

#Belonging Bulletin

Week Ending 23.01.2026

Dear all,

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Many of you already know about the upcoming gas works that will cause significant disruption from 2nd February to 28th February. I've had several discussions with the engineers, and we are just finalising our procedures during this period. I will share detailed information via Dojo next week. I cannot stress enough the importance of all our parents/carers following these procedures carefully.

On a different note, our recent pupil voice sessions on safeguarding for Key Stage 2 pupils have been incredibly insightful. It was wonderful to see that all children who participated demonstrated a clear understanding of what constitutes a trusted adult and the various ways we work to safeguard our pupils. From ensuring proper registration to maintaining secure perimeters like locking our green gates, our pupils are becoming more aware of safety protocols.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will continue to reinforce these important messages. Internet Safety Week is approaching, and we'll be exploring online safety alongside other protective measures, such as reviewing playground zoning to ensure our pupils' continued well-being.

I'm delighted to share some wonderful personal news - Miss Woof is pregnant! Congratulations to her. This is actually a record for St Wilfrid's, as we will have six of our teaching staff on maternity leave. It certainly is an exciting time for our school community!

Year 3 recently held their class assembly, and while I unfortunately couldn't attend due to a meeting, Mrs Argles was thoroughly impressed. They did mention some technical issues occurred at the start, but this did not deter them.

A quick reminder for parents: the Year 5 celebration assembly will take place on Thursday 5th February at 8:50am.

A special mention to Alicia E for her participation in January's Cross Country at Wythenshawe Park - real commitment at this time of year, coming 37th - well done!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our school community.

Attendance:

Fantastic news – our whole school attendance for the week beginning 12.01.2026 was an impressive 95.82%!

This is a wonderful achievement and a clear reflection of the strong partnership between school and home. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued commitment to ensuring children are in school, on time, and ready to learn each day. Your support is making a real difference, and we are incredibly proud of the collective effort from our community. Let's keep up this brilliant momentum!

On another note, I shared on Thursday 15th January our school attendance was a total of 96.86%. We have beaten this! On Thursday 22nd January our attendance was 97.3%. This was above the national average for this day!!

Helena Miller
Executive Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCHES FOR NEW TERM

We are excited to announce that our School Council is now up and running for the new term! Representatives from each class have been elected by their peers and are eager to begin sharing ideas, discussing important issues, and helping shape positive changes across our school community.

The School Council provides pupils with a meaningful voice, allowing them to take part in decision-making and develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. Over the coming weeks, councillors will meet regularly to gather feedback from their classes, plan projects, and work together to make our school an even better place to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing the fantastic ideas and initiatives they bring forward this year!



Year 3 Celebration Assembly

The Y3 children had great fun performing their class assembly this week to their parents and carers and the rest of the children in school. They shared all of the fabulous work they have been completing in class. This included facts about the Amazon Rainforest, how plants grow and they took great delight in singing a song all about the different layers of the rainforest. Both myself and Mrs Lowe were extremely proud of their determination to learn their lines and how they projected their voices - what superstars they all were!



ONLINE SAFETY

Helping children develop safe and healthy online habits is an important part of supporting their wellbeing in today's digital world. This guide highlights simple, practical tips that families can use together to build confidence, resilience, and positive online behaviours. By staying informed and involved, parents can empower their children to use technology safely and responsibly.

Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?



Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES



- Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND



- Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- If you have a problem online, don't be afraid to reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST



- If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD



- Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cathy Johnson is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council's Youth Alliance, working to provide services to help young people, children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of engage therapy, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to various conditions.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

