

# #Belonging Bulletin

Week Ending 13.03.2026

This week has been British Science Week!

This has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to deepen their curiosity, ask thoughtful questions and develop a real enthusiasm for the world around them. This year's theme, Water and Sustainability, encouraged all children from Nursery to Year 6 to explore how precious water is as a resource and to think about the choices we make in our everyday lives. One striking observation was how few children brought a reusable water bottle to school, with many still arriving with single-use plastic bottles. The children themselves have recognised that this needs to change—and now we need the support of our parents and carers to help them take the next step. By switching to reusable bottles, you can help reinforce the thinking happening in school and support our shared commitment to sustainability. Together, we can build the habits and mindsets that will truly make a difference for our planet. Huge thanks to Mrs Argles, our Science lead for organising, inspiring and raising awareness here.

## Attendance

**Whole School Attendance for the week beginning 02.03.2026 was 95.88%.**

A major part of my role is to improve attendance, and I know myself and the staff can do more. I can't apologise that I am relentless about attendance and why we only allow phone calls around attendance so that you can speak to our office staff and work out what we can do to support. Last week and certainly this week, there has been a spike in sickness and high temperatures. Staff are focusing on hand washing throughout the day to combat this. A reminder though, as per NHS guidance, it is fine to send your child to school with a slight cough or cold, as long as they're otherwise well. Illness is the biggest reason for school absence, and we completely understand some illnesses are unavoidable, the NHS provides clear guidance on when children are well enough to attend school.

**Please do view Arbor** so you can see your child's attendance, so you know where your child is at! If you need any help or support, please do speak to us. Missing even one day each week means a child is missing out on 20% of their education, making it harder to keep up with classwork and maintain friendships.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this many lessons missed
95%	9	2	50
90%	19	4	100
85%	29	6	150
80%	38	8	200

## British Science Week

This week, we have been celebrating **British Science Week** in school. Our whole-school focus centred around the big question: "Can Water Last Forever?" Each phase explored a different question linked to water and sustainability.

### EYFS - What is water used for?

The children investigated a range of uses for water, including washing dolls and clothes, sailing boats linked to transport, watering plants, and using water as part of a drinks station.

### KS1 - Where does water come from?

The children explored different sources of water and how it reaches our homes. They also discussed the River Mersey and its impact on the local area.

### LKS2 - How can we look after water?

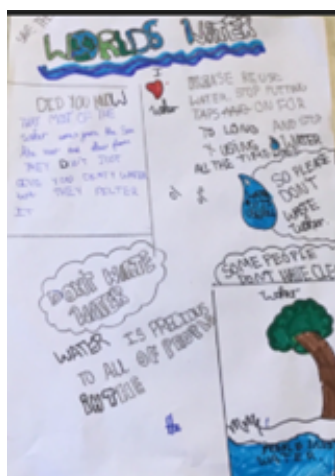
The children learned simple but effective ways to save water, such as using water butts and turning taps off while cleaning. They also wrote persuasive letters to local companies requesting donations of water butts for our school grounds.

### UKS2 - Can water be reused?

The children explored how water can be treated and recycled, linking this learning to their science topic: Properties and Changes of Materials (reversible and irreversible changes).

Did you know that **using a reusable water bottle can save up to £360 per year?** Reusable bottles also reduce the number of single-use plastic bottles ending up in landfills and oceans, cut down the fossil fuels needed for manufacturing and transport, and help protect marine life from plastic pollution.

**As a school, we would really appreciate your support in ensuring that all children bring a reusable or refillable water bottle to school each day.**



## Cross Country 7th March

What an amazing cross country event last weekend! Pupils showed incredible determination and spirit throughout the races. Special congratulations to **Maddison Entwistle**, who finished an impressive **3rd** in the Year 5/6 girls' race, **Max Kulcsar**, who placed **41st** in the Year 3/4 boys' race, and **Matilda Costello**, who came **33rd** in the Year 3/4 girls' race.

