

Our Journey to Excellence!

At St Wilfrid's we believe **'Together we will be our best!'** Therefore, every year we seek to further improve and develop as a school. To support us in our continual drive towards excellence, we plan key areas to focus our development on. These priorities form our annual school development plan and they link to our four strategic aims for the next 3 to 5 years –

- 1. Demonstrate excellence as a Voluntary Aided Church of England school for Stakeholders;*
- 2. Develop St Wilfrid's Curriculum to be purposeful, broad and balanced;*
- 3. Develop our leadership, management and governance so that we are externally recognised for our excellence;*
- 4. Develop our premises as a beacon of a Voluntary Aided Church of England School.*

Therefore, this year, as well as our usual activities, we are building on our strengths in reading, to further support children in achieving greater depth in writing and maths. We are continuing to make our project based curriculum even better as we discover, explore, create.

Also, the team at St Wilfrid's will be focussing on the diversity of our curriculum and integrating the Trauma Informed School approach.

This year we are starting our journey as a Voice 21 school which is a 3 year Oracy development programme to support our children in their speaking and listening skills.

Alongside this, we want to continue to offer high quality staff development, leadership opportunities and improve the use of our grounds for our children.

I look forward to sharing more about our journey to excellence over the coming year.



October
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It gives me great pleasure to be able to finally report on the first sporting events that have taken place since COVID.

Firstly, 21 year five and six children travelled to Warden Park Primary Academy last Thursday to take part in girls and boys football friendlies. We were delighted to see such skill, teamwork and perseverance on display as we ran out comfortable winners in both games.

Yesterday, the boys team then took part in the Haywards Heath 7-a-side tournament. They began the day with a 0-0 draw against a very good Northlands Wood team before winning three games in a row against Lindfield, Holy Trinity and Warden Park Primary Academy. This meant we went into the last game against Harlands needing only a draw to ensure we made the next stage of the competition. A highly competitive and tense game saw both teams score two goals in an entertaining draw. The boys will now play in the Mid Sussex finals in November, a fantastic achievement after such a long break in competing against other schools.

Finally, all children in school have been taking part in two intra-house competitions this half term. Congratulations to Blue house who won Boccia. We look forward to seeing who has won our New Age Kurling event when all classes have finished collating their scores.

Thank you to all those parents who have helped transport children to and from events and have supported them,

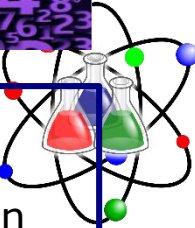
Mr A Belton
PE Subject Leader





Last Wednesday, Father Chris came into school to lead our Harvest Worships and give thanks for God's goodness to us. We are incredibly grateful for the considerable support shown by our families to donate to the Bentswood Community Hub's foodbank. The donations filled the stage and we know they will benefit those in our community. Next month our Reverse Advent Calendar will once again start up and further information will follow.

The clothes recycling bin is proving very popular. Thank you to everyone who has used it so far as it also raises money for the school.



Next week, we are holding a maths and science week. Children across the school will be taking part in different activities linked to maths and science before presenting to each other on Thursday.



Hello Yellow!

On Friday, the children brightened up the school, dressed in yellow and supporting the Young Minds charity. Through your support we raised £133 to support young people and their families with emotional health difficulties.

'Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.'

Psalm 62:8.

Important dates

See our website [calendar](#)

