



Together we will be our best...

At St Wilfrid's we have our six values of **Care**, **Hope**, **Aspire**, **Respect**, **Inquire** and **Share**. These values build on the school's vision and run through all we do at our school. Our behaviour system seeks to recognise our children when they are demonstrating the values and they will receive a value sticker and value points to go towards the house team points.

This year, we have our house teams named after famous people from the Performing Arts world and children will now be part of **WALTERS**, **AGARD**, **ELGAR** or **HAYWARD**. In their house teams, as well as working to gather points for their team, they will also be learning about their person and the area of the Arts they are famous for.

However, there will be occasions when children make a mistake and aren't demonstrating the expectations we have for our children and in those cases we follow the process set out in our behaviour policy.

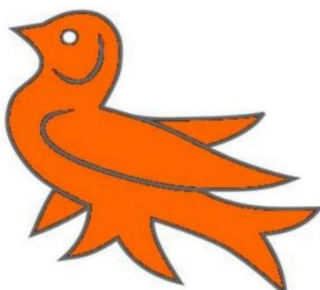
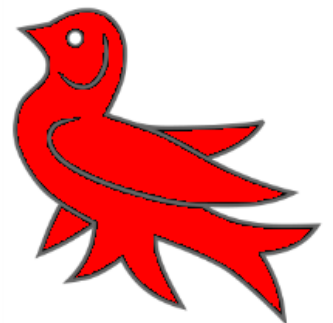
In some cases, where children need additional support to meet behaviour expectations, we may have to put in place a behaviour plan which will involve different approaches to the normal school behaviour policy.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher to discuss further.

...so that everyone can shine as lights.



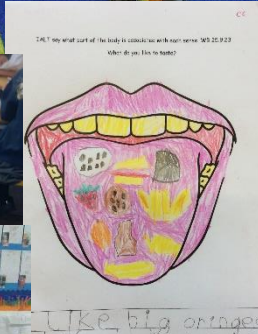
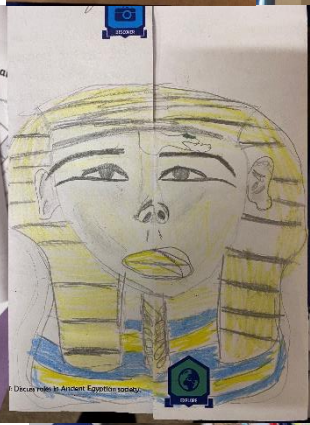
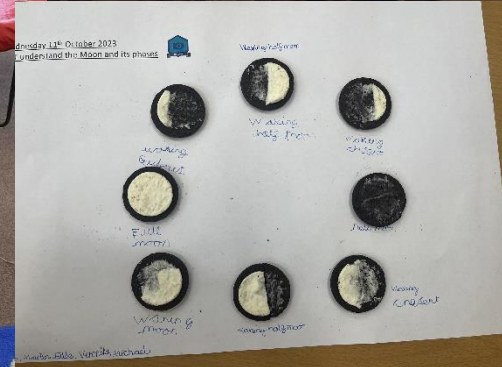
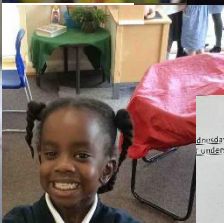
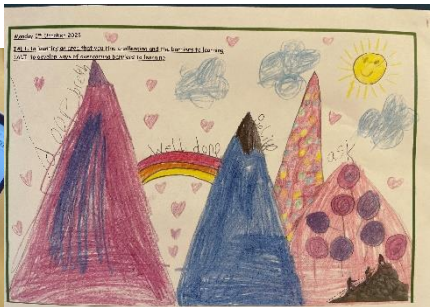
**October
2023**



Important dates
– please see the
website calendar



Project Learning in October...





'I Am A St Wilfrid's Writer'

This year, we have embarked on a new approach to our writing to support children in developing their writing even more than before. Alongside the other schools in our Trust, we continue to use quality texts to inspire their ideas and to model a specific genre of writing. Within a week, the children will learn different techniques so that they can produce a final piece of writing (A Star Write) at the end of the week. The teachers are using 'live' marking to give instant feedback rather than written marking in the books. We are looking forward to sharing their writing books at our upcoming parent consultations.



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://St Wilfrid's C of E Primary - Language of the week (stwilfrids-hh.school))

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500 Words - BBC Teach





PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's

60 Second Challenges

In our lunchtimes on Monday to Thursday, our Sports Crew members run the 60 second challenge for children to take part in. Each week there is a different challenge for children to try and achieve either the bronze, silver or gold standard. In the first week, we had over 160 children take part.

Intra-House Competitions

Each half term, we compete in our houses at a particular sport or activity. This half term, we have kicked off the year with a Boccia tournament.

Year 4 football festival

Our Year 4 children were invited to attend a football festival at the end of September alongside many other schools across Mid-Sussex. There were lots of activities set up for the children to do to practise and enhance their football skills including dribbling around cones, passing and shooting. The children really enjoyed taking part and did St Wilfrid's proud with their positive attitude enthusiasm.



Year 5/6 boys and girls football tournaments

This month saw the start of our competitive sporting schedule with the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls football tournaments taking place at St. Paul's in Burgess Hill.

Eighteen children took part with the boys tournament being held first. An action-packed afternoon saw the boys start with a draw before losing their next game. Another draw and loss followed before finishing the afternoon with a well deserved win. This meant they finished fourth overall.

