



# HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Spring 5



## SCHOOL LIBRARY

Our school library continues to be a vibrant and welcoming space at the heart of our school community.

We are open every morning, as well as at breaktime and lunchtime. Pupils are encouraged to visit with their friends to enjoy some quiet reading time. After school, the library remains open for study and enrichment.

Miss Colman is always on hand to support pupils in choosing books that will inspire, challenge and engage them. In addition to our wide range of reading materials, laptops are also available for pupils to use to complete their online homework.

The library is also where our Homework Club runs Tuesday-Friday, providing a supportive environment for pupils to stay on track with their learning.

Alongside this, a number of interventions take place daily, including our fantastic paired reading scheme which brings together pupils in Year 7 and Year 10 to build confidence, fluency and a love of reading across the school.

We are always looking to expand our collection of books and would be grateful for any donations. If you have any books that you think would be suitable for our library, please drop them off at main reception.



## MEET THE TEACHER

**Name:** Miss Colman

**What is your role at St Wilfrid's?** I am an HLTA with responsibility for literacy and also the school's librarian.

**How many years have you been at St Wilfrid's?**

Almost 4 years! I first started at St Wilfrid's when I was 18 as an apprentice TA then I became qualified as a level 3 TA.

I am now working towards my HLTA qualification.

**What inspired you to work in schools?**

I love to help children learn and find their happiest place in the world. I also enjoy helping pupils reach their potential and helping them to engage with reading.

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

I have a grade 3 in tap and grade 4 in ballet.

**What do you like to do when you're not working?**

I love taking long walks with my two dogs Vader and Frankie.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Dancing, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

**Favourite books/movies?**

I love the heartstopper series, I also love graphic novels. Pride and Prejudice is on my reading list! My favourite movie series has got to be the Mission Impossible series.

**What's your favourite way to spend a weekend?**

My favourite way to spend my weekend has got to be curled up with a hot drink reading a book and researching which titles to add to our collection at St Wilfrid's!



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## FAITH FOCUS



Let your light shine before others."  
- Matthew 5:16

In this Gospel, Jesus encourages us to let our good works be seen. Each day in school, we witness this quiet light; kindness between pupils, patience in busy corridors, or a teacher encouraging someone to keep going. These small acts brighten our community and show what it means to live out the Gospel values in everyday life.

## ENRICHMENT

Attached to this week's letter is a copy of this term's Enrichment Timetable. We have lots of new enrichment opportunities available to pupils this term including: History Mysteries, Typing Club and a whole host of new sports.

## VISIT FROM BISHOP STEPHEN



Next week, we are delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen Wright to St Wilfrid's!

As a Catholic school, our mission is rooted in the Gospel call to love, show dignity and compassion while serving our community. It is therefore a real joy that Bishop Stephen will join us to officially open The Pantry at St Wilfrid's, our new foodbank created to support individuals and families within our local community.

The Pantry is an expression of our Catholic values in action. It reflects our commitment to serve others, especially the most vulnerable, and to help build a community where everyone is cared for and supported.

We are grateful to Bishop Stephen for blessing this important step in our mission of faith-filled service.

It has been a pleasure visiting so many lessons this week and seeing our pupils engaging so positively in their learning.

I would also like to thank them for their calm and orderly conduct during the recent run of wet breaks and lunchtimes; their maturity has been greatly appreciated. As we move further into a period of miserable weather, please can I remind all pupils to bring a coat each day so that we can make the most of being outdoors whenever the weather allows!

Finally, I want to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck as they begin their prelim examinations. We are proud of their hard work and commitment, and we are all rooting for them.

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# ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE - SPRING TERM

## BEFORE SCHOOL

### MONDAY

Breakfast Club Saints Cafe  
8:15-8:40

### TUESDAY

Breakfast Club Saints Cafe  
8:15-8:40

### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Club Saints Cafe  
8:15-8:40

### THURSDAY

Breakfast Club Saints Cafe  
8:15-8:40

### FRIDAY

Breakfast Club Saints Cafe  
8:15-8:40

## AFTER SCHOOL

### TUESDAY

Orchestra Practice  
MU1  
Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau

Homework Club  
Library  
Miss Colman

Badminton Club  
Sports Hall  
Mrs Nuttall

### WEDNESDAY

Band Practice  
MU1  
Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau

KS3 Girls Football  
MUGA  
Mr C Smith

Homework Club  
Library  
Miss Colman

### THURSDAY

Netball Club  
MUGA  
Mrs Nuttall/Miss McCaffery

GCSE Computer Science  
Coding Club  
IT2  
Dr Henderson

Homework Club  
Library  
Miss Colman

Anime Club  
MFL 4  
Mrs Masters

### FRIDAY

Homework Club  
Library  
Miss Colman

Dungeons and Dragons Club  
M6+  
Mr Robinson

Badminton Club  
Sports Hall  
Mrs Nuttall

# ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE - SPRING TERM

## LUNCHTIME

### MONDAY

Dodgeball Active Lunch  
Veitch Hall  
Mrs Jensen

Basketball Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr Riddle

Table Tennis Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr C Smith

Choir Practice  
MU1  
Mrs Tolan/Mrs Lau

KS4 Study Space  
Maths Classrooms  
Miss Tennet

ICT Club  
IT2  
Dr Henderson

### TUESDAY

Dodgeball Active Lunch  
Veitch Hall  
Miss McGhie

Basketball & Table Tennis  
Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr C Smith

KS4 Study Space  
Maths Classrooms  
Miss Tennet

Multi Faith Craft Club  
RE1  
Miss Chambers/Miss McNeill

### WEDNESDAY

Chess Club  
SC3  
Mr A Smith

Dodgeball Active Lunch  
Veitch Hall  
Mr C Smith/Miss McGhie

Basketball & Table Tennis  
Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr Riddle/Mr C Smith/Miss McGhie

Girls ICT Club  
IT2  
Dr Henderson

KS4 Study Space  
Maths Classrooms  
Miss Tennet

Arabic Club (Week 2/B)  
MFL2  
Madame Riad

UK Ukraine Partnership Project  
E6  
Mrs Moore

Poetry By Heart Club (Week 1/A)  
E4  
Miss Riddell

Debate Club (Week 2/B)  
E4  
Miss Riddell

Film Club  
E8+  
Mr Hill and Dr Cummins

Sparx Reader Club  
Library  
Miss Gibbons

History Mysteries  
H4  
Mr Kelly

### THURSDAY

STEM Club  
SC9  
Miss Trueman

Dodgeball Active Lunch  
Veitch Hall  
Mrs Jensen

Basketball & Table Tennis  
Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr C Smith

Youth SVP  
Chaplain's Office  
Mrs Gregory

KS4 Study Space  
Maths Classrooms  
Miss Tennet

Puzzle Club  
E6  
Mrs Moore

The Art of Henna Club  
SC6  
Sixth Form Leader

Typing Club  
IT2  
Mrs McGinty

### FRIDAY

Safe Space  
H6  
Miss Close

Dodgeball Active Lunch  
Veitch Hall  
Miss McGhie

Basketball & Table Tennis  
Active Lunch  
Sports Hall  
Mr Manuel/Mr Taylor

KS4 Study Space  
Maths Classrooms  
Miss Tennet

Year 7 and Year 8 RE on the  
Screen  
RE4+  
Mrs Lisgo