



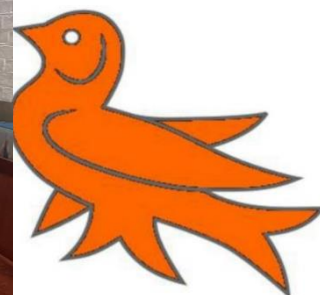
**'Together we
will be our
best...**

At St Wilfrid's we support our local, national and global community in different ways. Once again, our annual reverse advent calendar initiative is being well supported to collect items needed by those in our local community. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

**...so that
everyone can
shine as lights.'**



**November
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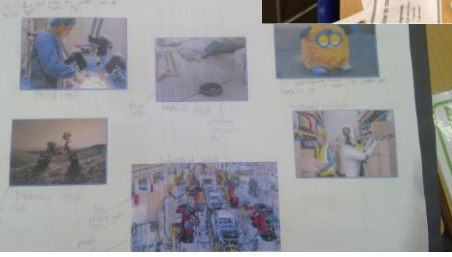
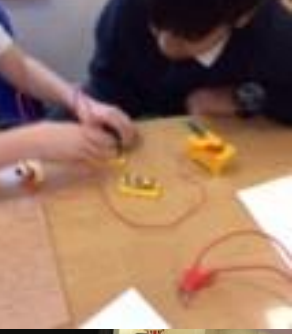
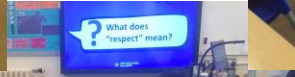
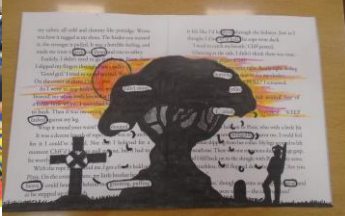
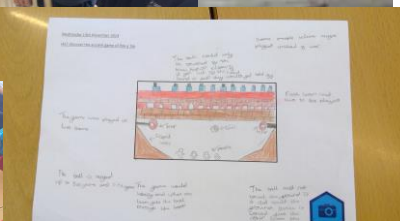
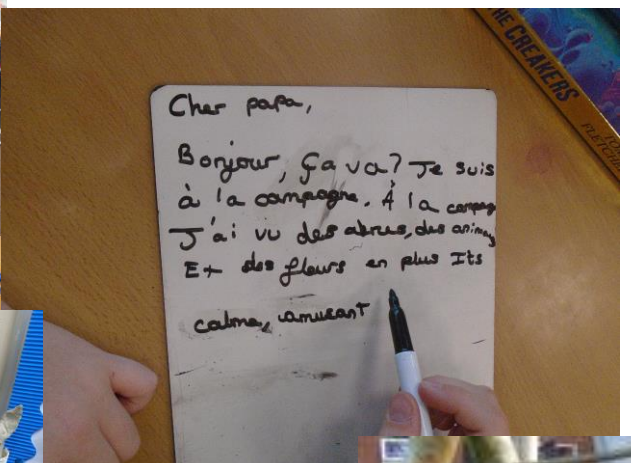
Remembrance

On Monday 11th November, we joined with other local schools to take part in the Remembrance service at St Wilfrid's Church. Lead by Father Edward, the children shared some of the poems they had written and laid a wreath in memory of those who had fallen.





Our Learning in November...





This Term, we have been welcoming visitors in to school and travelling out and about as part of our learning. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to.



As part of our big question 'Are we nearly there yet?' the children in Reception were very lucky to have a visit from a bubble car. We learnt that it was called a Messerschmitt and that this vehicle was 66 years old. We were able to watch it drive around the playground and we noticed it only had 3 wheels and looks different to the cars we see on the road today. We also thought the horn sounded funny! We asked questions and found out lots of interesting facts. We got to sit in the car and then watched Ms Clarke and Mrs Fryer go for a drive around the playground!

Mrs Harwood has worked at St Wilfrid's for a very long time and she came in to talk to us about special events at our school a long time ago. We first looked at photos of our school from the past and discussed what we could see. We thought of questions in our groups to ask Mrs Harwood. She then answered our questions and told us lots of interesting facts such long ago children didn't wear a school uniform. They wore what they could afford but girls often wore a white pinafore to protect their clothes.





The Year 2 children went to the Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft to have a taster session in puppet making. They learnt how to make exciting string puppets from everyday household items, showing them that everything can be reused for another purpose. The children then got to look at some sketches and storyboards from the author Raymond Briggs. They had a tour of his life's work and learnt a bit about his upbringing and life as a child/young adult.



As part of our science learning in Year 3, we were fortunate enough to be visited by a member of The Bentswood Hub. They are a local organisation that are working with local supermarkets to tackle the issue of food waste.

During the visit, we learnt about how a simple food such as bread is produced. We were shocked to learn how much impact this one food can have on our environment.





