



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 13



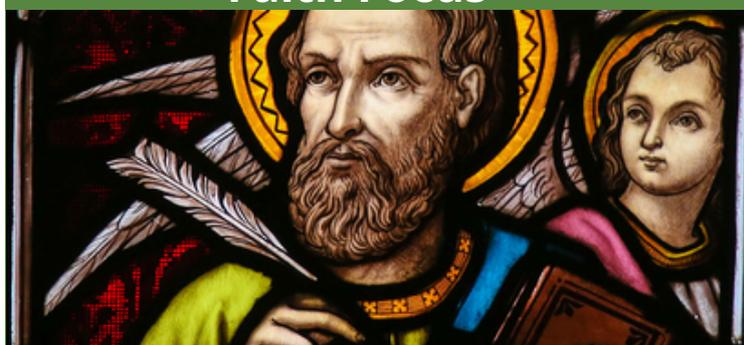
Easter Celebrations

Next Thursday we will be celebrating Easter by joining together as year groups to worship together. We are pleased that Fr Anthony will be joining us.

On Thursday all pupils will also be participating in our Big Lenten Walk. As part of our school's commitment to supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2026, all pupils will take part in a short reflective walk around the perimeter of the school. This walk reminds us that many communities around the world still have to travel long distances each day to collect clean, safe water, and it helps us stand in solidarity with them.

During this time, pupils are encouraged to walk, talk, and reflect on how our actions, both individually and as a school community, can help make a positive difference. Each step we take today connects us with CAFOD's mission to bring life-saving water to families in need and to build a fairer world for everyone.

Faith Focus



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

- Matthew 21:9

As we enter Holy Week, the Gospel of Palm Sunday reminds us of the moment Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with joy and hope. That same spirit guides us in school as we strive to welcome Christ into our daily work through the way we speak, the way we support one another, and the way we encourage every young person to flourish.

Arbor Pay

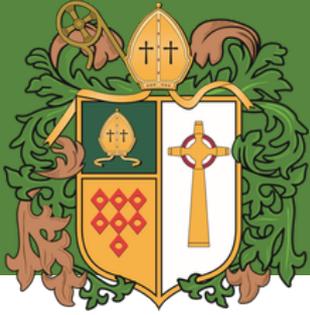
A reminder to all families that we are moving to Arbor Pay. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app.

If you require support, please contact reception who would be glad to assist you: admin@st-wilfrids.org

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Year 12 Parents' Evening takes place on Monday. Please note; school **does not close early** for KS5 Parents' Evenings. Families can find more information here:

[Letter Link](#)



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A Farewell to Mr Price

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Price, as he leaves us to take up an exciting new post in another school. While we are sad to see him go, we are incredibly proud of all he has achieved during his time at St Wilfrid's and the difference that he has made to so many pupils over the last 16 years.

Throughout his leadership, he has made a significant and lasting impact on our school community. Mr Price's dedication has enriched the experience of pupils, staff, and families alike. His energy, warmth, and unwavering commitment to the children have been truly valued.

As we look ahead, we are pleased to share that Mrs L Old and Mrs R Maxwell will be stepping into key areas of his work to ensure a smooth and seamless transition. They are already working closely with him to continue the strong foundations he has helped to build.

We would like to thank him for his hard work, his vision, and the many contributions he has made over the years. He leaves with our deepest appreciation and very best wishes as he begins this exciting new chapter in his career.

On behalf of the whole school community, we wish him every success and happiness in his new post.

Uniform Reminder

As we approach the Easter holidays, we know many of you will be refreshing uniforms and replacing items that may have been outgrown.

We are very proud of how smart our pupils look in their uniforms, and it plays an important role in fostering a sense of pride, equality and belonging within our school community. Please ensure that all items purchased over the holidays meet our uniform requirements.

For further details about our uniform policy, please click the following link: [Uniform Information](#)

We also ask that you check PE requirements, as pupils are expected to wear the correct kit for each of their lessons. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that all pupils return to us after the holidays dressed appropriately and ready to learn.



Safety Reminder

To help us keep all children safe throughout the school day, please remember that families must not enter the school car park. All pupils should be dropped off at a safe alternative location.

This area is strictly for staff and authorised vehicles only as many of our staff and pupils travel between buildings over the course of the school day.

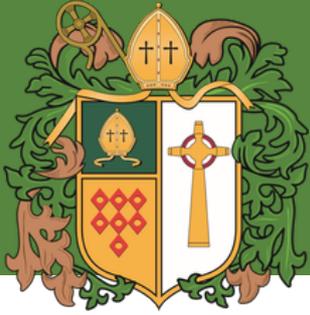
We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our site safe and ensuring that all pupils can move around the school grounds without risk.

Rowing Success

Well done to our pupils who competed in a recent rowing competition! What a brilliant performance with sheer grit and determination from them all:

Edward - Bronze in Year 8 boys
Robyn - Gold in Year 7 girls
Nia - Bronze in Year 8 girls
Maisie - Gold in Year 9 girls





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Curriculum Information

We are pleased to share that our curriculum pages have now been updated to provide families with a clearer and more comprehensive overview of what pupils are learning in every subject.

One of our key priorities this year is to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring families feel fully informed and confident in supporting their child's learning journey.

The updated pages set out the knowledge, skills, and vocabulary pupils will be developing, as well as how learning progresses across the year and how pupils will be assessed. Our aim is to make the curriculum more accessible and transparent so that you can see not only what your child is learning, but also why it matters and how it connects to future learning.

We hope these improvements will make it easier for families to follow classroom content, celebrate successes, and support learning at home. We will continue to refine these pages over time, and we welcome any feedback that helps us make them even more useful for our school community.

Our curriculum information can be found here:

[Curriculum Pages](#)

Meet the Teacher: Mrs Snaith

Name: Mrs Snaith



What subject do you teach?

I teach Geography, and I'm also part of the pastoral team, supporting Miss Close with the running of Bede House – which, of course, is the BEST house!

What inspired you to become a teacher? After finishing university, I moved back to the North East from Liverpool and worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for a few years. During that time, I realised how much I enjoyed working in a varied role where I could support people to grow and develop. My favourite part of teaching is seeing that moment when a student makes progress and reaches their full potential.

What's a fun fact about you that students might not know? I lived in Liverpool for three years and even considered staying after university-just don't ask me anything about their football team! I can also play the piano; I was taught from the age of 6 to 18, although I don't play as often now.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? I love travelling. This summer, I've planned a road trip across the Rockies in Canada. Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy reading and watching the latest films at the cinema. I also swim regularly-it's the perfect calm end to a busy school day. Favourite books or movies? My favourite author is Shirley Jackson, and I wrote my university dissertation on her gothic novels. I also love classics such as *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf.

It has been a pleasure visiting so many lessons over the past few days. I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm of our pupils and the dedication of our staff, and it is always a privilege to see such purposeful learning taking place across the school.

As we enter the final week of this term, I want to thank families for your continued support. A strong partnership between school and home is vital to the success of our pupils, and it has been wonderful to meet so many of you at our curriculum evenings and parents' evenings over the past term.

Warm regards,

C Lennox Headteacher 27/03/26

