



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Summer 1



Uniform Focus

Prior to the holidays, we shared an important update on our uniform expectations at St Wilfrid's. A copy of the letter can be found here: [Uniform Update](#)

School uniform plays a key role in creating a positive, focused learning environment. It helps ensure that:

- Pupils feel part of a shared community, with a sense of pride and belonging.
- There is no pressure to wear expensive or branded clothing, reducing distractions and social comparisons.
- The focus stays where it should be — on learning, effort, and personal growth, not appearance.

Uniform also reinforces our shared values of respect, high standards, and unity.

We'd like to praise the vast majority of pupils who consistently meet our uniform expectations every day. Your efforts set a great example and help maintain the high standards we are proud of.

Key Reminders

- Jewellery and trainers are not permitted
- Pupils should wear blazers while moving around the school building unless otherwise advised by staff. They may be removed during break and lunchtime when outside and in classrooms once given permission by staff.

Next week, we will continue to carry out uniform checks each day. Thank you for your support in ensuring all pupils arrive with correct uniform.

Donations

We would really appreciate any donations of gently used school uniform items that your child may no longer need. As children grow quickly, many uniforms are outgrown long before they are worn out, and passing them on can make a real difference to other families in our school community.

If you have any clean and good-quality items—such as blazers, jumpers, trousers, skirts, shirts, or PE kits—we would be very grateful to receive them. Donations can be dropped off at the school office for Miss Fletcher during our usual hours.

If you're experiencing any difficulty in providing school uniform for your child, please feel free to get in touch with us. We have a limited selection of preloved uniform items that may be of help. In addition, South Tyneside Council works in partnership with Churches Together South Shields, the Key Project, and the Salvation Army during the summer holidays to collect, recycle, and distribute school uniforms to families in need.





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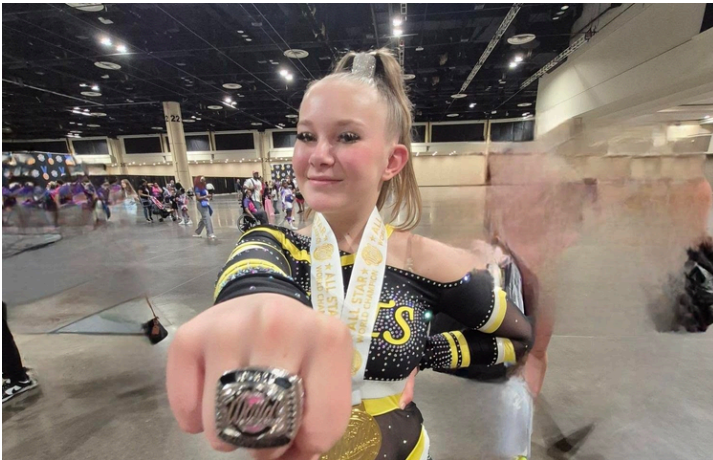
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World Champion!

We are extremely proud to share that one of our pupils has officially become a World Champion after competing at the Cheerleading World Championships with her team!

The team flew all the way to America to compete against the best cheer teams from around the globe and were successful in bringing home the gold.

If you would like us to highlight something your child has achieved please continue to pictures and a summary to celebrate@st-wilfrids.org so we can congratulate them!



Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a full, refillable water bottle.

Staying hydrated is essential for their comfort, concentration, and overall well-being throughout the day.

Pupils can refill their water bottles during break and lunchtime at multiple locations in the school. Please remind them to allow enough time during these periods to do so.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind all families that our school aims to be a nut-free zone. For the safety of pupils with severe allergies, please ensure that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school in packed lunches or snacks.

Thank you for helping us keep all our pupils safe.



As we return to school following the Easter break, we do so in the spirit of renewal and hope that the Resurrection brings. However, this time is also marked by a profound sense of sorrow as we mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a humble shepherd whose compassion, wisdom, and deep commitment to justice have inspired millions around the world.

In our school community, we have taken time this week to reflect on his legacy and pray in gratitude for his life of service to the Church. May his example continue to guide us in faith, kindness, and courage as we move forward together. Let us keep his soul in our prayers and draw strength from our shared belief in the promise of eternal life.

Warm regards,

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