



ST WILFRID'S NOVEMBER NEWS

Advent and Christmas in School – Events over the next few weeks

Monday 2nd December – Years 1-6 Panto at Bishop College
 Tuesday 3rd December – Years 5 & 6 Carol service at Church 2.15pm
 Wednesday 4th December – Carol Service at Church 6pm. **Everyone welcome**
 Monday 9th December – Years 3&4 Nativity Play 1.30pm in school
 Wednesday 11th December – First Steps Nativity 2.15pm in school
 Thursday 12th December – Years 1 & 2 Carol service 2.30pm in school
 Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas lunch
 Monday 16th December – Years 3&4 carol singing at the hospital
 Tuesday 17th December – Years 3&4 party
 Wednesday 18th December – Years 5&6 party
 Thursday 19th December – First Steps and Year 1&2 party
 Friday 20th December – Last day of term
 2.30pm End of term Assembly



On Party Days children come to school in their party clothes

Christmas Jumper day – non uniform, if you have one, wear a Christmas jumper.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but wants a Christmas lunch please contact the school office.

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY – SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM



Winter weather.

Please ensure your child has a warm coat each day. Hats, scarves and gloves need to have names on them. If it does snow children need wellie/boots and a change of shoes for indoor use.

Snowy Weather

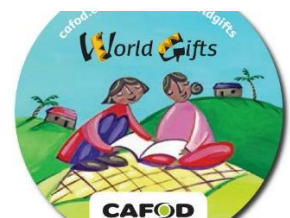
It is extremely unlikely school will every be closed due to snow. If we ever were messages would be sent out on Dojo and notice put on out school website.

Food Bank Collection

Week beginning 2nd December – we will be collecting for the foodbank. We are taking in the normal tins and dried food aswell as any festive items like biscuits or selection boxes.

Just One Card for CAFOD

Instead of everyone buying and sending multiple cards the children will make one care for someone in their class and we will have a giant card in the hall for Christmas messages. We are asking the children to bring in 50p for CAFOD and all money raised will go to buy CAFOD World Gifts.



Lost Property

Our box in the hall is overflowing with items that have been left over this term. If your child is missing items feel free to come and have a look through the box.

Spare Uniform

We have some good quality items of uniform that has been donated. Contact school if you need some extra items.



Online Safety

Attached to this newsletter is our November Online Safety newsletter. It has some general advice on and some specific pieces on Whatsapp and Youtube. We will be organising some information sessions for parents around Online Safety in the Spring term.



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Snacks

The children can bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break. This should be fruit or a cereal bar.



Chocolate bars or bags of sweets are not healthy snacks

At St Wilfrid's, all children have access to **Numbots** and **TTRockstars**. These platforms help the children develop their understanding, recall and fluency in basic maths. They are fun, easy to use and will really help the children with their Maths.



We are running a monthly competition to see which child in each class can log the most minutes on these platforms. Last month our winners were:

Meggan – Year 6

Millie – Year 5

Brianna – Year 4

Alex – Year 3

Bradley – Year 2

Emilia – Year 1.

Please encourage your child to access these platforms at home. If you need any help, contact your child's teacher.

Chill Out

Chill Out Club is daily after school care, offered from 3.30-5.15pm. The children get a snack and play games. Your child can come every day or just once in a while when you need the extra childcare. Cost is £5 per family, please book places with the school office.

Breakfast Club

Open everyday from 7.45am. **£1 per day.**



Year 4 really enjoyed taking part in a Gymnastics Festival at Bishop Barrington this week. They worked on a variety of gymnastics skills and then performed their routine in front of 6 other schools. They did really well and we were very proud of them.

As part of their History studies, Year 3 had a full day, with John from Durham University. We handled and learnt about Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age artefacts.

We learnt about prehistoric people, using a skeleton and even made prehistoric pottery.

