



## Our New Year!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone to a new school year at St Wilfrid's. Our new Reception children have had a very good start and been able to cope with the heat and the rain!

At St Wilfrid's we believe **'Together we will be our best!'** and, as part of Hurst Education Trust, we continue to strive towards being the best we can be. Our school has continued on its improvement journey and we are excited to share our priorities for the upcoming year.

1. Quality of Teaching - Developing the outstanding teaching and learning at our school.
2. Curriculum Development – Focussing on subject leadership and digital learning.
3. Developing the Performing Arts provision.

Through these 3 priorities, we will be spotlighting how our school values support them, how all children (especially our SEND children) are given every opportunity to do well, and how do we make the most of the training our staff receive.

In this way, our children will **'Shine as lights in the world'**.



**September  
2023**



## Language of the week

Every week at St Wilfrid's we focus on a 'Language of the Week'. This helps us to celebrate the many different languages spoken by our school community. To see all the different languages we celebrate, see our dedicated webpage [St Wilfrid's C of E Primary - Language of the week \(stwilfrids-hh.school\)](http://stwilfrids-hh.school)



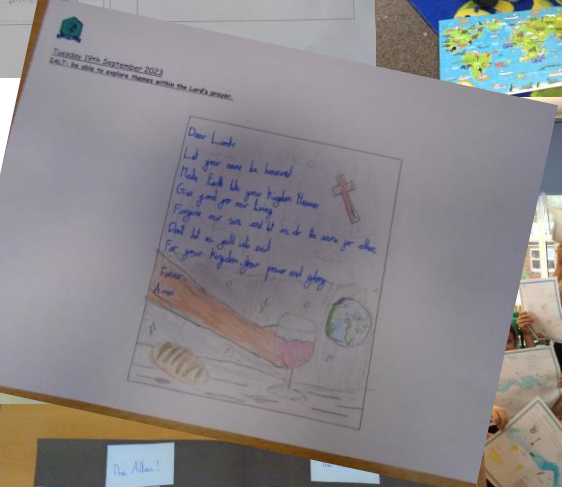
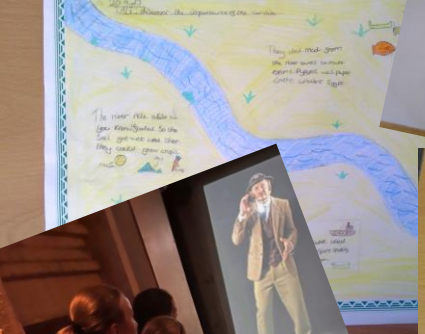
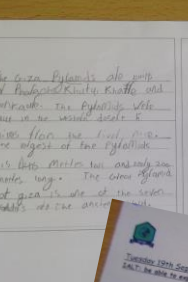




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## PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's

### Quality Start Platinum Award for our PE and Sport Provision

We are delighted to have once again been awarded the Platinum Award for our PE and Sport provision at our school. This award is a reflection of the range of PE and Sport opportunities we have at our school and the involvement we have in the Mid-Sussex festivals and competitions.

### Sports Crew

Every year, our Year 5 and 6 sports crew members support the work of PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's and we look forward to working with them this year.



## Calling All Gardeners!

Our School Allotment is in need of some regular tender loving care so our children can use it properly. Therefore, following a suggestion from parents at our last grounds day, we are looking for volunteers who would be keen to come in regularly after school and/or at the weekend to maintain the space. If you are interested please contact the school office to discuss with Mrs Russell.



## 500 Words

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. Open from 08:00 Tuesday 26 September - 20:00 Friday 10 November.

[500 Words - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/500-words)





## Attendance




At St Wilfrid's we believe that being in school every day, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

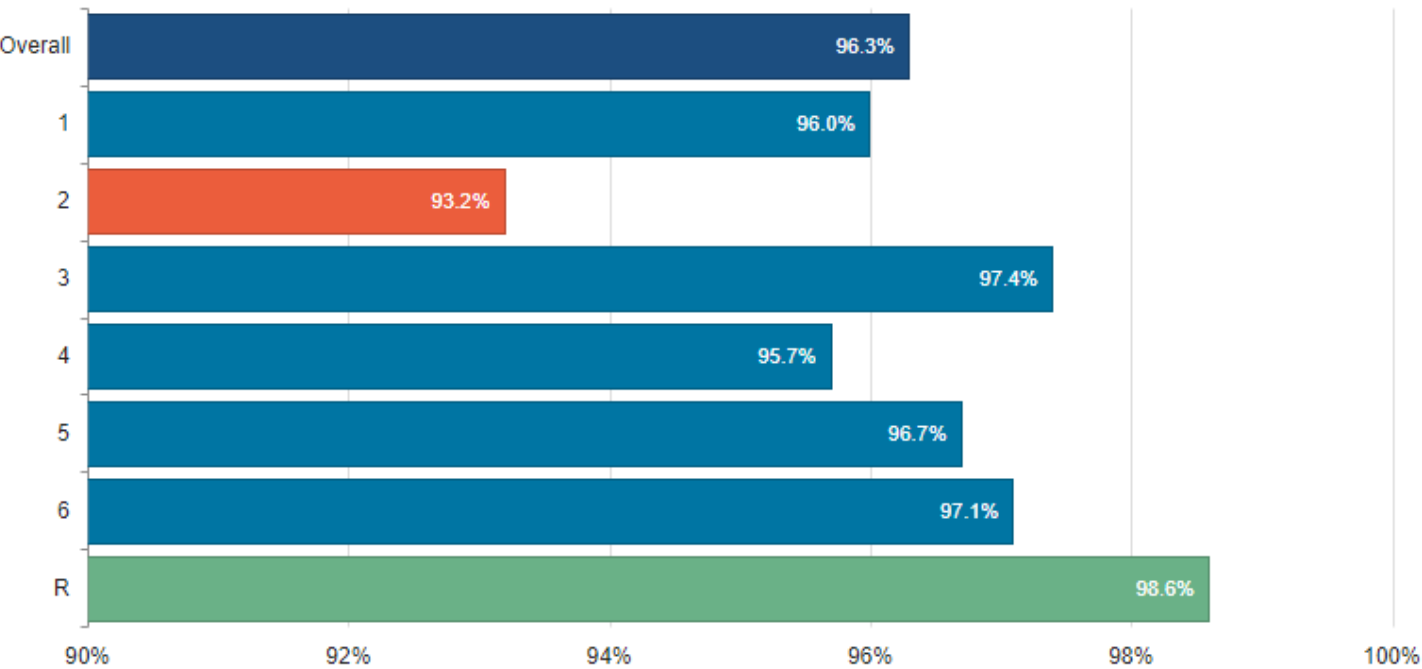
Therefore, attending school is very important and we are focussing on making sure our children are in school as much as possible to ensure they achieve their best.

Previously, we were achieving 96.75% and fully believe that it is possible to improve attendance to 97%.

Currently, our whole school attendance is just below this, as you will see from the diagram below.

Obviously, with illness and other genuine reasons for absence then we do not expect children in school. However, we thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school when they are supposed to be, so that 'Together We Will Be Our Best'.

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good 		Worrying 		Serious Concern 	
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	



## Important dates

See our website [calendar](#)

