



St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers,

Most children will have been set up with homework routines now - please check Class Dojo posts for details about expectations for your child's class.

Regular practice of reading, spelling and number fluency in particular can all have a really big impact on children's attainment. Children who have developed a love of books have been shown to have better academic outcomes across the board than children who don't choose to read for pleasure. You can make a huge difference to this, encouraging children to read, sharing great books and stories with them, and helping them to access a range of reading materials to find their passion.

Basic spelling, and knowing number facts like simple addition and subtractions and times tables off by heart, means children's working memory is free to think more deeply and creatively when writing and when solving mathematical problems. Again, this always leads to better outcomes. Just a small amount of time spent practising these things, a few times a week, will make a difference.

On **Wednesday 7th October**, we will have a curriculum information evening for parents of children in Y1 - Y6. Teachers and leaders will share information about some key approaches in school, and what you can do to help your child/ren. And for those year groups with residential trips later in the year (Year 3 - Year 6), there will be more information shared about each of these as well. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

For our new reception parents, you are invited to a curriculum information meeting at 5.30pm **next Wednesday, 23rd September**. We hope that lots of you will be able to make it.



Online Safety Information Event

We have an online safety expert from Learn Sheffield coming to speak to parents about the risks associated with children's online activities on **Tuesday 3rd November** at 6pm. This is such an important topic, and the evening should help you to feel much more confident about how to keep your children safe and help them develop healthy online habits.



Our St Wilfrid's vs St Thomas football match is fast approaching, but we still need more parents to make up a team!

No football experience required — just come along, get involved and enjoy some friendly competition. If you can play, please email **Enquiries** to let us know.

We really appreciate your support!

You did it!
Congratulations



Thank you to the girls for their kindness, and hard work in organising a bake sale to raise money for a fan for our kitchen staff! Your thoughtfulness will make such a lovely difference, especially on those warm days. Well done, girls!

Achievements Outside of School

- Congratulations to Cristina, Iona and Lucia, who successfully auditioned and got parts in 'Nativity the musical' showing at the Sheffield Lyceum.
- Well done to Harriet and Alice as they ran the Chatsworth 3k fun run at the weekend.



Please can we ask that children do not bring toys from home into school.

We understand that children may have favourite toys they enjoy bringing with them, but toys from home can easily become lost, damaged or cause disagreements between children. We have plenty of toys and resources available in school for the children to enjoy and play with.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep school a happy, safe and fair environment for everyone.



Year Planner 2026/27

September

Week 4	Mon	21 st	
	Tues	22 nd	
	Wed	23 rd	Reception Curriculum Evening – 5.30pm
	Thurs	24 th	Reception Welcome Assembly - 9.15am
	Fri	25 th	
Week 5	Y6 Bikeability Week		
	Mon	28 th	
	Tues	29 th	
	Wed	30 th	
	Thurs	1 st Oct	Poetry Day
	Fri	2 nd Oct	CAFOD Harvest festival - Y5/6 Assembly 9.15am

October

Week 6	Mon	5 th	
	Tues	6 th	
	Wed	7 th	Curriculum Evening (Y1-Y6) - 6.30pm
	Thurs	8 th	
	Fri	9 th	PTA Quiz Night – Details to Follow
	Sat	10 th	Prospective Reception and Nursery Morning – 10.30am – 12.00
Week 7	Mon	12 th	
	Tues	13 th	
	Wed	14 th	
	Thurs	15 th	
	Fri	16 th	
Week 8	Mon	19 th	
	Tues	20 th	
	Wed	21 st	
	Thurs	22 nd	Open Afternoon - 2.30 - end of day (all classes)
	Fri	23 rd	Y6 Assembly - 9.15am

Half Term Holiday 26th October - 30th October

November

Week 9	Mon	2 nd	INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
	Tues	3 rd	Children Return to School
	Wed	4 th	
	Thurs	5 th	
	Fri	6 th	Autumn Disco – TBC
Week 10	Mon	9 th	Parents Evening - Monday 9th November – 4.30pm – 6.30pm
	Tues	10 th	
	Wed	11 th	Y6 National Child Measurement Day
	Thurs	12 th	Parents Evening - Monday 9th November – 4.30pm – 6.30pm
	Fri	13 th	Y5 Assembly – 9.15am
Week 11	Mon	16 th	
	Tues	17 th	
	Wed	18 th	
	Thurs	19 th	
	Fri	20 th	
Week 12	Mon	23 rd	
	Tues	24 th	
	Wed	25 th	
	Thurs	26 th	Wreath Making Night
	Fri	27 th	Y3/4 Class (Dove) Advent Assembly – 9.15am

ORIENTEERING

THE MIND AND BODY WORKOUT



South
Yorkshire
Orienteers

2026 / 27 Saturday Series

incorporating the SFSS Schools' League

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course at your own pace.



These events are specifically aimed to introduce people of all ages to the sport and also incorporate the SFSS schools' league. However all our events have courses suitable for all abilities - see the website for more details. No need to pre-enter: just turn up on the day. Start times from 12.30pm - 3pm.

Sat 3 Oct	Endcliffe Park
Sat 7 Nov	Ecclesall Woods
Sat 28 Nov	EIS & Olympic Legacy Park
Sat 23 Jan	Bolehills Park
Sat 6 Feb	Norfolk Park
Sat 20 Mar	Shirebrook Country Park
Sat 24 Apr	Parkwood Springs
Sat 15 May	Graves Park
Sat 19 Jun	Meersbrook Park

Prize-giving event Millhouses Park - 3 July

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