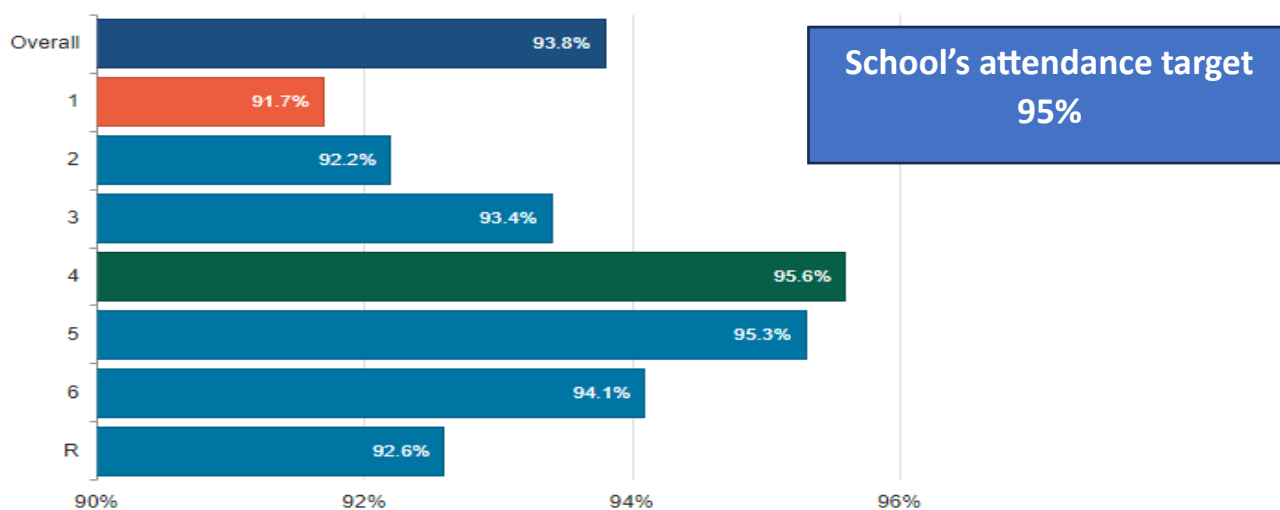


Attendance Matters

Our school attendance is slightly better than this time last year but it's still lower than we'd like.

It's really important that our children are in school online every day and ready to start lessons at 9am. Coming in a few minutes late they can miss important teaching and it can be embarrassing walking into a room after everyone else has started work.

38 children have been late at least once in the month of November.



Under the new guidance 5 days of unauthorised absence over a 10 week period can lead to a referral and possible fine.

If your child is absent someone must inform school by the start of the school day

By email office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk

Phone 01388 603451

Or Class Dojo to Miss Sands

Without a reason the absence can go on record as unauthorised.

Holidays in term time are marked as unauthorised absences, once 5 days have been taken a referral will be made and may lead to a fine.

The 5 days do not need to happen together they can be spread over a term – this can still lead to a referral and possible fine.



**Fixed Penalty Notices for irregular attendance at school
Important information for parents**

1 Overview
Penalty notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution where parents have failed to ensure their child attends school regularly. They can be used in cases where absence has not been authorised by a head teacher. The notices are used to prevent the need for court action, for example, when support has not been engaged with or is not appropriate (for example, leave of absence during term time). **Changes from September 2024 are shown below.**

2 Leave
Head Teachers are unable to grant leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation **would not** constitute an exceptional circumstance.

3 Absence
A Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if there are **5 days / 10 sessions** of absence in a period of **10 school weeks** (where absence has not been authorised).
A notice may be issued where the 5-day level of absence has not been reached, for example, if there are several periods of leave.

4 Amount
Within a 3-year period:
The first penalty notice is **£160** if paid within 28 days, reduced to **£80** if paid within 21 days.
A second penalty notice is **£160** to be paid within 28 days.
A third penalty notice cannot be issued. **Legal action** may result (for example, prosecution).

For further information please see Durham County Council website page on school attendance or email AIT@durham.gov.uk



SCHOOL TERM DATES 24-25

	AUGUST 2024	SEPTEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024	NOVEMBER 2024	DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY 2025
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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	FEBRUARY 2025	MARCH 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025
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Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	
PD Days	