



St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Father John came into school to say Mass for the Start of Advent. It was a beautiful celebration with all the children joining in reflectively. Many parents and families joined us which made it very special. The children were involved with the preparation of the Mass with Mrs Flint and Mrs Wilde. The children also helped with the Mass, doing the readings, bidding prayers and the offertory. Everyone joined in with the joyous singing too. Father John explained how Advent is a time of preparation for Jesus' birth at Christmas and we are looking forward to Jesus coming back. As Pilgrims of Hope, we can prepare by knowing our hope is in Jesus, and sharing our hope with others.



We have many exciting and important things happening in Advent. Olivia from St. Luke's came in to talk to the children about the important work that St. Luke's do, in our community and how we can contribute to raising money for this important cause. The children are very excited about the prospect of raising money whilst having fun with the Reindeer races at the same time. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents to our Advent services this week. They have been very special and it has been lovely to share a time of reflection and peace at this busy time of year.

Next week we have Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday and we will be enjoying a Christmas dinner in school, prepared by our wonderful cook Jo. It is always great fun and there will be singing and festivities in the dining hall. On Friday Mrs Wilde is organising the Festival of Cribs so please have a go at making your own unique and individual crib for this celebration. The children will get to see one another in the hall on Friday afternoon and parents are welcome from 3:10pm.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 th Dec	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal for the children to watch 		Christmas Dinner day! Wear a Christmas jumper 		Festival of Cribs – Please bring in a crib for the display. 
15 th Dec	Rock steady Concert in the Hall – 2:30 	Whole School Carol Concert – 2pm 	Whole School Carol Concert – 2pm 	Christmas Activity and Craft day – non uniform  Reindeer races 	School closes at 12 (Before Lunch) 

Some of our Y6 children took part in the first round of the Sports Hall Athletics competition at All Saints on Monday.

It was a fantastic team performance, and they are through to the next round. Well done everyone!



You did it!
Congratulations



Advent Crafts for Families: 2-4pm on Saturday 13th December at St William's Parish Centre.

All welcome. Wear clothes that can get grubby. Bring a box for your creations. Please let us know you are coming by signing the list in the church foyer or emailing office@stwilliamofyorksheffield.org.uk.

First Holy Communion at St William's - Parents' Meeting

There will be an enrolment meeting on Thursday 11th December at 7pm in the Garden Room (entrance via the church foyer) for parents of children in Year 3 and above who would like to prepare to receive First Holy Communion at St William's in 2026.

Please bring your child's Baptismal certificate.

We had a visit from Olivia, from St. Luke's Hospice, on Tuesday. She told us all about what a hospice is, and how much it costs to run St. Luke's every year (£15 million).

St. Luke's has provided every child with a set of reindeer antlers for the reindeer races on Thursday 18th December. The children will be decorating them to make them really festive.

Last year, our Reindeer Races raised £250 for St. Luke's. It would be fantastic if we could raise even more this year. Please give what you can via the Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-wilfrids-primary-school-11?newPage=true>



Sheffield's Hospice

Apprenticeship at St Wilfrid's Primary School

An exciting opportunity has become available in the S7 area of Sheffield for a Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship. At St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, supporting the class teacher in a primary school class, including supporting children with additional needs as required. Working towards a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/VAC2000003067>

Achievements Outside of School

Well done to Annabelle N who Completed in her 1st gymnastics competition at the weekend and came 1st on her vault and beam equipment category and helped her team achieve 1st overall team position.

Well done to Isabel and Eve both received a medal for being part of the LTA Sheffield Youth Mini League team at the Grove Tennis Awards!





Education through Rugby

Christmas Camps

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December

9am-4pm

St Wilfrid's Primary School

S7 2HE

Scan the QR code or visit
WWW.TheEvoWay.co.uk/RuggerEds





All Things Christmas at St Wilfrid's Primary School 2025



Class Advent Liturgies

Join your child's class for their end of the day Advent prayer time. Please contact Mrs Clack in the school office to book a place. We will limit places to 10 parents per slot so the classroom doesn't get too busy

8 th & 12 th December	Reception Class at 3.00pm
2 nd , 4 th , 8 th & 11 th December	R/Y1 Class at 2.50pm
3 rd , 4 th , 10 th & 11 th December	Y1 Class at 3.00pm
1 st , 3 rd , 5 th & 9 th December	Y2/3 Dove Class at 3.00pm
3 rd , 5 th , 9 th & 12 th December	Y2/3 Swan Class at 3.00pm
4 th & 11 th December	Y4 Class at 3.00pm
4 th & 11 th December	Y4/5 Class at 3.00pm
2 nd , 3 rd & 12 th December	Y5/6 Class at 3.00pm
2 nd , 3 rd & 12 th December	Y6 Class at 3.00pm

