



St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

A huge thank you to the Y2/3 Dove class for their wonderful class assembly this morning. They had some fantastic messages about how we are all unique and special, created by God for our own special job in the world. It was a brilliant reminder of our mission statement that 'Everybody Matters'!

It has been a great half term, with lots of progress being made in terms of learning, and lots of highlights including sporting events, Young Voices for the choir, a wonderful Epiphany Mass with Father Michael and our special day for Children's Mental Health Week today.

I have been back in the school building for the last week and a half, and have been very happy to see everyone and see all the lovely things that are going on in school.

I hope everyone has a really nice half term break and manages a good rest and some family time.

Let's pray there is some break in the rain and some days of better weather!

Mrs Evans

Find out more about Children's Mental Health Week, including some tips and activities, and Parenting Smart articles here: [Families and communities - Children's Mental Health Week](#)



Our EYFS would be very grateful for any donations of old table cloths/shower curtains/large pieces of material please for Reception and nursery to help us with our outdoor den making. Also any utensils, old decorating brushes, pans etc for our mud kitchen.

RE and Catholic Life

During half term, we begin Lent, a time to prepare, pray and renew our friendship with God. Through our assemblies and prayers in Lent, we will be exploring with the children what it means to say 'Yes!' to God. We will all be thinking about how we can grow as people as we walk along with Jesus on our Lenten journey. On Thursday 26th February we will have a special Penitential service to mark the beginning of Lent in school. Parents, family members and parishioners are very welcome to join us at 9.15am in the school hall. The nursery, reception and Year 1 children will be doing their own penitential reflections in their classes during this week.

During Lent we will be raising money for the Good Shepherd Appeal. This is the Diocesan fundraising appeal to support Caring Services for children and families in our Diocese. The money raised helps people who need it to access counselling, therapy and well-being services as well as other support and services. We have benefitted from some of this support for children in school in recent years. The children will be coming up with their own fundraising plans in their classes, and we will be talking about how thinking of others and making sacrifices ourself/giving something extra really helps us to get our hearts ready during Lent.



Achievements Outside of School



Well done to Michael A who was selected to represent the county for athletics at a regional final in the Sports hall UK Championships



Free Tickets to Sheffield Lunar Chinese New Year Spectacular Show 18/2/2026

One of our parents has very kindly made the following offer:

We are excited to share that free tickets are now available for the 2026 SLCNY Spectacular Show at the Octagon for the St Wilfrid's Catholic school community. This is a wonderful opportunity for schools and parents to enjoy this spectacular event.

If you would like to attend, please contact me directly to reserve your tickets. As spaces are limited, we encourage you to get in touch soon to secure your allocation.

We hope your students and families can join us for this exciting occasion!

Details as below:

Date: 18/2/2026

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Octagon, Sheffield





Year Planner 2025/26

February

Week 21	Mon	9 th	
	Tues	10 th	Safer Internet Day
	Wed	11 th	Whole School Individual Pupil Photographs
	Thurs	12 th	
	Fri	13 th	Y2/3 Dove Class Assembly 9.15am – Y2/3 Parents Invited

Half Term 16th - 20th February

Week 22	Y3 Overnight Residential at Thornbridge 25 th – 26 th February		
	Mon	23 rd	INSET DAY School Closed to Pupils
	Tues	24 th	Pupils Return to School
	Wed	25 th	
	Thurs	26 th	Penitential Service in School 9.15am – Parents Invited
	Fri	27 th	

March

Week 23	Mon	2 nd	Parents Evening School Hall 4.30pm – 6.30pm
	Tues	3 rd	Reception Children Hearing Tests
	Wed	4 th	Parents Evening School Hall 4.30pm – 6.30pm
	Thurs	5 th	World Book Day – Parents Invited into School 2.45pm
	Fri	6 th	

Week 24	Science Week		
	Mon	9 th	
	Tues	10 th	
	Wed	11 th	
	Thurs	12 th	PTA Meeting – Millhouses Pub – 8pm
	Fri	13 th	

Week 25	Mon	16 th	
	Tues	17 th	
	Wed	18 th	
	Thurs	19 th	
	Fri	20 th	Y2/3 Class Swan Assembly 9.15am – Y2/3 Parents Invited

Week 26	Mon	23 rd	
	Tues	24 th	
	Wed	25 th	
	Thurs	26 th	
	Fri	27 th	Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm

April

Week 27	Mon	30 th Mar	
	Tues	31 st Mar	
	Wed	1 st	
	Thurs	2 nd	Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holiday 3rd - 17th April

