



Our Community Report

2024

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 now 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 Ian Michael, Co-Chairs of Governors

Simon Hateley, Headteacher

Educational Performance

We have continued to focus on developing excellence in the classroom. Our team has worked hard to develop children's learning, especially in Writing, Maths and Phonics. Our performance data is published on our school website and in the HET Report and Accounts. Alongside this, HET has invested in Trust-wide subject leads to support all teachers in the Trust and we have benefitted from regular subject leader meetings and INSET days focussed on developing this excellence. In July, we said goodbye to the Year 6 cohort as they set off on the next part of their learning journey at one of our local secondary schools.



Hurst Education Trust (HET)

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

Governor support

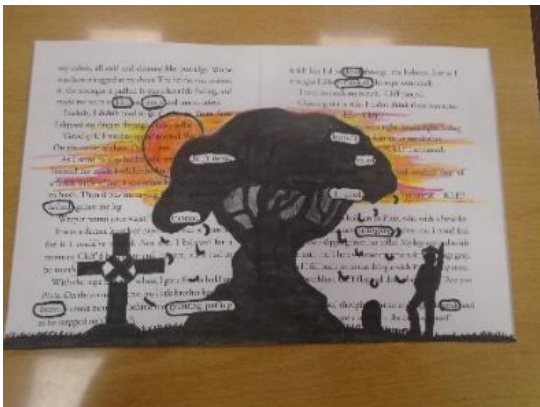
Governors have also felt very supported by HET and we have now had several opportunities to work alongside the different schools in our Trust.

We want to thank Jill Garraway for all her dedicated work as Chair of Governors over the last 8 years. Since September, we have operated with a co-chair model and look forward to continuing to drive the school forward for the benefit of our children.



Curriculum Updates

Over the last few years, working with HET we have introduced several changes to our curriculum. Alongside our Project Learning approach, we support the learning across the curriculum using a variety of resources, including Power Maths, White Rose Science and Read Write Inc Phonics.



Performing Arts

This year, we have increased the specialist music teacher provision to include Year 1. This means six year groups (Year 1 to Year 6) receive a weekly music lesson in smaller groups (20 pupils) by a music specialist and they have the opportunity to showcase their learning to other children in the school.

We have also offered a variety of workshops (drama, dance, singing) for children to take part in as well as to watch performances from professionals including Ensemble Reza. In addition, the children across the whole school have had the opportunity to perform as part of a production at different times in the year. Finally, we are developing our stage and the facilities so it becomes a real shining light at our school and a valuable resource for the future.





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.



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 Fridays for Year 4s (continued from last year)
- Greater Depth maths sessions for Year 6s
- Sports afternoon for Year 2
- Art and DT sessions for Phase 3 classes
- 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



School Community

Governors and staff are incredibly grateful to our wonderful school community who work so hard and in different ways to support the success of our school and the wider community.



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.



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.



Key Priorities for 2025

During 2024, we reviewed our successes and areas we wanted to improve further to develop our strategic aims.

Going forwards, we will prioritise excellence in our delivery of our curriculum to ensure all children make the expected progress, develop further excellent behaviour for learning supported by the THRIVE approach, continue to use a range of performing arts opportunities to support the raising of standards, and to develop leadership in school at all levels.

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.



Together we will be our best