Christmas Events

Thurs 4 th December	Advent Mass 9.15am in School – Parents Invited
Fri 5 th December	Non Uniform Day in Exchange for Donations for the Christmas Raffle
Tues 9 th December	Y6 Visit to Lyceum Theatre to see Aladdin
Fri 12 th December	Festival of Cribs – Parents are invited to come and look at the cribs in the school hall from 3.10pm – 3.30pm. We would welcome donations to the Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust via our Just Giving Page https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-wilfrids-primary-school-10
Mon 15 th December	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm School Hall
Thurs 18 th December	Christmas Activity and Craft Day & Non Uniform Day

St Luke's Hospice

To help raise vital funds for St Luke's this year, there will be collection tins at the various performances over the next few weeks and fundraising activities organised by School Parliament.

Thurs 18 th December	Reindeer Races. We would appreciate donations to St Lukes via our Just Giving Page https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-wilfrids-primary-school-11?newPage=true The children to wear PE kit to school, with a festive jumper if they have one.
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Reception Nativity Performances

Tues 9 th December	2.15pm – School Hall
Thurs 11 th December	9.30am – School Hall

Y6 Nativity Performances

Fri 12 th December	Y6 Nativity Rehearsal at Mother of God Church – Morning Only
Thurs 11 th December	Y6 Nativity for Parents – 2.30pm School Hall
Sun 14 th December	10.00am – Mother of God Church

School Christmas Dinner

Wed 10 th December	School Christmas dinner. The children may also wear a Christmas jumper to school [bottom half school uniform]
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Whole School Carol Concerts

Tues 16 th December	Whole School Carol Concert 2.00pm followed by PTA stalls in Y1 classroom & outdoor area 3.30-4.30PM
Wed 17 th December	Whole School Carol Concert 2.00pm followed by PTA stalls in Y1 classroom & outdoor area 3.30-4.30PM

Last Day of Term

Fri 19 th December	School finishes at 12.00 noon. Please collect your child promptly at this time There will be no school lunches served and The Den will not be running
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT ST WILFRID'S





Year Planner 2025/26

December

Week 14	Mon	8 th	Y6 Weighing & Measuring
	Tues	9 th	Y6 Visit to Lyceum Theatre to see Aladdin
			Reception Nativity – 2.15pm School Hall
	Wed	10 th	School Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
	Thurs	11 th	Reception Nativity – 9.30am School Hall
Y6 Nativity – 2.00pm in School Hall			
Fri	12 th	Y6 Nativity Rehearsal at Mother of God Church	
		Festival of Cribs 3.10pm – 3.30pm School Hall	
Week 15	Sun	14 th	Y6 Nativity Performance at Mother of God Church 10.00am
	Mon	15 th	Rock Steady Concert in Hall 2.30pm
	Tues	16 th	Carol Concert 2.00pm [Whole School] followed by PTA stalls in Y1 classroom & outdoor area 3.30-4.30PM
	Wed	17 th	Carol Concert 2.00pm [Whole School] followed by PTA stalls in Y1 classroom & outdoor area 3.30-4.30PM
	Thurs	18 th	Christmas Activity & Craft Day – Non Uniform
	Fri	19 th	Last Day of Autumn Term : School Finishes at 12.00 noon

Christmas Holiday 22nd December - 2nd January




We wish you a Calm Christmas

Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that this time of year can be worrying or challenging for some. We understand that changes to routine, decor and the sensory aspects of Christmas can sometimes be difficult.

This is a reminder to do what works for your child/ren and family.

You don't have to wrap all of the presents, eat a traditional Christmas dinner, go to unfamiliar places, or have lots of visitors in your home.

If you need to refuse an invitation, sit in a quieter room, or bring familiar food, toys, or electronics—know you're doing what's best for your child and that is what matters.

We hope you all have a lovely time over the holidays.




Ideas to help you to prepare

- Make a list of the things that your child will find difficult during the Christmas season.
- Highlight when and where these things may happen - at home/at school.
- Which things can be avoided?
- Which things can you prepare your child for?
- Which activities that your child enjoys can be included into your plans?

Things to include may be:

- Christmas Jumper day at school
- Christmas Party
- School nativity play
- Present unwrapping on Christmas Day
- Visitors during the Christmas period
- Sensory aspects - sight, sounds, smells
- Outings
- Changes to routine/structure.

