

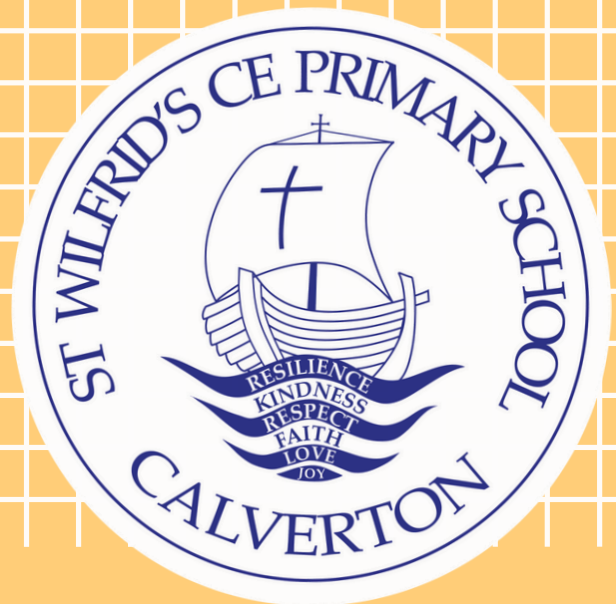
# YEAR 3

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2024

## WHAT'S NEW

Welcome back to a new year at St Wilfrid's!  
I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone and in this letter I will share with you what we have planned for this Autumn term. Each of our school terms is associated with one of our school values.  
This term is Kindness.



## HOUSES

Each child in Year 3 has been sorted into a house - Ash, Maple, Oak or Willow. Each house is led by a member of staff who is their Head of House and two appointed Year 6 children support as House Captains. House points are awarded by members of staff to pupils who show positive attributes in their work or demonstrate our values in school.



# THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day begins at 8.40am on the school's lower playground. The class is collected by the teacher and they are walked onto the main site and into their classroom. Collective worships take place Monday to Thursday at 10.20am in the hall. Morning breaks are at 10.35am until 10.50am. Your child can bring in a small snack for break - a biscuit or a piece of fruit. Lunchtime is at 12.00pm until 1.00pm. During the afternoon we take a brain-break between lessons, but there is no specific time when this will take place.

Dismissal is at 3.25pm and the class is led down to the lower playground by a member of staff for your child to be collected at the end of the day.

On Friday at 9.00am, we alternate our Celebration and Golden Box assemblies. Parents are invited to send in any achievement their child would like to share with the school for Celebration. Two children are selected by the class teacher for Golden Box awards and their parents are invited to attend the assembly.

## Water bottles

Children should bring a water bottle to school everyday - preferably labelled with their name so it can be identified. In class, bottles are stored in trays near pupils' tables and children are free to drink water during lessons. If pupils are required to give their full attention to a part of the lesson being taught, pupils may be asked to wait until after a teacher's input before they can have a drink.

## PE Kits

PE this term is taught on Monday and Tuesday. Children should come to school in their PE kits - with a hoodie to wear in case of cold weather.

## The Field

If the weather allows, your child will be going onto our field at break times and lunch times. Please ensure they bring in appropriate footwear which they can easily change in and out of independently. Field footwear should be separate to PE footwear and will be stored at school unless it is needed outside of school.

## Reading Diaries

Children should always bring their reading diaries to school as they may require them when reading to an adult. At home, parents please record your child's reads in the weekly timetable. We ask that children are given the opportunity to read to someone at home at least three times a week. Reading is such a vital part of a child's education and its impact on their development in all subjects is huge. Home reading supports this massively and we have certificates and awards for numbers of reads so please keep diaries up to date.

## Times Tables

Each child in Year 3 is provided with a Times Table Rock Star login. Each week they will be tested on their times tables knowledge and this term we are reviewing out 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s. Please give your child the chance to practice their multiplication skills before our weekly check-ins on Friday mornings. A fantastic (and free) alternative to TTRS is [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk). It also has lots of fun accessible games to help children learn.

## English

This term we will be focusing on descriptive vocabulary while we rehearse, edit and create narratives, instructions, explanations, shape poems and persuasive letters.

## Maths

We start with reviewing our knowledge of place value then the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils will practice their fluency and reasoning.

## Science

We first look at the properties and categories of rocks. Looking at the many layers buried in the earth. Next we investigate light - how it is created and blocked by different materials.

## RE

As part of our syllabus and Understanding Christianity, we are exploring 'People of God' and delving into additional faiths for 'Worship and Sacred Places'. Children reflect on their own beliefs.

## History

Our topic this term is the Stone Age and prehistory leading up to the Roman invasion. We will focus on artifacts, societies and how metals helped shape the technologies in our history.

## Geography

We're looking at tracking the globe and naming the areas of the earth including the tropics and the equator. We will also be looking at map reading and identifying continents.

## Art

Gestural drawing using charcoal medium, influenced by artist Laura McKendry, and the Chiaroscuro art style of light and dark. The children will create their own prehistoric cave paintings.

## Music

We are looking into instrumentals this term with a South African sound. Pupils will practice reading staff notations and playing percussion. We finish the term by Carolling in church!

## D&T

In Design and Technology, pupils are looking into engineering structures. Year 3 will be designing, producing and evaluating a (stable) photo frames Christmas present.

## Computing

We start in our usual way by reviewing the importance of Online Safety, looking at permissions and how pupils can protect themselves. We then look at what makes a computer work.

## PE

Mr Devivo is starting the year with football skills and team building while Mr Clapham is beginning with invasion games. Both focus on communication, balance, movement and control.

## PSHE

Using our SCARF scheme, we are covering topics 'Being my Best' and 'Me and My Relationships' which support and guide pupils in looking after themselves and others.