavy: Reading

Our Spotlight Author of the Week is Year 1's Authors...

Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

Dapo Adeola is a **British-Nigerian** **illustrator** who has made a significant impact in the world of children's literature. Adeola met actor **Nathan Bryon** on Instagram, and together they embarked on writing children's books.

Their collaboration led to a three-part book series featuring a young astronaut named **Rocket**. The character Rocket is based on one of Dapo Adeola's nieces.



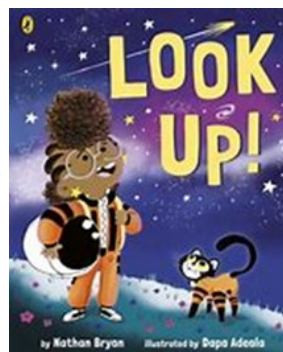
Adeola's illustrations challenge race

Their book titled "Look Up!"
was named Waterstones
Children's Book of 2020.

and gender stereotypes, making his

Nathan Bryon says
work both engaging
and thought-
provoking.

"The book is a
message to me
to be more
present, to Look
Up! and see all
the wonderful
things that are
around me"





A message for Year 1 parents from Mrs Dunleavy:

Information for parents and carers



Your child's reading journey Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Your child has now learned most of the Year 1 phonics in *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and will soon be preparing for the nationally required Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in June.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The Phonics Screening Check is a quick check of your child's decoding skills.
- Your child will be asked to read 40 words – 20 are real words, 20 are known as 'alien words' (made-up words).

Why do the children read 'alien words'?



- Reading alien words checks children's decoding skills and knowledge of graphemes in a fair way – it mirrors what the children have to do when they read a word that they have not read before.
- Your child will not have seen the alien words before. They will have to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to work out how to read them.

How does the check work?

- Your child will be asked to read 40 words independently.
- The check has been designed to not put your child under stress. It will be carried out by a member of staff who knows your child well.
- It should only take a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.

Do I need to do anything to further support my child?

- Continue to listen to your child read their phonics books and read to them daily.
- Your child's teacher will let you know if any additional practice is needed.
- Always ask if you need any further support!



All for the love of reading

- Teaching children the skills of reading will increase their will to read. Children who love reading, choose to read.
- Reading develops children's vocabulary, understanding of the world and empathy.
- A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success! To develop a love reading, children must have the skills to read, which is why we teach them using phonics.



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And finally...

Today we waved a fond farewell to Mrs Anita Henderson, who has been our temporary office administrator for the past few weeks. We thanked her for her hard work and dedication to St Wilfrid's.

We are delighted to welcome into this role, Mrs Sinead Thomas! Please be patient whilst Mrs Thomas gets to know her way around; I am sure that you will extend a warm welcome to her when you meet her at the front desk.

WELCOME

We wish you a safe and happy weekend. We offer our prayers this week for those who are unwell at this time and are receiving hospital treatment

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff

Saint George, With courage, you stood up to those in power, to tell them that what they were doing was wrong. Pray that we, too, may have courage to stand up for what is right, with God's help. You were not ashamed of your faith. Pray that we, too, may be proud of our faith, and may cheerfully show the love of Jesus in all that we do. St George, pray for us. Amen.



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A message from Open Door

You may have heard of Open Door.

'Open Door Community Foundation seeks to make a distinctive and significant contribution to the wellbeing of people in our neighbourhood.'

We have worked closely with them in the past, particularly in the last two or three years, and the work they do has really made a difference to the local area.

At present, they are looking to develop the Firs area, specifically, looking make changes close to our school

They would like to develop St Wilfrid's the St Wilfrid's Parish Centre—if something can be done here it would benefit the whole community, but it would be wonderful for us as a school and Parish to have something new right on our doorstep.

Pease take a minute to fill in the questionnaire which can be reached via this QR code and be part of that change



FREE EVENT

ST. WILFRID'S FUTURE FUN DAY

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 12NOON TO 4PM

FIRS & BROMFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST IS WORKING TO GET ST. WILFRID'S COMMUNITY CENTRE RE-OPEN. COME DREAM WITH US ABOUT WHAT THE PLACE COULD BE

Come with your ideas
Come to see how you can help
Bouncy Castles + Bucking Bronco
Food & Refreshments
Live Band & DJ
Arts & Crafts

St. Wilfrid's Community Centre, Shawsdale Road, B36 8LL

PLEASE TELL US YOUR IDEAS AND HOPES USING THIS QR CODE TO FILL IN AN ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE

Local Trust **Big Local**
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A message from Transport for West Midlands

Transport for West Midlands - Road Safety Action Plan Survey

During 2024 Transport for West Midlands will be updating the Road Safety Action Plan, setting out the actions they will take to halve road deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

Parents and carers can share their views on how road safety could be improved across the region by completing the Home Road Safety Action Plan Survey which closes at 5pm on Friday, 10 May 2024.



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A message from Public Health England

Think Measles!

What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people are not protected against it. Measles is currently continuing to spread across the West Midlands. Two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) are needed for maximum protection.

A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. **Many rigorous scientific studies have confirmed there is no link between MMR and autism.**

Measles can cause severe illness in people who are not protected, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

Preventing and Controlling infections

Measles is highly infectious: 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals contract the illness when exposed to it. Anyone that is not protected and exposed to measles may be asked to stay at home for a number of days. There is no specific treatment for measles.

The best protection is through two doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR can be given at any time after a child turns 13 months and parents can book via their GP. The best way to protect babies under 1 is to ensure everyone around them is immunised.

Measles is a notifiable disease

In the event of an outbreak, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will support in the risk assessment and advise on actions that need to be taken.

If in doubt, follow the '[Think Measles guidance](#)' and ensure that your report a case of measles to the UKHSA West Midlands Health Protection team.

Call: 0344 225 3560 (option 2)

Email: wmmeaslescell@ukhsa.gov.uk

What are the symptoms of measles?

- Cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- Red, sore watery eyes
- High temperature (fever) which may reach around 40C / 104F
- A non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones.

What to do if someone has measles symptoms?

If someone has symptoms of measles, please advise them to stay at home and not attend any setting where it could be spread to others.

If someone thinks they have measles, they should call their GP or 111. People should not go to their GP practice or any other healthcare provider without calling in advance – they should phone their GP or 111 for advice and say it could be measles.

If an early years setting is experiencing an outbreak of cases of infectious disease (2 or more cases), the setting should call the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on 0344 225 3560 (option 2).

Advice is also available on the [NHS website](#) and [UKHSA webpages](#).

If your setting needs any further support, UKHSA will work in partnership with your local council's Public Health team and the local NHS.

For more information, scan:



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A message from Miss Hunt

PARENTING AND ADHD

Hall Green Families present this **FREE** online workshop showcasing one of our amazing local services; supporting local families and children to get access to support that they need.



Accessing free support for parents of children with ADHD; practitioners with lived experience.



Exploring new ways of working and break down barriers.



What is Early Help? Explore how to connect into your Early Help service.

Register for free [here](#)



**Wednesday 1st May
10 - 11:15am
via Zoom**



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