



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 10



LITERACY AT ST WILFRID'S

Literacy Projects

This half term sees the start of three exciting new literacy projects at St. Wilfrid's. These projects are evidence based, and are designed to support pupils in improving their literacy levels. We have 'Fluency For All' where Year 10 pupils gain valuable life skills completing some peer reading coaching with Year 7 pupils. Results so far have been very promising and Year 7 and 10 pupils have been a credit to the school, reporting their enjoyment to sessions. We also have two further projects starting: Fast Forward to Fluency and Talk Boost which will soon be open to Year 8 and 9 pupils- further details to follow!

Library and Enrichment

Our library continues to go from strength to strength. A reminder that it is open to all pupils before school, after school and at lunch times for reading and quiet study. Homework club also takes place in the library after school. Well done to pupils for making the most of this fantastic resource!

We have pupils joining our Poetry By Heart club, debate club (starting next week), our UK-Ukraine Literacy partnership and lots more exciting enrichment activities to follow. Pupils should keep their eyes on PREP for further announcements.

SPARX Reader

We have launched our new reading homework system in English this term: Sparx reader. Pupils can use their school login details / the same login details as they use for Sparx maths. This is an excellent platform that promotes reading progress and reading for pleasure; try some reading with your families using Sparx! There are prizes for the most Sparx Reader Points, which are calculated using information on how many minutes of careful and accurate reading pupils have done. Books on Sparx are tailored to pupils' reading levels and interest levels. Any further questions on Sparx should be directed to your child's English teacher.

Northern Stage

Finally, we have an exciting end of term trip arranged to see Beauty and the Beast at Northern Stage in December. Pupils who regularly attend and put effort into the reading projects above will be invited, with a few tickets available to all KS3 students for completion of Sparx homework/Sparx Reader Points.

PARENT FORUM

This week's Parent Forum was a wonderful opportunity to focus on effective communication between home and school. The session was well-attended, and it was lovely to welcome some new families alongside those already connected to St Wilfrid's through siblings.

The discussions were engaging and constructive, highlighting the shared commitment to working together for the benefit of our children. Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to such a positive and collaborative atmosphere. We are looking forward to working together going forward!





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SHOWCASE AND SHINE

Our fortnightly Showcase and Shine events are a fantastic opportunity for pupils to celebrate their learning.

During break time, pupils proudly shared evidence of their green pen improvement work, demonstrating how they have acted on feedback to make meaningful progress.

This links closely to one of our whole-school priorities this year: strengthening assessment and feedback.

It was wonderful to see pupils reflecting on their learning and taking ownership of their next steps; an important part of building a culture of continuous improvement across the school.

Well done to all the pupils that attended! More information about our next event will be shared in PREP with pupils.

ENRICHMENT

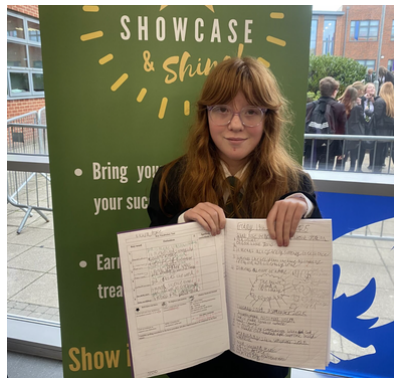
We're excited to introduce additional enrichment opportunities this half term! Highlights include:

- History Research Showcase – Explore a historical topic and present your findings.
- Puzzle Club – Lunchtime fun with puzzles to boost problem-solving skills.
- Arabic Club – Learn basic Arabic words and numbers.
- Dungeons & Dragons – Join our Friday evening storytelling adventure.

We recently asked pupils about their interests and are planning even more enrichment opportunities based on their feedback.

Enrichment is a great way to discover new passions and develop skills beyond the classroom. Please encourage your child to get involved—your support makes a big difference!

[Check out our Enrichment Offer](#)

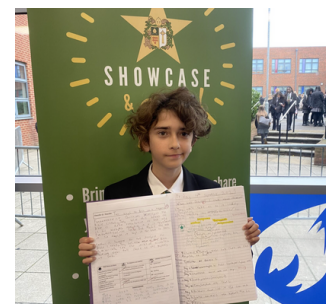
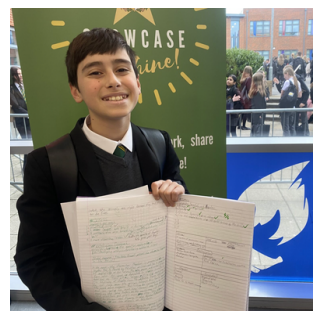


YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder that Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 26th November from 2:45pm to 6:00pm.

This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps as they prepare for their exams.

A letter with full details, including how to book appointments, will be sent via email early next week. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this information.





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FAITH FOCUS

"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."
- Luke 21:19

As we reflect on the words of Jesus in Luke's Gospel, we are reminded that life is not about buildings, possessions, or status, but about trusting in God and standing firm in our beliefs. Perseverance in faith doesn't mean life will be easy, but it does mean we will never face trials alone. As a school community, we are called to live with courage and faith, even when challenges arise.

KEY DATES FOR FAMILIES

Following your feedback, we've compiled a document outlining the key dates for this year.

You can view the document by clicking the link below:

[Key Dates](#)

MEET THE TEACHER

Name: Mrs Edwards

Subject: Head of Business Studies.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I was inspired to become a business teacher after developing a love for the subject here, as a student at St Wilfrid's many years ago. I also come from a family of teachers- so you could say it's in my blood!

What's a fun fact about you that pupils might not know?

I am an identical twin- and the youngest by two minutes! My twin sister is also a teacher, and we're incredibly close.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

When I am not in the classroom, I love spending time with my husband, stepdaughter and our cocker spaniel, Bruno. We enjoy long walks, good food and the occasional shopping trip at the weekend! I also have a real passion for makeup and enjoy keeping up with new trends and products- it's my creative outlet!

Favourite books/movies?

I recently finished reading The Diary of a CEO and The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins. I enjoy books that encourage reflection and help me see things from a fresh perspective. When it comes to films, I'm a big fan of the greats- the BAFTA-nominated films and anything that makes you think or feel deeply. And, of course, I can never resist a good true-crime documentary!

I am incredibly proud of our pupils for their participation in the recent Remembrance events. Many represented our school in local parades and ceremonies, showing great respect and maturity throughout. On Tuesday, the entire school observed the silence with an impressive sense of dignity and thoughtfulness; creating a truly moving moment of reflection. Thank you to everyone who helped make these acts of remembrance so meaningful.

It was also a pleasure to meet some of our families at our first Parent Forum event. We look forward to working together to continue strengthening our school community. As always, your feedback and support are greatly appreciated.

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