



5.9.2025



Dear Parents,

Our first week has been a busy one and the children have coped so well. Some tired children and adults by this afternoon. We are particularly proud of our Reception class who are settling well into their new class routines. The Reception staff will let you know when they are ready to use the gate as the entrance. A warm welcome to all our new families in Reception and we have also welcomed a child into Year 3 this week.

### **Start of the Year Mass**

On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Paul will come into school for our Start of Year Mass. It is a beautiful way to start the new school year. Several of our school governors will join us. You are very welcome too. Our Reception class won't be at this Mass but will be part of our next Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup> October.

On Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15am we will have our **Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid**. All are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

### **Label, Label, Label!**

We already have some lost property and because it is not labelled it is not easily returned. Anything your child may take off or put down **MUST** be labelled.

### **Assemblies**

This week we have had two assemblies. On Tuesday we began the new school year with a Mission Celebration of the Word, where we revisited our Mission Statement and looked at our school values with the children. Today we welcomed Reception Class to their first assembly and we looked at our school rules, Ready, Respectful and Safe and we practised some hymns for Monday's Mass.

## **Parents' Evenings**

There will be an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher at our Autumn Parents' Evenings. They will take place on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to book an appointment a couple of weeks before. You will be able to look at your child's work before your appointment time as well as their classroom environment.

## **Mrs McEniff's Weekly Letters**

I aim to write to you once a week with celebrations, news, information and the odd moan! The letter is emailed and also saved on the website under the 'Parents' tab – 'Letters to Parents.'

## **Uniform**

The children all looked very smart coming into school this week. A few children were in white shirts without ties. Red ties can be purchased from the school office and are on the School Gateway. Ties with elastic are £3.75 and full ties are £4.

## **Online Safety**

Each month we send out an Online Safety newsletter. This is produced for us by experts and we feel it is an invaluable resource for parents.

Please ensure that your children are only accessing age-appropriate games, films and online content. Children do not have the emotional maturity to cope with material produced for an older audience.

## **Walking Home**

A number of our Year 5 and 6 children now have permission to walk home or to meet siblings or parents on campus. We monitor this carefully and the St Nicholas staff report any silly behaviour to us. Please remind your children that this is a privilege and that they need to act responsibly.

## **Nut Free School**

Just a reminder that we, like most schools are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. We have children with severe allergies to nuts in school and the start of the year is a good time to remind everyone. Our school kitchen is nut free and we ask that all healthy snacks brought into school as well as packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Please do not give your children peanut butter or Nutella type spreads. Staff in school bring in nut free lunches too. Please check all snacks for nuts. Thank you.

### **Pick Up Arrangements to Safeguard all our Children**

There is no parking at the front of school for pick up.

The front of school is for Pre-School pickup and can be used by blue badge holders if the designated spaces are full.

Thank you to those families who have bought tickets for the St Nicholas playground car park for the term or the year. These tickets can be purchased on School Gateway at 70p per day or £35 for the term.

St Nicholas insist that we park the cars in a certain way so please follow the instructions for parking given by our staff.

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September all passes will be checked. If you do not have a pass, you will be asked to park off campus and walk down.

Parking on the yellow hashed area is dangerous, please do not park there. Traffic exits the other schools on the campus and crosses the hatched area making it unsafe to walk across.

### **Garden Centre Vouchers**

Please ask for these if you are heading to the garden centre in Winnington. They are not always offered. They are really useful for us, we buy seeds, soil and plants for school.

### **Parking by the blue gates**

There are three parking bays by the blue gates. Greenbank school have asked that our parents **do not use them** as they need that lane free for their taxis. They will put cones and a sign out. We all share the campus roads and need to make traffic flow as free as possible.

### **Roadworks**

Thank you for your patience with the ongoing roadworks on Chester Road at the Greenbank Lane junction. As a result of these, no lates were recorded for children this week.

## Jubilee ICON

Bishop Mark has blessed three Jubilee Icons and they are travelling around the Diocese. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, St Joseph's in Winsford will bring one of the Icons to St Wilfrid's where we will celebrate its arrival with a short service and look after it for two days.

There will be an opportunity for parish and parents to 'venerate' the icon while it is in our chapel. More information will follow next week.

On the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, we will deliver the Icon to St Nicholas Catholic High School.

## Class Assembly

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October Y6 will share a class assembly. Their families are welcome to join us for a 9am start.

## Reception Class – September 2026

We already have had enquiries about school places for next September! We do not hold open days, instead, if you know anyone who would like to look round school, we offer personal tours with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Please ask them to ring school to make an appointment.

God Bless you and your families.

**Justine McEniff    Headteacher**

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*  
John 10:10

At St. Wilfrid's we love one another,  
show respect and accept responsibility.  
Embracing opportunity and nurturing creativity,  
we share in the joy of Jesus.



Ready



Respectful



Safe

