



March
2025



Dance Live! 2025

On 21st March our St Wilfrid's dance club attended a competition called Dance Live! 2025 in Guildford which is organised by the Guildhall trust. Dance Live! sees those in KS2-4 and Further Education compete with choreographed routines to the backdrop of a giant digital screen with pupils showcasing a range of skills from dance, performance and off-stage technical skills to creative design. The dance club, which included children from Years 4, 5 and 6, had been working hard all term with Mr Johnson to rehearse an amazing routine based around the story of Hercules. Alongside the dance routine, we had thought carefully about the design for the costumes, LED backing screen and lighting for the performance. During the afternoon each school took part in a dress rehearsal where we had the opportunity to work on any finishing touches to the routine and watch all of the other performances. In the evening, the audience arrived in the theatre and we went back stage ready for our big moment. The children performed their routine with such confidence and looked fantastic. We were so proud of how they represented the school and were delighted to be awarded with two awards at the end of the evening for technical and concept. A huge well done to all the children who were involved and also a big thank you to the adults that helped with the technical elements, costumes and choreography. What a brilliant day was had by all!





Our Learning in February and March...





The Performing Arts at St Wilfrid's

Young Voices 2025

In February our school choir had a fantastic day attending the Young Voices performance at the o2 arena in London. The children worked hard throughout their choir sessions to learn all of the songs and actions and couldn't wait to perform alongside thousands of 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. All of our children did us proud and we hope that it was an opportunity that they will remember for years to come.





The Performing Arts at St Wilfrid's

Year 3 and 4 production: SPLASH!

This term Year 3 and 4 worked so hard to put on a wonderful show of 'Splash!' the musical. Otters and Kingfishers did an amazing job at learning all of their lines and song words and performed these on the stage with such confidence, bringing their different characters to life. Hares and Rabbits were brilliant at supporting Year 4 with their beautiful singing. We were so proud of all of their achievements and we know that the parent audiences that came to watch them were too. Well done Year 3 and 4!





Ensemble Reza music performance:

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a visit from 'Ensemble Reza' a professional orchestra who performed a unique piece of storytelling music for us. The story was set in Haiti, on the Caribbean island of Hispaniola and the instruments took us on a journey through different traditions and folk law. The children enjoyed listening to how the five musicians playing violin, viola, cello, double bass, banjo and percussion brought the story to life. There were even opportunities for audience participation with two Haitian folk songs for everyone to join in with.



EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 drama workshops

The children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a drama workshop called 'Splash: a deep sea adventure' led by a drama teacher from 'Perform For Schools'. Each class had a great session diving into the ocean and exploring different marine life through fun, interactive drama and movement activities.





Samba drumming workshops

As part of our music provision, the classes from Years 3 to 6 took part in a Samba drumming workshop. They spent the session working with a music teacher to explore new Latin American instruments and learn about the style of music. They worked together to create a Samba piece and had their own carnival at the end to perform it.



Choir performance at Haywards Heath Baptist Church

Following their success at Young Voices, the school choir visited an elderly community group at Haywards Heath Baptist Church to perform some of their favourite songs. The children had a brilliant time showing off their singing skills and enjoyed refreshments afterwards whilst getting to know some of the local residents in the community.





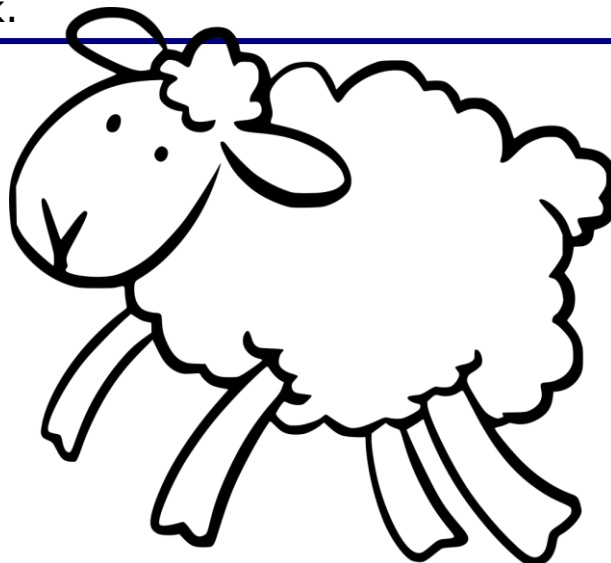
Ising Pop Easter workshops

To start off our Easter project learning, all children from EYFS to Year 6 have had a visit from the 'Ising Pop' team, which is one of the resources that we use to support our class worship times. You may remember that they visited us last year to carry out a workshop themed around Lent. This year the singing and performance workshop that the children took part in was based around the events of Easter. The children had a fantastic time reflecting on the Easter story, learning some new songs and performing actions together. They all came together at the end of the day to reflect on what they had learnt and perform the songs with their phases.