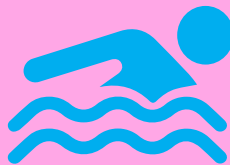
A huge well done to our runners for giving it their all when representing St Wilfrid's!



## SWIMMING SUCCESS!

We are delighted with the success of the ongoing swimming lessons in our pop-up pool at school. Pupils have shown fantastic enthusiasm and confidence, developing valuable swimming skills in a safe and familiar environment.

Thank you to our staff, instructors, and families for their support in making this such a positive experience for all.



# ONLINE SAFETY

A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion. By maintaining an open dialogue with your child and encouraging them to talk to you about their internet use, parents and carers can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online.

## Conversation starter ideas

- 1 Ask your children to tell you about what they enjoy doing online and their favourite apps, games or websites.
- 2 Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is okay and not okay to share?
- 3 Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
- 4 Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
- 5 Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?

### Talking about difficult topics

Often children and young people can see the internet as a source of information and knowledge when they have important questions about their lives, bodies and the world around them and their internet use can raise the need to have a conversation about some sensitive topics

We understand that talking about these issues can be a daunting prospect for many parents and carers but it is important to remember that you are the best people for your children to talk to. Below you can find links to some great organisations with more advice on how to tackle these difficult topics.

# Where to go for further support



**Family Lives – Support with all aspects of family life**

Website



**YoungMinds – Parent's Guide To Support – Self Harm**

Website



**Supporting young people with mental health and wellbeing – Parents Survival Guide**

Website



**NSPCC – Advice for talking about difficult topics**

Website



**NSPCC – Let children know you are listening**

Website

<p>Mar 2026</p>	<p><b>Monday 23rd March:</b> Down syndrome Day (Odd Socks)  <b>Wednesday 25th March:</b> Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 7pm)  <b>Thursday 26th March:</b> Church (Easter Service). Parent Helpers-leave school at 8:50am for 9:15am Service  <b>Thursday 26th March:</b> Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 5pm)  <b>Tuesday 31st March:</b> at 8:50am – Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>Apr 2026</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 1st April:</b> Spelling Bee Final (Cluster School Event) at Sandilands Primary School  <b>Wednesday 1st April:</b> PTA Event – <i>Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggstravaganza from 2pm.</i>  <b>Wednesday 1st April:</b> Break Up for Easter Holidays  <b>Wednesday 15th April:</b> Back to School  <b>Tuesday 28th April:</b> at 8:50am – Year 1 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>May 2026</p>	<p><b>Monday 4th May:</b> Bank Holiday - School Closed  <b>Thursday 7th May:</b> at 8:50am – Reception 1 Celebration Assembly  <b>Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May:</b> KS2 SATs Week  <b>Week Beginning 18th May:</b> Sustainability Week  <b>Thursday 21st May:</b> Church (Whitsun Service)  <b>Friday 22nd May:</b> Break up For Half Term</p>
<p>Jun 2026</p>	<p><b>Monday 8th June:</b> Back to School  <b>Monday 8th – Friday 12th June:</b> Year 4 Multiplication Tables Official Check  <b>Monday 8th – Friday 12th June:</b> Year 1 Phonics Screening Check  <b>Wednesday 17th June:</b> Sports Day (Nursery – Year 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 – 10:20am – KS2 – Year 3 to 6</li> <li>• 10:30 – 11:30am – EYFS – Nursery and Reception</li> <li>• 2 – 3pm – KS1 – Year 1 and 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday 25th June:</b> Reception 2 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>Jul 2026</p>	<p><b>Thursday 9th July:</b> Nursery Celebration Assembly  <b>Friday 10th July:</b> Rocksteady Concert – 2pm– 2pm for a 2:15pm start  <b>Monday 20th July:</b> Church (Leavers’ Service)</p>

# St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

## 2026-2027 School Calendar

September 2026 AT 1						
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August 2027						
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Teacher Training Days  
(5 INSET Days/190 pupil days)



Bank Holidays



School open for pupils



Nursery closed from 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027



School Closed

Please note- School is closed for Reception -Year 6  
from 26th July 2027

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