During Year 4, the children get the opportunity to go swimming at Hurst College. Each class goes every fortnight on a Tuesday to develop their swimming skills further. The Hurst minibuses transport the children and the Hurst swimming coaches provide their expertise for the lessons.



For our project this term in Year 5, 'Is anybody out there?', we had the pleasure of having the Astronomy Roadshow visit with their space dome. Inside we took a trip through space to show us the different planets, constellations and a trip through time. This visit helped us answer loads of questions but also filled us excitement to find out more in the rest of our project.





This term we have been exploring WW2 and its impact on Britain! We started by heading down to 'Take Shelter!', a fantastically preserved air raid shelter used in Brighton during the war. We loved exploring the tunnels, speaking to the knowledgeable volunteers and looking at their gas mask collection.



Science Selfie Competition

Our Science Selfie competition has been a great success - we had 35 entries from across the school. Well done to our winners Lolita (Wrens) and Owain (Kingfishers) for their imaginative experiments and creative photos! They each receive a £10 Amazon voucher, funded by the Ogden Trust.





'I Am A St Wilfrid's Writer'

Our approach to our writing supports children in developing their writing building on their skills throughout the year. 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. Every fortnight children are chosen for demonstrating their star writing.



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)

Important dates – please see the website calendar






Attendance

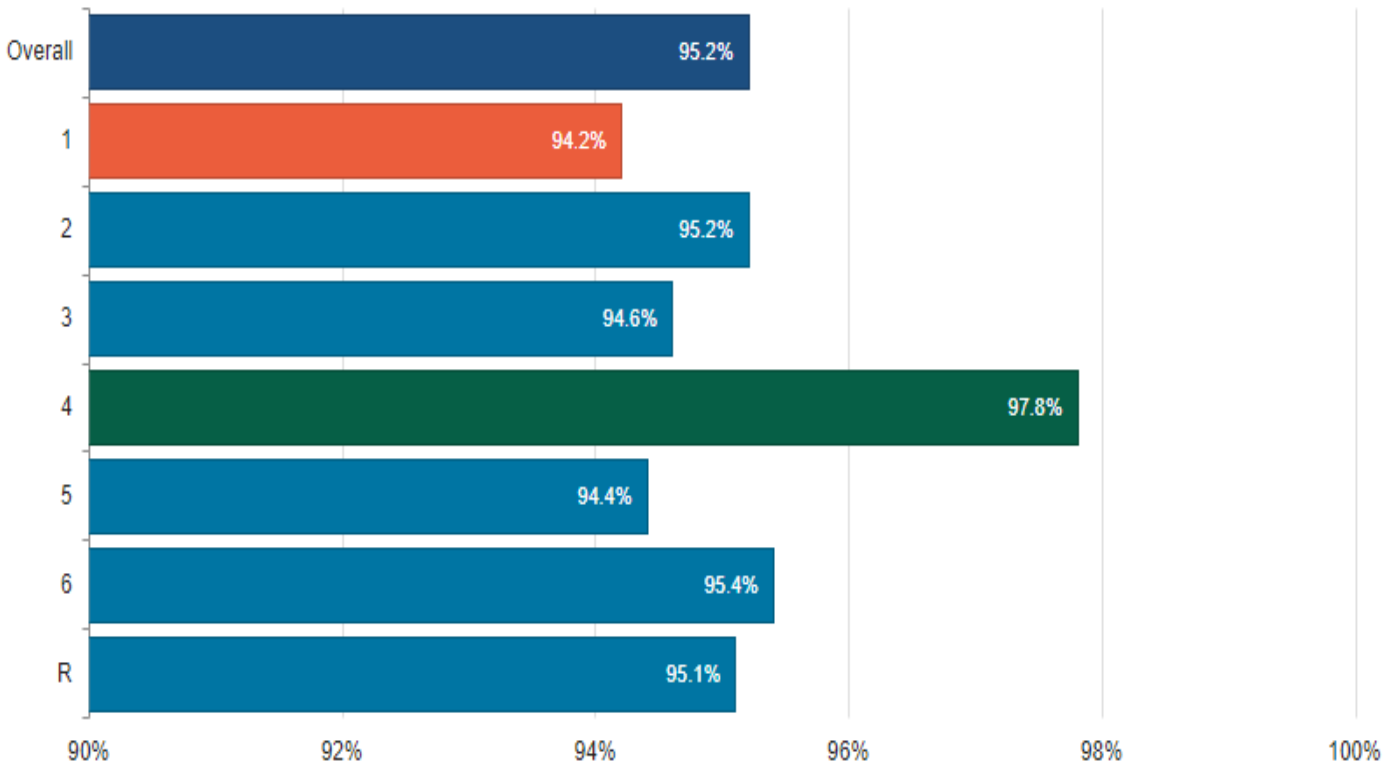
At St Wilfrid's we believe that being in school every day, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

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.

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 Sarah Ford and the deputies are Mrs Emma Russell and 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.