'Loan a Lamb'

After Easter, as part of the 'Loan a lamb' scheme, we will be hosting a ewe and her lamb on the school field and our learning hat week will all be related to this experience. We will be sending out more information after the Easter break.





PE and Sport at St Wilfrid's



The St Wilfrid's hockey team worked incredibly hard to show their fantastic skills in their tournament. They worked together as a team and showed amazing resilience in what was a very challenging tournament. They managed to come second out of the 12 different schools, earning themselves silver medals and a place in the Sussex finals!



The St Wilfrid's netball team played amazingly in the Mid Sussex tournament. They used their prior netball skills to come together as a team and work incredibly hard in the competition. They have made St Wilfrid's incredibly proud.



'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

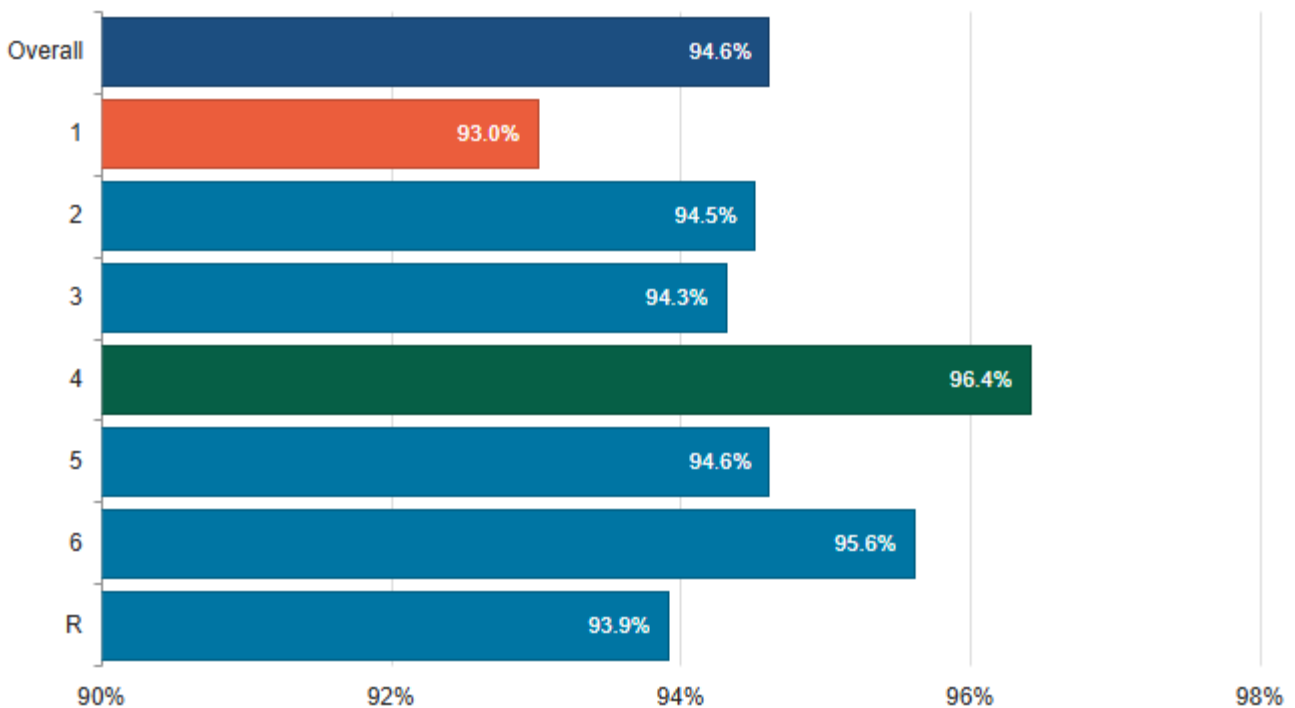
At St Wilfrid's we believe that being in school every day, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

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.