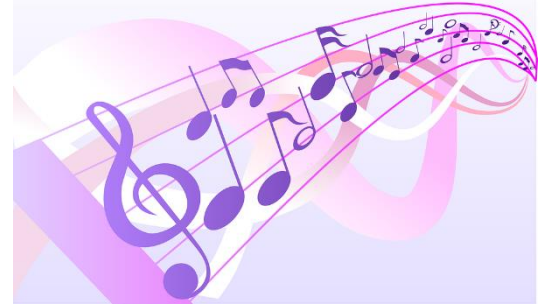




Performing Arts at St Wilfrid's

Alongside the weekly music lessons, we have worked with our PTA to offer different opportunities across the year. Here are some of the highlights so far this term with more to follow...



**January
2024**

Young Voices 2024

St Wilfrid's choir had the most fantastic day attending the Young Voices performance at the o2 arena in London. They worked hard throughout the Autumn term to learn all of the songs and couldn't wait to perform alongside 8000 other children! We spent the afternoon rehearsing with the orchestra and watching a number of inspirational music and dance performers. In the evening it was our chance to shine and we performed the incredible show to the audience, we were very proud of our achievement!



Important dates
– please see the
website calendar





African drumming workshops

As part of our music provision, the classes from Years 1 to 6 have taken part in a drumming workshop. The children had the chance to work with a music teacher to investigate how to make different sounds on the African drums and compose some fantastic pieces of music as part of a group. All of the children had a fantastic time exploring a new instrument!



Ensemble Reza performance

Our Key Stage 2 children were delighted to have a visit from the music group 'Ensemble Reza' who put on a musical, storytelling experience of 'Snow White and the Three Cool Dudes'. The children loved seeing the professional musicians in action and joining in with the story telling themselves!





Project Learning in January...



PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's

Basketball Festivals

This week, we have been able to send 8 year 4s and 9 year 5s to the basketball festivals hosted by Mid-Sussex Active and led by Storm Basketball club's coaches. The children worked through shooting drills, dribbling exercises and passing games before having the chance to play some short games to put the different skills together.

Cross Country

Before Christmas, our cross country runners competed in the local schools competition and several of our children made it through to compete for a place on the Mid-Sussex team at the Sussex Cross Country finals. The 5 runners (Alex P, Noah M, Joe W, Elianna P and Lucy C) represented the school well and should be very proud of themselves. Lucy C did very well and finished 3rd overall (2nd out of all the Year 5s) and will be going on to take part in the Sussex School Games 2024 Cross Country Finals on Wednesday 27th March

Indoor Cricket Competition

On Friday, eight Year Six children travelled to the Triangle in Burgess Hill to take part in an indoor cricket tournament.

They began the afternoon with defeat to St. Joseph's. However, the team did bowl the most dot balls in the game with nine.

A draw against Windmills then followed - quite a feat in cricket - with the team bowling 14 dot balls and scoring the most boundaries in the game.

Another defeat followed, this time against Holy Trinity. However, the team showed improvement as they took the most wickets in the game with four.

The afternoon finished with victory as the children beat Turners Hill in a pulsating game that saw St. Wilf's enter the final over leading only to lose that lead halfway through before recovering to win by three runs.

Frankie said: "It was a good experience since we could extend our cricket skills. I found out I was good at cricket as I got someone out and scored a six."

"I really enjoy sport but mostly play football. So playing cricket taught me more about the sport as I don't often play and I really enjoyed playing a sport I'm less used to," said Evie.

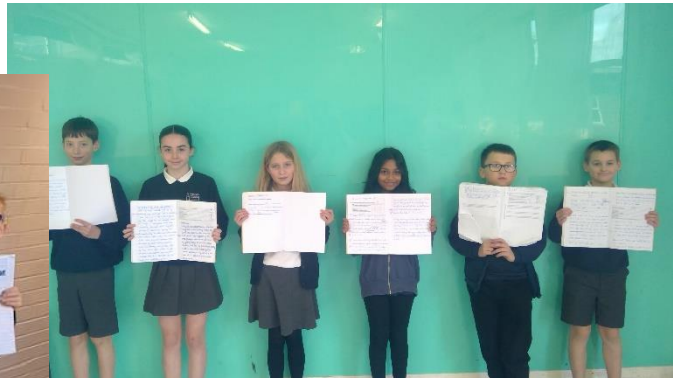
The squad for this event was: Evie P, Kara K, Joe W, Joe B, Sam B, Micah N, Edward B and Frankie W.