<p>Jan 2026</p>	<p>Monday 26th January: World Belly Laugh Day Friday 30th January: UKS2 Wonder Dome visit</p>
<p>Feb 2026</p>	<p>Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th February: Year 6 Residential (<i>Mr Goodwin, Mrs Pearson and Miss Courtney</i>) Wednesday 4th February: at 8:50am – Year 1/2 Celebration Assembly Thursday 5th February: at 8:50am – Year 5 Celebration Assembly Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day (<i>more from Mrs Gill</i>) Week of 10th – 11th February: Children’s Mental Health Week Friday 13th February: Break Up for Half Term (<i>normal finish times apply</i>) Monday 23rd February: Back to School Monday 23rd February – Wednesday 1st April: Swimming Commences (on-site pool) – <i>Details to be shared via Class DOJO by Miss Woof in due course.</i> Tuesday 24th February: Reception Vision and Hearing Tests</p>
<p>Mar 2026</p>	<p>Tuesday 3rd March: World Hearing Day Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (more information from Mrs Taylor) Week Beginning 9th March: British Science Week (more information from Mrs Argles) Wednesday 11th March: Year 2 – Year 6 Spelling Bee Heats (Cluster School Competition) Thursday 12th March: at 8:50am – Year 2 Celebration Assembly Friday 13th March: Rocksteady Concert –2pm for a 2:15pm start (KS 2 to watch as well with parents/carers) Monday 23rd March: Down syndrome Day (Odd Socks) Wednesday 25th March: Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 7pm) Thursday 26th March: Church (Easter Service). Parent Helpers-leave school at 8:50am for 9:15am Service Thursday 26th March: Parent Meetings (3:30pm – 5pm) Tuesday 31st March: at 8:50am – Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly</p>

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

Piano & Guitar Lessons

at St Wilfrid's
CofE Primary
School



Piano and Guitar Lessons at St Wilfrid's CofE Primary

Link Learning are offering piano and guitar lessons at St Wilfrid's CofE Primary School. Lessons are taken weekly during the school day during term time. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at admin@linklearning.education.

What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

Tuition price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £6.50 per lesson (15 minute duration, guitar only)

Please register at www.linklearning.education/register

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

To learn more visit linklearning.education

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LEARNING

★ Parenting a 2-4 year old? Want fresh ideas and a confidence boost?

The **Incredible Years** programme is a friendly, fun course packed with simple strategies to strengthen your bond with your little one, build their social-emotional skills, and handle everyday challenges more easily. ♥
Join relaxed weekly sessions, meet other parents, try out practical tips, and enjoy support every step of the way. Crèche may be available too!

👉 Interested? Speak to your Health Visitor or Outreach Worker.

★ **Fun fact:** Young children laugh up to 300 times a day—their joy is contagious!

Who is it for?

- Being a parent/carer can be the hardest job in the world. Lots of parents/carers struggle with their child's behaviour at some time.
- This course is suitable for parents/carers with a child aged 2-4 years.
- Speak to your Health Visitor or Outreach Worker at your local Children's Centre if you would like to attend this program.



Contact the Children and Parents Service, Family Action for more information on 0161 504 3000 or capsparenting@family-action.org.uk



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Manchester

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Incredible Years Parent Program (2-4 years)



Incredible Years Parent Program

During this program we talk about what it means to be a parent. We discuss ways to support and strengthen a secure parent-child relationship. We watch video clips of real-life parent-child interactions. We have group discussions and think about common challenges parents with young children face and how best to manage these in a tailored way for your family. You will have the chance to talk about the highs and lows of trying out new ideas. The group will also give you the opportunity to meet with other parents with children of a similar age to share experiences and ideas together.



Aims of the program

- Build on your skills for dealing with behaviours that are challenging
- Help your child to be ready to start school
- Increase your confidence in yourself as a parent
- Further develop your relationship with your child
- Help you to support your child's social, emotional and language development.



What to expect

- Each group will have up to 10-12 parents, 2 group leaders and 1 Interpreter where needed.
- The groups are held in local Children's Centres across the city, over 14 sessions (term time only) with each session being 2 hours.
- Ideas from the program are shared in the group and you will get a chance to try them in session before giving them a go at home.
- Commitment to attend all sessions is important as each of the sessions build on each other.
- Crèche may be available if you need childcare.

*The program has helped me to feel calmer and taught me useful ideas to support my son as he grows
Mum of 4 year old*

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)
- School open for pupils
- School Closed
- Bank Holidays
- Nursery closed from 19th July 2027

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

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