



# Our Community Report

## 2025

Dear St Wilfrid's,

Every year the school reports to our local community on the progress we have made over the last year and our priorities for the year ahead. As we are part of a multi academy trust (MAT), annual progress of the school is reported to parents/carers through the Hurst Education Trust (HET) Report and Accounts which is a statutory requirement for academies.

With all good wishes,

**Jon Arnold and Sarah Milton-Hunt**, Co-Chairs of Governors

**Simon Hateley**, Headteacher

### Our Educational Performance

Last year, we saw our children continue to make good progress across the range of learning we enjoy at our school. In addition, we were inspected by Ofsted as part of the cycle of inspections all schools undergo. The inspector reported that we had taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection and we provide all pupils with a broad and engaging education.

We continued to work towards excellence and the writing approach we have put in place ensured our Year 6 children achieved in the top 25% of schools nationally for Greater Depth. These Year 6 children moved on to their secondary schools to continue their learning journey and we welcomed 60 new children into Reception to begin their journey at St Wilfrid's. Our performance data is published on our school website and in the HET Report and Accounts.



## Our Governor Support

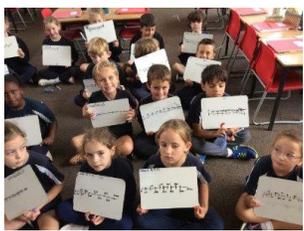
Our Governing Body take an active role in the life of the school and work strategically with HET and the Senior Leadership Team to develop the school for all our children.

Meeting as a board 6 times a year as well as various committees and visits to the school, they are committed to the vision of the school and their work reflects this.



## Our Ofsted

In June we had a 2 day inspection to evaluate the standards at our school. The inspector reported we had continued to maintain the standards from the previous inspection stating, *'The school provides all pupils with a broad and engaging education.'* We were delighted the inspector recognised, *'There is a strong sense of community at St Wilfrid's.'* and our pupils were able to shine during the visit, *'Pupils are proud of their school. They are happy and enjoy their learning. Pupils work hard to live up to the school's values, treating others with kindness and respect.'*



## Our Performing Arts

At our school, children in Years 1 to 6 receive music lessons delivered by a music specialist and enjoy sharing their learning with their peers.

Alongside this, we have seen our choir join hundreds of other singers at the O2 for the 'Young Voices' event and our dance club performed in the 'Let's Dance' event.

Since September, we have seen our choir grow from 25 members to over 60 children from years 3 to 6 and they are now supported by our singers in Years 1 and 2.

Our in-built stage gives our children the opportunity to perform as part of our Year 3 and 4 production, Year 5 and 6 production and our Infant nativities. We have also had a range of performance workshops for our children to engage with and sample a range of different elements of the performing arts.

From guitar to piano, drums to violin and cello to trumpet a number of our children access private lessons and we were delighted to welcome 'Rocksteady' to our school to add to the opportunities.





## Our PE and Sport

Our school has continued to make effective use of the PE and Sports Grant and we offer a range of PE opportunities both within school and through Mid-Sussex Active and HET. Our children take part in a variety of sporting events and competitions in addition to their 2 weekly PE sessions.



## Our Sheep Week

We were delighted to be able to host a sheep and her two lambs for a week in May. Our Year 6 shepherds took great care of them and we enjoyed learning about sheep and farming. We were very grateful to Farmer Janet and the South of England Agricultural Society for organising it.



## Our Hurst Education Trust (HET)

Our school officially joined HET in July 2022, so we have now been a member of HET for three years. The collaborative approach of the Trust and its desire to support the school's improvement continue to build on our successes.



## Hurst Support and Facilities

This year, we have been able to send our pupils to Hurst College for the following activities:

- Free swimming lessons on Tuesdays for Year 4s
- Greater Depth maths sessions for Year 6s
- Sports afternoons for various children
- Activity days for Year 5

Hurst have also sent their students and staff to support through:

- Mini-bus usage
- Reading Buddies
- Maths Wizards
- Language Leaders

## Our Young Leaders

From each class there are 2 representatives who meet regularly with Mrs Ford to share views from their peers, contribute to school projects and share their ideas to help make our school a better place.



## Our Parish Churches

As a church school we continue to benefit from clergy support in Collective Worship and, through our shared covenant, support each other. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.



## Our PTA - Friends of St Wilfrid's (FOSW)

A huge 'Thank You' for all that the PTA has done to raise funds to support our school. The funds raised have been significant and support the aims of the school.



## Our Key Priorities for 2026

During 2025, we reviewed our successes and areas we wanted to improve further to develop our strategic aims, following feedback and data collected from a variety of sources including Ofsted.

As we have returned to St Wilfrid's this academic year, we have been launching our 'Team Wilf' initiative.

We are all 'Team Wilf' and being part of this fabulous team means striving to demonstrate the six values of our school.

Therefore, 'Team Wilf' cares, hopes, aspires, respects, inquires and shares. The different ages will be expected to demonstrate a progression in these values so we quite rightly expect our Year 6 pupils to be the models the other younger children follow.

Our Christian vision, our school values, our vulnerable and disadvantaged children and staff training and development will continue to be factored into our decisions as we move forward. School leaders are always open to feedback and suggestions. We try to provide a mixture of formal and informal opportunities for feedback throughout the year. We are aware that many of you appreciate your conversations with members of staff before and after school. Please do also take the opportunity to chat to anyone you see wearing a governor badge. There is also a separate email direct to the governors which can be found in the Governor section of the school website.

As we look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead, may we thank our school parents for their fantastic and ongoing support.

