

ST WILFRID'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A WORD FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our nursery children - as they all begin settling into their new environment. We are so proud of how confidently they have explored the classroom, made new friends, and started to learn the daily routines. Their smiles, curiosity, and enthusiasm have made for a very positive start. Miss Gordon, Mrs Morrow, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Moss are ever so proud of them, especially their movement into the main school building for their lunch – a joy to watch!

ATTENDANCE

This week: 95.5% Target: 96%

Star class: Reception 2, 98.3% - WELL DONE!

Attendance is most successful when we work together. By ensuring your child attends regularly, you are giving them the best opportunity to learn, build friendships, and thrive. Please see the guide on the next page to understand what attendance percentages mean and the impact absence can have on your child's education.

CHRISTIAN VALUE — GENEROSITY (from Mrs Melody)

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

This week, we have learnt about how we can show generosity through our donations for Harvest Festival. Donations will go to Wythenshawe Foodbank. Urgent Items: Sugar, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Long-life Milk, Adult / Children's Shampoo, Toothpaste and Gel or Soaps, Custard / Rice Pudding.

CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Our #Thrive Celebrations start on Monday. Therefore, this week, we would love to celebrate our Year 6 Leadership Team. Their efficiency, dedication since we returned to school, responsibility and positive attitude is making a difference already to our Worship Times and showing what great leadership looks like. We are incredibly proud of you – keep this up: Elijah, Yousuf, Elena, Aelita, Dylan and Robyn.
- Have you got any community, academic sporting achievements to share with the school community to celebrate? So, we can recognise these as well, please do email our office, so these can be celebrated and shared: office@thrive-stw.com

ONE THING TO TALK ABOUT AT TEATIME

ASK YOUR CHILD: How did you show generosity this week at school? Did anyone show generosity to you?

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: ONLINE SAFETY (from Mrs Hellier)

Tip: If your child has access to a mobile phone or tablet, make time to talk about online safety. Encourage them to keep personal information private, think carefully before sharing photos or messages, and always tell a trusted adult if something online worries them.

Remember: "If in doubt, check it out with a trusted adult."

Thank you for helping us keep children safe both online and offline.

IMMEDIATE DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Thursday 17th September** — Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid's Church (earlier this year due to Rev. Andrew going on Sabbatical – please let class teachers know if you can help to walk classes to and back from Church. More information from Mrs Melody next week.
- **Monday 5th October – Wednesday 7th October** – Year 6 Residential

School Attendance: Parent & Carer Guide

Understanding absence targets, impact, and support for your child

95.5% School Attendance (2025–26)	96.0% School Target	~1 Day Gap per child / year
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1. What Attendance % Means in Days Missed (190 School Days/Year)

Attendance	Days Missed	Impact Level
100%	0 days	Best Progress
96% (Target)	~7.5 days	Good Attendance Target
95.5% (Our School)	~8.5 days	Current School Average
90% (Warning)	19 days	Persistently Absent (4 weeks missed!)

2. Authorised vs. Unauthorised Absence

Authorised (Approved)	Unauthorised (Not Approved)
• Genuine illness reported promptly • Medical / dental appointments • Approved exceptional circumstances • Recognized religious observance	• Term-time holidays not agreed by school • Absence with no reason / unaccepted reason • Persistent late arrival after register closes • Truancy or avoidable days off

3. Threshold for Formal Action

National Guidance Trigger: Schools must consider formal action once a child reaches **10 sessions (5 school days)** of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10-school-week window.

4. How We Support You & Formal Escalation

Step 1	Early Support: We work with families to solve issues. <i>Almost all cases resolved here!</i>
Step 2	Notice to Improve: Written 3–6 week window to engage with support and improve.
Step 3	Penalty Notice (Fine): £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days).
Step 4	Repeat Offences: 2nd notice flat £160. 3rd notice leads to legal intervention/prosecution.

We Are Here To Help — Talk To Us Early!

If anything makes attendance difficult (illness, transport, anxiety, family circumstances), please contact us as early as possible. We are here to support your child and work together before formal steps are needed.