



# St Wilfrid's NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/carers,

Your child may have told you about our plans to introduce a whole school 'Golden Time' session after half term. I am writing to give you a bit more information about this and the wider context.

As a staff, we have spent time over the last few months working on formulating some very clear 'Golden Rules' for the children based on our core values. We think that it will be helpful to the children for us to be even more explicit about what we mean when we talk about following our values, and to have some very clear boundaries and expectations. We have thought carefully about the rules, so that they cover the things that we feel are really important in creating and supporting our ethos and a safe, happy, Catholic community. They are all things that are inline with our school vision. These clear rules will help everybody in school to be able to be their best.

This year, we have introduced a 'Personal Development' afternoon in every class. Some of the topics that are covered in this time are emotional literacy and emotional regulation, Personal Social and Health Education lessons, Relationships Education, mental health and wellbeing, Philosophy for Children, and skills around communicating, empathising, respecting other points of view, and critical thinking. Golden Time and the Golden Rules will now also be part of our approach to teaching children how to behave positively, and make a positive contribution to their communities.

## **Golden Time**

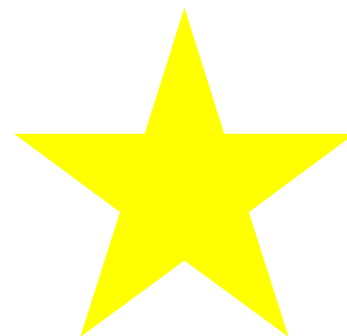
On a Friday afternoon, the whole school will have half an hour of golden time. This is a thank you and recognition for keeping the golden rules and helping our community. Each child will have signed up for an activity earlier in the week, so they will know exactly what they are looking forward to on Friday. Examples of activities include:

- arts and crafts
- sports
- baking
- dance
- drama
- board/card games
- singing
- computer games
- gardening
- lego
- tea/hot chocolate and a chat

If a child breaks one of our golden rules, they will have up to two reminders. If they are still breaking the rule after two reminders, they will lose 5 minutes of their golden time on Friday.

## **Golden Rules**

1. **We are kind and helpful (Faith)**
  2. **We join in with prayer and worship (Faith)**
  3. **We try our best (Aspiration)**
  4. **We work hard (Effort)**
  5. **We do what we are asked by an adult (Effort)**
  6. **We listen well and don't interrupt (Respect)**
  7. **We are gentle and don't hurt anyone (Respect)**
- We look after things and tidy up (Respect)**



We are very excited about starting the golden time sessions, and the children seem to be too. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

### Young Voices Worldwide Wicked Singalong

On Thursday, our school choir joined other choirs from across the world in the Worldwide Wicked Singalong. We sang a medley of songs from Wicked alongside Emma Kingston (Currently Elphaba in the West End) and Young Voices singers live at the O2 in the London as well as choirs joining from across the globe. What a great way to prepare for the Young Voices Concert next week!



## MUSIC LESSONS

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**S CAN TO LEARN MORE**

You did it!  
*Congratulations*



Our Y6 athletics team took part in the second stage of the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at All Saints on Monday. Well done to the whole team! It was a brilliant team performance and it was great to see everyone encouraging each other.

They came 4th out of 8 teams.



First Holy Communion preparation classes for children of Mother of God parish will start after February half term.

They will take place every Thursday after school starting from 5th March. To register your child please let Fr Michael know.

Please clearly write your name on the back on the artwork and hand to your teacher or Mrs Glossop.

**The deadline is the 12th February**

Calling all you wonderful St Wilfrids artists. It's that time of year again to enter



**Here are the categories:**

**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ARTWORKS TO BE SUBMITTED PER SCHOOL**

**PAINTINGS**

Key Stage 1 (up to year 2) 10 paintings Maximum size A4

Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) 10 paintings Maximum size A4

**MIXED MEDIA CATEGORY - UP TO KEY STAGE 2**

Maximum of 10 pieces of work per school. Maximum size A4

**DRAWING CATEGORY - UP TO KEY STAGE 2**

Maximum of 10 pieces of work per school. Maximum size A4

**PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR ARTWORK AND WRITE YOUR NAME, AGE AND CLASS YEAR GROUP ON THE BACK.**

**THE LAST DAY THAT YOU CAN HAND IN YOUR WORK WILL BE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**UNFORTUNATELY, ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ENTERED AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THEM ON.**

The selected winners will be entered into this exhibition



**SHEFFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS**  
Celebrating our 22nd Year !  
**Main Exhibition 2026**  
Friday 24th & Saturday 25th April  
10.00am - 5.00pm 9.30am - 3.30pm  
at the Central United Reformed Church 60 Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB  
Display at 'Art In The Gardens' Early September (Dates tbc)

