

Absence

Across November our overall attendance is still lower than it should be **95.3%**.

Well done to Year 2 the best attenders again this month just beating Year 4 into second place!

% Attendance in November							
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.8%	92.6%	94.5%	97.3%	94.6%	97.1%	94.6%	96.2%

% Attendance - What does it mean?	
90% at end of term	1 week and 2 days of school 7 SCHOOL DAYS
80% at end of term	2 weeks and 4 days missed 14 SCHOOL DAYS
90% at end of year	4 weeks of school missed 20 SCHOOL DAYS
80% at end of year	8 weeks of school missed 40 SCHOOL DAYS

Every morning or afternoon missed are filled with lessons your child may not be able to catch up on - they are missing essential learning.
 The more time they miss the harder it is for them to catch up. This can lead to anxiety and a negative attitude to school.
 Lessons they might not be able to catch up on.
 Leading to gaps in learning - gaps in skills and knowledge as they grow older.

Breakfast Club is on everyday (open from 7.45am) some families find aiming for an earlier start time helps.

Parking

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

The children have taken part in a County wide poster competition and well done to Anna in Year 6 who achieved a top ten place. Her design is being made into a banner to add to those on the fence outside school.

Please keep parking away from the school gates; don't stop on the zig zag lines and take extra care while driving on Murphy Crescent.

If you park on Murphy Crescent please be aware there should always be enough space for a Fire Engine to access the street.

Money in school

Any cash coming into school please put it in a clearly labelled envelope.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) - Playtime Improvements

Thanks for the donations we've received so far. We're still collecting items for outdoor play

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- Suitcases of any size and type
- Dressing Up Clothes
- 'Small World Toys' - cars, animals, dinosaurs, small dolls items for imaginative play
- Anything on wheels/castors
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms
- Buckets
- Nets and ropes
- Old Keyboards
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric) / Old Tents
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)

Thanks.
PE Kit

ALL PUPILS SHOULD HAVE A PE Kit in school each week - White T-Shirt and black shorts.

Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Coffee Afternoon - starts 2pm
Monday 17 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas party
Tuesday 18 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas party 6pm Carol Service St Mary's Church
Wednesday 19 th December	9.30am Whole School Mass St Mary's Church Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us. Year 5/6 Christmas party
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas liturgy 2.15pm in school First Steps Christmas Party Last day of term.
Monday 7 th January 2019	School re-opens for the Spring term.
Wednesday 9 th January	9.30am Mass St Mary's Church

LIFE AT ST WILFRID'S

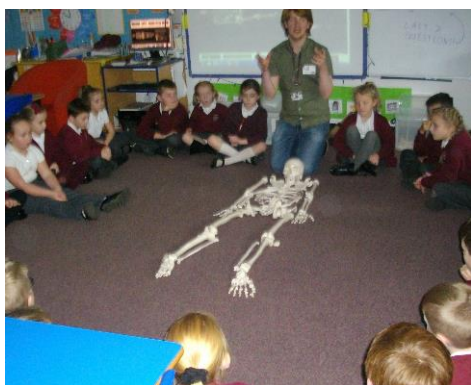


This half term First Steps have focused on The Gruffalo story by Julia Donaldson. We have enjoyed retelling the story using puppets, making Gruffalo crumble and going on a Gruffalo hunt outside. We also looked at the similarities and differences between us and the Gruffalo, comparing our eye colour, where we live and our favourite food. We then looked at other stories by Julia Donaldson, she is currently our favourite author.

In geography, Year 1 have been learning about My Home/My School. We started by learning about the planet, country and town we live in. We were lucky that we had a visit from a planetarium, so following this we were interested in finding out more about the solar system. We made a lovely display! Then we went on a walk of our local area walked about the different sorts of houses and building that we saw. We are going to learn about the countries and capitals of the UK and we have been applying our learning by drawing maps of our local area and our route to school.



Year 2 have covered two major historic events. Firstly, we learned about the Gunpowder Plot. Then we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We discovered how and when it began, how it spread, the events that unfolded and how it ended. Our information has come from paintings, maps, newspaper accounts and Samuel Pepys Diary. We even got to write with a quill (feather pen).



As part of our Stone Age - Iron Age topic, Year 3 have had a visitor from Durham University. He showed us real and replica artefacts. We even pretended to be archaeologists, and reassembled a stone age skeleton, to see what it could tell us about prehistoric people. We have also learnt about how pottery changed throughout prehistory. We made Bronze Age coil pots that could be traded for tools, weapons or food. We decided that we were excellent potters, and our pots would be very valuable. Well done year 3!

We baked cookies in Year 4, and made them look like planets as part of 'Space Week'. We also wrote some stories about crash landing on a mysterious planet and meeting alien life.



Year 5 have been learning all about the causes of the First World War. They had the chance to look at a selection of artefacts and even try on some of the helmets and clothing that the soldiers had to wear. It was lovely to see Year 5 so enthusiastic and learning lots of new information.



Safer Futures Live 2018
We attended on November 27th.
Year 6 received many important messages through 6 workshops including Fire Safety, Internet Safety and Electricity.