Week 28	Y4 Oakes Residential Trip 22 nd – 24 th April		
	Mon	20 th	Pupils Return to School
	Tues	21 st	
	Wed	22 nd	
	Thurs	23 rd	
	Fri	24 th	
	Sun	26 th	Family Mass at St Williams Church – St Wilfrid's Children Take Part 9.30am

You did it!
Congratulations





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EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT

Monday to Friday 7.00am till 9.00am – Term Time Only

Grade 1 : £24,413 pro rata [Actual salary : £5,530]

St Wilfrid's Primary School is set in the South-West of Sheffield, situated just three miles from both the city centre and the Peak District national park. The school is set in extensive grounds with large playing fields and woodland, which provides an excellent learning environment. Check out our website for more information about the school.

The Governors of St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The applicants will undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers. The role is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS certificate. The role is engaged in regulated activity and will therefore require a children's barred list check. Shortlisted applicants will be required to complete a self-disclosure.

Our safeguarding system is underpinned by a range of policies and procedures which encourage and promote safe working practice across St Wilfrid's Primary School. On joining you will be required to undergo continuous professional development to maintain safe working practice and to safeguard our children and young people.

We will offer you:

- An exciting opportunity to work in a school with a strong Catholic ethos.
- Wonderful children
- Opportunities for Professional Development

The Governors are looking for a Breakfast Club Assistant who will:

- Fully support the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Put the children's needs before their own.
- Follow the routines and practices in place to ensure the safety of children as well as the smooth running of breakfast club.

The role involves:

- Setting up breakfast club for our children and encouraging them to eat their breakfast if they are having it.
- Supporting children when they are playing.
- Listening to the children, helping them to regulate and supporting them to think about what will help.
- Leading games for children.
- Ensuring that children are behaving appropriately.
- Basic first aid duties.
- Ensuring the children go to their correct classroom at the beginning of school.

To request further information please contact Alison Clack on 0114 236 5529, alternatively email

enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk

Closing Date: Thursday 5th March 2026

A completed CES application form should be returned to enquiries@stwilfridssheffield.co.uk



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is a free messaging service owned by Meta which allows users to send text and voice messages, make video calls, share multimedia – such as images, videos, documents and polls – and have group chats. WhatsApp messages are encrypted, meaning only the sender and the recipient can view what is sent. While this privacy may sound attractive on paper, this app comes with several associated risks that must be considered – especially for younger users.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHATS

Group chats let friends talk together but can pose problems for young users. They might feel excluded – like discovering events they weren't invited to. Hurtful comments can also escalate quickly, as more people join in, amplifying the impact through a wider audience.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it attractive to scammers. Tactics include impersonating a child in an 'emergency' to request money, or triggering a login code, then pretending to be WhatsApp and asking for it – giving them access to private messages and personal data.

CHANNELS

'Channels' let users follow topics anonymously, interacting only through polls or emoji reactions. However, fake channels can mimic real ones, spreading misinformation, hate speech, or phishing for personal data. WhatsApp may also collect and share channel-following info with third parties, raising privacy issues.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Disappearing messages help share sensitive info, but young people may wrongly assume they're fully private. Senders can opt for their message to vanish after 24 hours, 7 days, or 90 days – or for media, after one view. However, recipients can still save them by bookmarking or taking screenshots, reducing their privacy.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's simplicity makes sharing news quick – accurate or not. To help curb misinformation, messages forwarded over five times now show a 'Forwarded many times' label with a double arrow. This alerts users that the message isn't original and may be unreliable.

CHAT LOCK

The new 'Chat lock' feature lets users store specific messages in a separate passcode- or biometrically-protected folder. While useful for privacy, it could be misused by younger users to hide conversations or content they know parents and educators might find inappropriate, including age-restricted material.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature helps friends meet up or parents check a child's route home. However, anyone in a child's group chats can track their location, potentially revealing their home address or regular travel patterns to strangers.

AI INTEGRATION

Meta AI on WhatsApp poses risks to children, including exposure to misinformation, inappropriate content, and data privacy issues. AI responses may be inaccurate, and kids might share personal information unknowingly. It can also hinder critical thinking by offering ready-made answers.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to consider, for example, whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content sent to one user to then be shared more widely, and even publicly on social media. Encourage them to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. To do this, go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups'. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if the child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Have a conversation with youngsters about how they're using WhatsApp, emphasising that it's for their own safety. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of messages that are in there, who they're with and why they have been hidden. Also, if a young user has sent any 'view once' content, discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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