



## January News 2023



Here's our first newsletter of 2023. We've had a lovely start to the new term. It's lovely to see at the children back in school. Winter is definitely with us so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day. Also make sure any all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name.

### Contact Details

Please ensure we have up to date phone and email contacts. If they change please inform school, thanks.

### Class Dojo

We use Class dojo for messages, reminders, class information and celebrations. If you are unable to access it please contact school.

### Attendance

We all know this time of year there are a variety of 'bugs' going round and more children are absent from school due to illness. If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please contact school either by phone, message on Dojo (to Miss Sands) or email [office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:office@stwilfrids.bhcet.org.uk) .

Our school target is to have attendance of at least 95%, by the end of the Autumn term our figure was 92.3%. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last term.

Attendance up to end of December – school target is 95%	
Reception	81%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	92.4%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	93.4%
Well done to Years 6 who they continue to have the best attendance.	

### Punctuality

The school day begins at 9am and all pupils must be in by this time sadly over the Autumn term 361 times, pupils have arrived after 9 o'clock. If they are late they miss the start of lessons and essential teaching. **Please ensure your child is in school by 9am.**

### Parking

Another thank you to all the parents who park on Coney Avenue and walk up to school, this makes such a difference at the start and end of the day.

However we still have parents not following our safety guidance.

Please remember

**Children should not be let out onto the road on the zig zag lines.**

**No one should be stopping beside the First Steps gate.**

**School car park entrance should be clear at all times.**

Also please use our **one way system** – enter Murphy Crescent at our school sign and pass the boxing club on your left hand side. Please pass this message to any family and friends who drive to school.



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### Nursery Places



Is your child 3 years old and ready to start nursery – or do you have friends or family looking for a nursery place -we have nursery places available.

In nursery we nurture and enrich each unique, individual child through playful experiences in a warm, safe, fun and caring environment!

We offer 15 hour sessions which run each morning from 8.45am - 11.45am or an afternoon session each day from 12.15pm -3.15pm.

We also offer 30 hour sessions for those entitled which allows your child to attend Monday to Friday for the school day, term time only.

If you have a child of nursery age or know anyone who would be interested in their child attending please go to the main school office to complete an application form.

### Hot Chocolate Friday

Anyone who is interested 50p for hot chocolate and a biscuit each Friday.

Diary Dates	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Family Mass 11am St Mary's Church
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> January	Inclusion Week
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.30am Mass in school – everyone is welcome
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half term
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evenings
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Safety Week
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for Summer term

### Clothes Collection Box

Please remember we have a clothes bank by the school gates. Anyone having a Spring clean, drop bagged unwanted clothes in the box. The items are recycled and we receive money for school fund.

### Life at St Wilfrid's



# ATTENDANCE

Every School Day Counts!



**5** Minutes late each school day  
=  
**3** school days lost each year



Every day your child is absent impacts on their education and academic achievement

**There is a clear link between attendance and attainment**

<b>95%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>9</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>2</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>50</b> Lessons Missed
<b>90%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>19</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>4</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>100</b> Lessons Missed
<b>85%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>29</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>6</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>150</b> Lessons Missed
<b>80%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>38</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>8</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>200</b> Lessons Missed
<b>75%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>48</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>10</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>250</b> Lessons Missed
<b>70%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>57</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>11.5</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>290</b> Lessons Missed
<b>65%</b> Attendance	↔	<b>67</b> Days Absent	↔	<b>13.5</b> Weeks Absent	↔	<b>340</b> Lessons Missed

**Missing School = Missing Out!**