

#Belonging Bulletin

Week Ending 27.02.2026

Welcome back to Spring 2! I hope you all had an enjoyable week off.

A reminder it is **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** – please see ClassDojo for all the information – can't wait to see all the children!



Our bulletins are primarily to let you know about events, policies, updates and celebrations. Further information can also be found on our school website [Home | St Wilfrid's CE Primary School](#) and also Thrive's website [Home | Thrive CE Academy Trust](#) and do access your ClassDojo. Please do access our Instagram page as well, for more exciting events: [@stwilfridsthive](#)

Attendance

Just a reminder of our attendance procedures as outlined in our Attendance Policy:

- Have a positive attitude to attendance and punctuality.
- Ensure that children attend school regularly and **on time**.
- **Contact school before 8:40am** on the first day of absence, provide a reason for absence on the first day.
- Parents to contact school **every day their child is absent**.
- It would be expected that **where a child is absent for 4 days or more, medical proof would be provided**.
- Should a child's absence fall **below 90%** parents will be **required to provide proof of illness for any further absences to be authorised**.
- A meeting with our Attendance Champion will be arranged.

Whole School Attendance for the week beginning 09.02.2026 was 95.8%. Being the end of the half term, this dropped below our target for 96% – please do look at the tips above. However, our attendance for Spring 1 was 96.1%. Thank you – our aim, in partnership is to sustain, if not improve this for Spring 2.

Staffing Updates

As you all know, Mrs Nutch has commenced her maternity leave. We wish Mrs Nutch and her husband all the best for the next year, and we will keep you all updated.

We warmly welcome two members of staff to the St Wilfrid's team – Miss Ahmed, who is teaching in Year 3/4 and Ms Moss, who has been working in Nursery since the beginning of the Spring term, has joined us to support the teaching and learning in EYFS.

To keep all parents updated and to provide support to you in any way we can; if you have any questions about your child's learning and/or development at school, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If the issue is not resolved as you would have hoped, please do make an appointment via the school office, to see a senior leader.

Our Senior Leaders are:

Mrs Miller: *Ex Headteacher*

Mrs Dunn: *Deputy Headteacher, SENDCO and LKS2 Lead (Year 3 and 4)*

Miss Gordon: *EYFS Lead (Nursery and Reception)*

Mrs Taylor: *KS1 Lead (Year 1 and 2)*

Mr Goodwin: *UKS2 Lead (Year 5 and 6)*

Mrs Singh: *Office Manager and Operations e.g. Arbor*

Mrs Hellier: *Attendance Champion*

Online Safety

Helldivers 2 has quickly become a very popular game, attracting the attention of many young players. However, despite its colourful and action-packed appearance, it carries an 18+ age rating due to mature content, intense gameplay, and online interactions. This guide is designed to help parents and educators understand the key risks associated with the game, such as violence, in-game spending, and voice chat, so you can make informed decisions and support young people in staying safe online.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 18+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING

Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'social' tab.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

<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 Wednesday 1st April: PTA Event – <i>Annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggstravaganza from 2pm.</i> Wednesday 1st April: Break Up for Easter Holidays Wednesday 15th April: Back to School Tuesday 28th April: at 8:50am – Year 1 Celebration Assembly</p>
<p>May 2026</p>	<p>Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday - School Closed Thursday 7th May: at 8:50am – Reception 1 Celebration Assembly Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May: KS2 SATs Week Week Beginning 18th May: Sustainability Week Thursday 21st May: Church (Whitsun Service) 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>

St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

2026-2027 School Calendar

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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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