'I Am A St Wilfrid's Writer'

Here are our Star Writers from the last month



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)



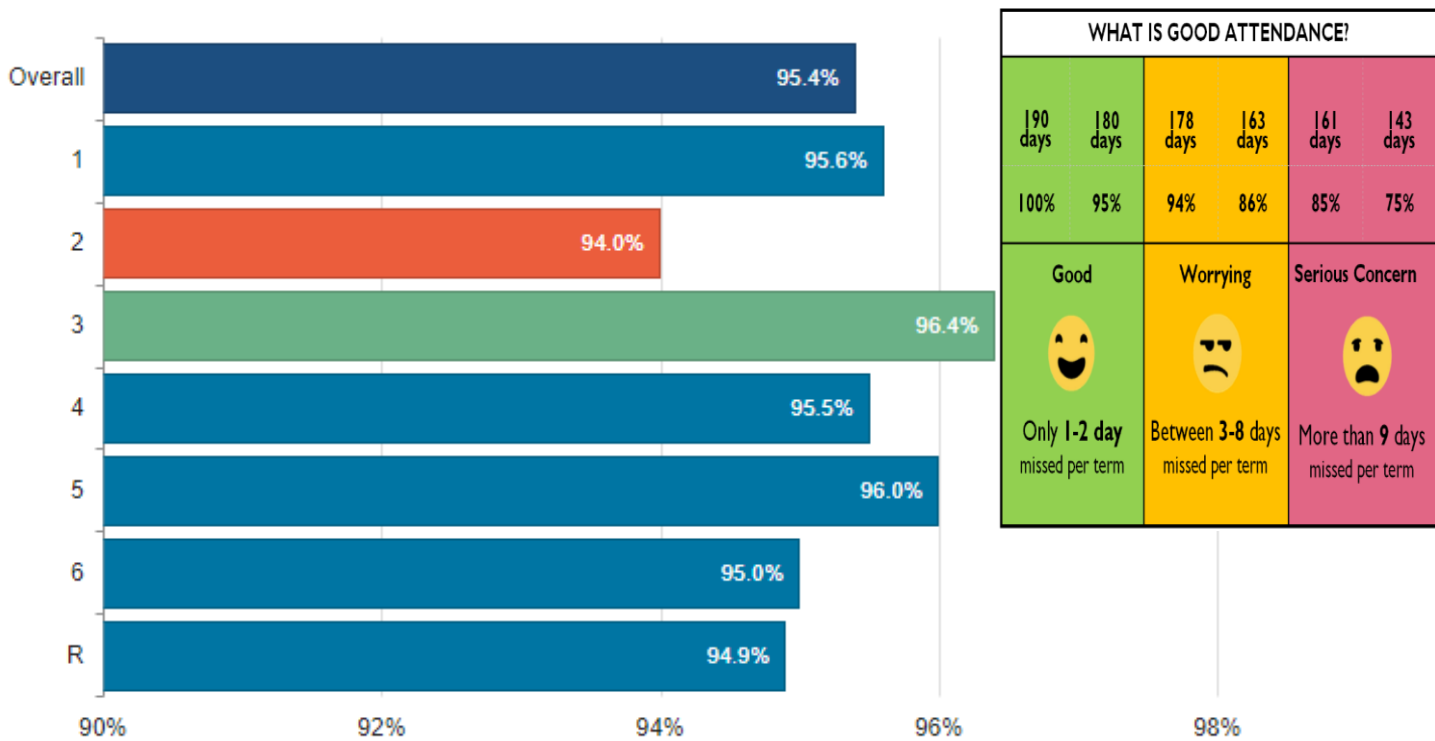
Attendance

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.

Our Target for attendance is 97% and we are currently below that target.

At the end of the term we will review the attendance and families where the attendance is below 90% will receive an email from the school to highlight this.

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'.



Our value this half term

Each half term we focus on one of our values, which is embedded into our learning to help the children understand and appreciate their environment, the wider world and to help them be the best they can be.

This term our value is.

We **ASPIRE** to be our best, through having high expectations of ourselves. We are thankful for our successes and persevere when we face obstacles.

"...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

