



# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 4



## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

This week we have been celebrating European Day of Languages at St Wilfrid's.

Our fabulous school canteen made sure pupils enjoyed a European feast!

Pupils have also gathered in worship to appreciate how speaking different languages helps us communicate with others and understand different cultures as well as contributing to a diverse Europe, United Kingdom and school community.

Did you know our St Wilfrid's school community speaks 37 different languages?

Our Home, Heritage and Community Languages are incredibly varied and include: Portuguese, Yoruba, Kurdish, Bengali, Spanish, Arabic, French, Urdu, Malayalam, Igbo, Persian and Polish. And that's only sharing 12 with you!

Can you find your language below?

2025: *Les langues ouvrent nos cœurs et nos esprits !*

*Celebrem o Dia Europeu das Línguas connosco!*

2025: *¡Los idiomas abren corazones y mentes!*

*Europejski Dzień Języków – świętuj razem z nami!*

2025: *Мови - це ключі до людських сердець і думок!*

*Avrupa Diller Gününü Bizimle Kutlayın!*

## FAITH FOCUS

"...who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free... The Lord will reign forever."

— Psalm 145:7-10

This scripture reminds us of God's constant compassion and fairness. As a school community we aim to reflect these qualities by supporting one another, encouraging our pupils and fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and included.



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## SAFEGUARDING UPDATES



LIFE 360

We have become aware of a rising trend on the LIFE 360 app where pupils are joining online "circles" that share their location with everyone in the group.

Please keep an eye on your child's online activity to ensure they're not sharing their location with strangers.

Please see the life360 guidance on leaving circles: [guidance](#).

### Pupil Friendly Safeguarding

For a pupil friendly version of our safeguarding policy, please click here: [safeguarding](#).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Please find below an outline of key dates and school events for families for the remainder of the term. Further details regarding each event will be communicated in due course.

Event	Audience	Date
Year 5 and 6 open evening	Prospective Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 5-6:30
Year 10 Curriculum Evening	Year 10 pupils and their families	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 5-6
Sixth Form Open Evening	Year 11 pupils and their families	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 5-6:30
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Year 11 pupils and their families	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2:45-6
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Year 13 pupils and their families	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 3:30-6

## RAISING READERS

Last week, we officially launched our newly revamped school library and what a fantastic start it was! Pupils took part in a fun and engaging quiz, with golden tickets awarded for standout entries and a few lucky winners chosen at random. This week, those golden ticket holders were treated to a special reward: delicious hot chocolate and cookies served in our amazing sixth form café.

Our library is now open daily:

- Before school: 8:15-8:40
- Lunchtime
- After school: until 4:30

We look forward to welcoming even more pupils to explore, read, and enjoy everything our library has to offer.







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## SHOWCASE AND SHINE

Last Friday marked a fantastic start to our academic year with the first Showcase and Shine event!

We were absolutely delighted to see so many of our pupils proudly presenting their work, each piece reflecting the dedication and excellence that define our St Wilfrid's Standard.

Pupils from every year group brought along examples of their learning, and it was wonderful to see such a rich variety of work from across our departments. From beautifully presented books to creative projects, the event was a true celebration of hard work and achievement.

We're already looking forward to next week's Showcase and Shine! If any pupils would like to take part, all they need to do is bring a book that they feel demonstrates their effort and progress in lessons. We can't wait to see what they choose to share!

Let's keep celebrating success together!



## SEND AT ST WILFRID'S

We are pleased to inform you that all SEN review invitations will now be sent through Arbor, using the Parent Consultation feature. This new system allows for a more streamlined and accessible way for families to book appointments for SEN reviews.

We've had excellent engagement from our Year 11 families this week and would like to thank them for their continued support. We look forward to speaking with all parents and carers over the coming weeks as we continue to work together to support every student's progress and wellbeing.

Parents and carers are kindly asked to check the Arbor Parent App and book appointments as they become available for your child's year group.

Year 10 reviews: Week beginning 29th September (appointment booking is now live)

Year 9 reviews: Week beginning 6th October

Year 8 reviews: Week beginning 13th October

Year 7 reviews: Scheduled after half term

Please keep an eye on Arbor for notifications letting you know when appointment booking goes live for your child's year group.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Dugdale and Miss King

As we head into the weekend, I want to take a moment to reflect on another fantastic week at school.

This week, we had the pleasure of hosting our Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening, which was a truly special event. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our pupils and their families into school, and to share insights into the exciting journey ahead for Year 11. The evening was filled with meaningful conversations, thoughtful questions, and a real sense of partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the warm, supportive atmosphere.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly preparing for our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October. This is a key moment in our school calendar, and we're thrilled to be welcoming prospective pupils and their families to explore what makes our school such a vibrant and nurturing place to learn. Staff and students are working hard behind the scenes to showcase our curriculum, facilities, and the strong sense of community that defines us.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It means so much to us, and it's what helps make our school such a special place.

Mrs C Lennox 26/9/25



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