

#Belonging Bulletin: Summer 1 2026 Week Ending 24.04.2026

As we approach the end of our second week back, with the sun shining, it has been great to see how prepared the children are for this weather, with their sustainable water bottles, hats, caps and sunglasses. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents (and children) of the summer uniform.

Summer Uniform

White polo shirt with black shorts/trousers/skirt
 Blue/white checked dress
 Black school shoes – trainers are not permitted

PE Kit

Blue school t-shirt or plain white t-shirt
 Plain black shorts
 Trainers (outdoor) or black pumps (indoor)

Please do not send children into school with 'branded clothing': Adidas, Nike, North Face. We encourage families to maintain our uniform standards. If you need any financial support in doing so, please see Mrs Hollins or Mrs Hellier who are happy to help families access our uniform bank.

Promoting Strong Attendance: Our target is 96%

You all know St Wilfrid's promotes strong attendance, in line with our ethos of 'belonging'. Currently our whole school attendance is 95.78% for children of statutory school age (age 5 and above), which is a massive improvement compared to the same period last year: 95.12%.

Nursery	94.56%
Reception 1	97.53%
Reception 2	91.91%
Year 1	95.57%
Year 1/2	96.63%
Year 2	95.97%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 3/4	96.47%
Year 4	95.63%
Year 5	96.11%
Year 5/6	95.66%
Year 6	93.84%

Regular attendance at school is really important for children's learning and wellbeing. Being in school every day helps children feel settled, build strong routines and make the most of learning opportunities, as time away from school can be difficult to catch up.

The vast majority of our pupils attend well and we are grateful for your continued support with this. If, however, a child's attendance begins to fall below **95%**, or there is a pattern of absence, we may get in touch to offer support and talk things through together. In some cases, this may involve an **Attendance Panel Meeting** so we can work in partnership to improve attendance.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please **contact the school office each day of absence** so we can keep our records up to date and ensure absences are recorded appropriately. We always aim to work positively with families, but it is important to note that continued absence without engagement may need to be followed up in line with local authority regulations.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping your child attend regularly and enjoy school.

All holiday requests during term time will not be granted in line with Government legislation and following Manchester Authority Policies. Please see the school website for a copy of our attendance policy

Communication with school

Please can I remind parents that if you wish to discuss your children’s personal or academic development at any time, please see your child’s class teacher and they will arrange a convenient time with you. If you wish to discuss your concern further, please contact the school office (after you have spoken with the class teacher) and an appointment can be arranged with a senior member of staff.

Regularly updated information can also be found on the school website www.thrive-stw.com

If you have any question or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of our office team will be happy to help on 0161 998 3663.

Calendar Events: Summer 1

April/May 2026				
27 th April	28 th April	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May
Vision & Hearing 'Mop Up Sessions' for Reception & Year 6	Year 1 Celebration Assembly at 8:50am			
4 th May	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May
School Closed Bank Holiday Monday	Mental Health Awareness Week – What is this?	Welcome to Nursery Parent Meeting (September 2026) at 5pm	Reception 1 Celebration Class Assembly at 8:50am	
11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May
Mental Health Awareness Week				
KS 2 SATs Week				Year 6 Celebration (post SATs)
		Reception School Readiness Meeting (September 2026) at 5pm	KS 1 Great Fire of London Workshops (pm)	
18 th May	19 th May	20 th May	21 st May	22 nd May
		Nursery and Reception to Reddish Vale Farm	Whitsun Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 9:15am	Break Up for 2 weeks (return to school on Monday 8th June)

Overview of Calendar Events: Summer 2



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Jun 2026	<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>
Jul 2026	<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>

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