Next up was the girls. After starting with a narrow defeat, they went on to draw the next two games before winning the last 3-0. They didn't concede again after the opening defeat. This meant that girls finished in third place.

Sam said: "It was a challenging afternoon but also lots of fun."

Evie said: "It was really good and helped me develop more skills."

Thank you to all parents and carers that transported the children.





Spotlight on clubs

Craft Club

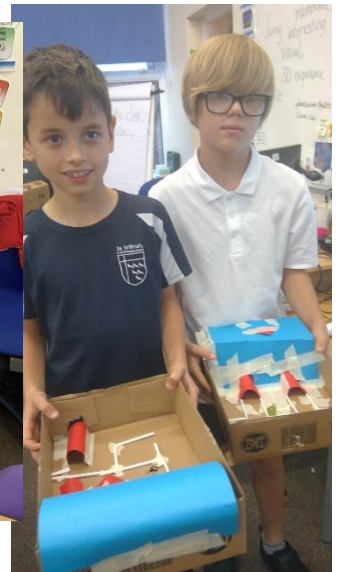
In craft club this term, the children have used a range of materials and been very creative in their crafting.

Some of the crafts we have created include designing and making autumn wreaths, sewing soft toy animals and painting and decorating pebbles. Here are some photos of our wonderful creations!



Science Club

Children from Years 3-6 have enjoyed lots of varied activities at Science Club this half term. We have created towers using straws, challenged each other with marble runs, tested foil boats with weights, made paper gliders and even made our own slime!



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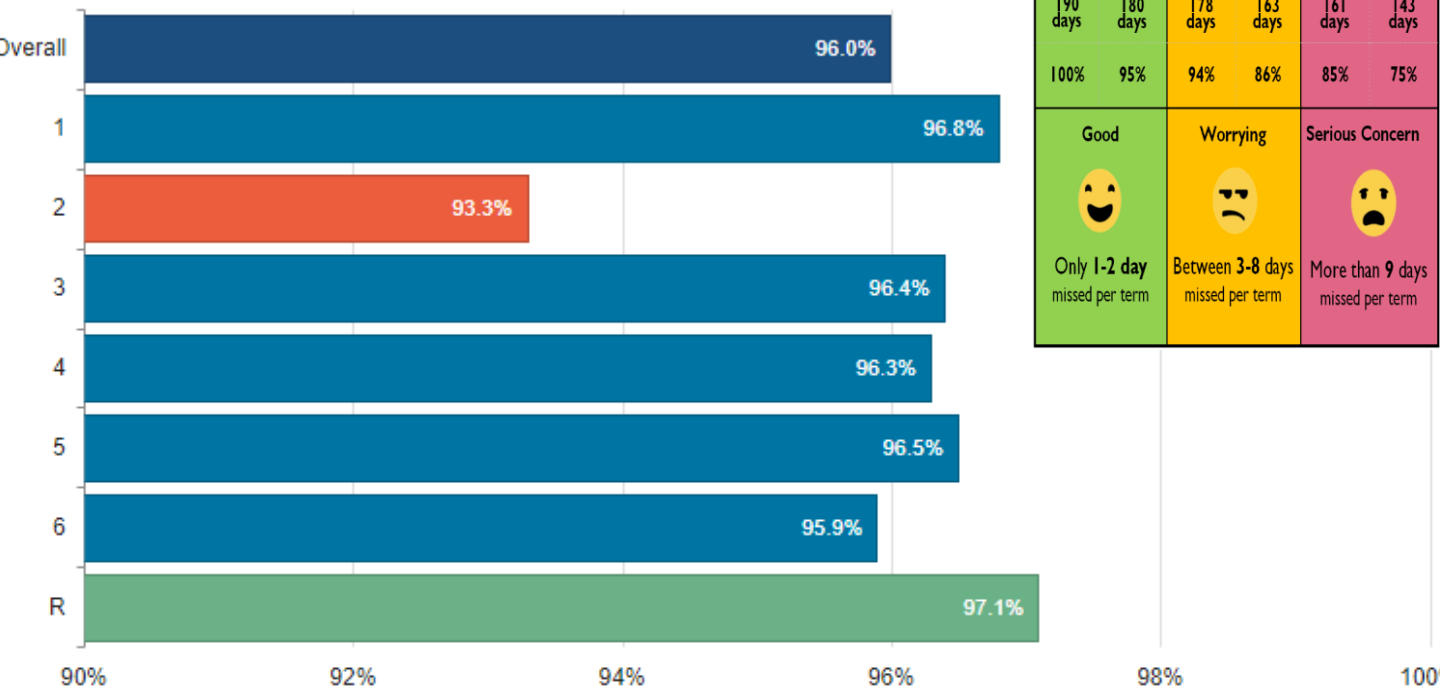
Attendance

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.

After half term, we will be reviewing attendance and writing to families where the attendance is below 90%.

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	

Safeguarding & Support - Looking after our Families & Children

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Emma Russell and the deputy is Mr Simon Hateley. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any child then please email dsl@stwilfrids-hh.school.

During term time this email will be checked daily (Monday-Friday) and during the school holidays it will periodically monitored.

In the event of an immediate safeguarding concern, please contact the West Sussex Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). MASH is a single point of contact for all safeguarding concerns regarding children and young people in West Sussex which includes front door access for Early Help.

All emails into MASH should be sent to MASH@westsussex.gov.uk Please note if there is an urgent safeguarding issue, you should make telephone contact initially with MASH on [01403 229900](tel:01403229900) (out of hours [0330 2226664](tel:03302226664)) to discuss concerns.