



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 6



BISHOP STEPHEN VISITS ST WILFRID'S

St Wilfrid's was delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen Wright this week for a memorable visit that brought our school community together.

Bishop Stephen spent the morning visiting a number of Religious Education lessons, where pupils had the opportunity to share their learning, ask questions, and discuss how they can put their faith into action.

This was followed by a Q&A session, during which pupils asked a wide range of questions about the Bishop's faith journey, his role in the diocese, and how young people can live out their values in everyday life.

During a tour of the school, Bishop Stephen met with staff and pupils across different departments, gaining a flavour of daily life at St Wilfrid's.

One of the highlights of the day was the official opening of our new food bank: The Pantry at St Wilfrid's. Bishop Stephen blessed the pantry and commended the school community for its commitment to supporting families in need and living out the Gospel message of compassion.

The visit concluded with a shared lunch with staff and pupils, giving everyone a further chance to speak with Bishop Stephen about life at St Wilfrid's and our school community.

We are grateful to Bishop Stephen Wright for spending the morning with us, for his encouragement, and for the warmth he showed to every member of our school community. His visit was both inspiring and deeply appreciated, reminding us all of the importance of service, faith, and community.





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YEAR 5 TRANSITION EVENT

This week we were delighted to welcome all of our Year 5 feeder primary schools from across the Trust for an extended transition morning at St Wilfrid's.

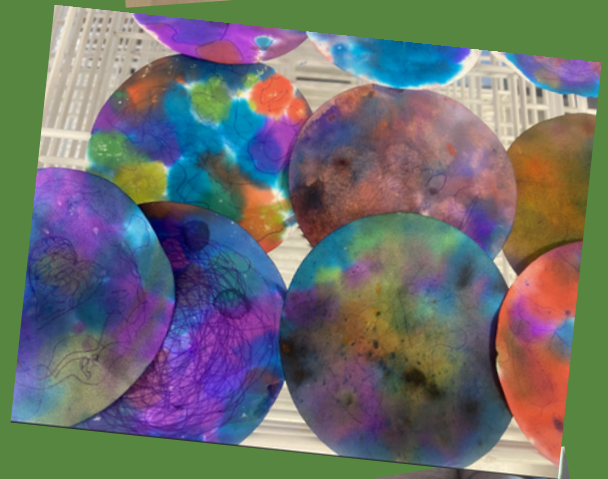
The visit offered pupils a vibrant and hands-on introduction to life at St Wilfrid's, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they explored new subjects and met staff and our new team of Transition Ambassadors!

During their time with us, pupils took part in two exciting taster lessons. In Science, they stepped into the world of physics, working to design and build their own marshmallow catapults.

Over in art, pupils explored the vibrant, science-inspired work of Klari Reis, an artist known Pupils experimented with petri dishes of their own, using glue and inks to mimic her layered, organic forms.

Our newly appointed Transition Ambassadors were exceptional throughout the morning. They guided pupils around the school, chatted to them about life at St Wilfrid's, and helped them feel welcome.

Overall, it was a fantastic morning, and we were thrilled to hear so many Year 5 pupils say how much fun they had. We look forward to welcoming them back as part of their continued transition journey.





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FAITH FOCUS



"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law...I have come..to fulfil them."
- Matthew 5:17

In this Gospel Jesus tells us that He has come not to replace God's teaching but to bring it to its fullness. He reminds us that faith is more than knowing what is right, it is about living those values with truth and integrity. When our pupils act with honesty, fairness, and kindness, they take small but meaningful steps in living out the fullness of God's teaching.

MOBILE PHONE REMINDER

Why Time Without Phones Matters

It is important for pupils to spend part of their day free from mobile phone distractions.

Being without a phone helps pupils:

- Stay focused and ready to learn in lessons
- Build stronger friendships, through face-to-face conversations
- Reduce stress, as constant notifications can be overwhelming
- Be present in school life and engage more fully with activities and classmates

A phone-free environment supports better wellbeing and creates a calmer, more respectful atmosphere for everyone in our school.

We would like to remind all pupils that mobile phones must not be seen or used anywhere inside the school building. This includes corridors, classrooms, social spaces, and during lesson changeovers.

Phones should be switched off and kept securely in bags from the moment pupils enter the building until they leave at the end of the day.

Any pupil who has their phone out in school will have it confiscated. Confiscated phones will be kept safely in the school office and returned at the end of the school day.

I'd like to thank all of our pupils for their patience and good spirits during this week's very wet weather. I know it hasn't been ideal being indoors for breaks and lunchtimes, but you've handled it brilliantly and shown real maturity.

Hopefully the rain eases off soon so you can all enjoy getting back outside, taking part in activities, and making the most of our outdoor spaces once again.

I also want to extend a special well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils, who have been sitting their Prelim Exams throughout the week. You have conducted yourselves superbly; calm, focused, and determined. These exams can feel challenging, but the effort, resilience and preparation you've shown will stand you in very good stead as we approach the next stages of the school year. Your teachers and I are incredibly proud of the way you've risen to the occasion.

As we head into the final week of this half term, I encourage everyone to keep up the positive attitude and hard work we've seen so far. Let's finish the half-term strongly, supporting one another, and looking forward to a well-earned break!

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