

Information Bulletin for Parents and Carers

Friday 14 July



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

Excellence through Faith, Learning and Support

Faith:

This week our assemblies have focused on Thanksgiving. Our school year is coming to an end and so we gathered together as a school community to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

Prayer:

God our Father, our life is blessed with many good gifts. Make us truly thankful for the gifts of our own personalities, for the gift of people who guide us and help us to grow, especially the teachers in our school. May we be your presence in the world in how we relate to others, and in all that we say and do.

Amen.



Supporting our local food banks

We currently have a food drive in school to support local food banks.

Please send any tinned or packet items of food into school with your child if you are able to support us. The final collection day is Monday.

Thank you.

Learning:

Students of the Week

This week, our amazing winners are:

Aidan: Alyssia Kaur and Imad Khan

Bede: Grace Elliott and Ramsay Garner

Cuthbert: Oliver Sowden and Rose Henson

Hilda: Alfie Smoult and Dominic Platts

Margaret Clitherow: Lacey Duffield and Abida Kamruzzaman

Congratulations - we're all very proud of you!



Renewal of Library Books

Please can all students search at home for any overdue school library books and bring them into school to be renewed. It's really important that we keep track of our stock so that we can continue to use our local school library service. All library books need to be returned or renewed before the summer holidays.



Accessing Books over the Summer

All students have access to SORA our online reading platform. They have thousands of texts and audio books to enjoy over the summer holidays.

To access, simply login to the app or website using your school (Google Classroom) login details. If you are struggling to login, please visit Mrs Collings-Backhouse.

Support:

Activities Week

Monday

Summer Safety Day - Staying safe this summer!

- Cyber Security
- Mental Health
- Water Safety

Tuesday

Culture & Diversity Day - Women's World Cup themed.

- Geography
- History
- Tradition & Beliefs
- English
- Art

Wednesday

Pink & Blue Day!

Thursday

St. Wilfrid's Sports Day 2023.

Friday

Summer liturgy and school celebration event.

Important Notices regarding Activities Week:

1. Pupils can wear their PE kit each day of Activities Week.
2. On Wednesday, our theme is 'Pink & Blue' to raise money for the Together Forever Trust, in memory of Chloe Rutherford and Liam Curry. The colours pink and blue are synonymous with the trust therefore pupils may wear a pink or blue item, such as a t-shirt, on this day. Donations can be made to the Together Forever Trust on ParentPay, or through collection boxes available to students before school, at break and at lunch.
3. All students will be involved in a physical activity session on Sports Day therefore all students must wear their PE kit on this day.
4. School finishes at 12.20pm on Friday 21st July.

Water Safety

As we approach the end of the summer term, it is important to us to make sure that all of our pupils have an enjoyable, but most of all safe summer holiday. Each year, around 312 people drown: on average, that's one person every 28 hours, and drowning significantly increases during the summer holiday period, with teenaged and young adult males being most at risk. To help our pupils to make good decisions about their own safety in the holidays many of our pupils have been learning about drowning prevention, and the RLSS UK, the drowning prevention charity, have asked us to share these important water safety tips with you to help you and your family to stay safe this summer:

1. Make sure your children know how to swim and basic water safety skills

The holidays are a great time to have some catch up lessons or join a Rookie Lifeguard or lifesaving class.

2. Look for lifeguards everywhere you go

Safety standards vary around the world, and holiday resort pools and beaches often don't have lifeguards, or lifeguards trained to UK standards. If possible only swim where there are lifeguards. Keep children under constant supervision, it only takes a few seconds to drown, and the lifeguards have a lot more people to supervise than you do.

3. Lakes, quarries, rivers, reservoirs and the sea

These water sites claim many lives during the summer months, largely due to the water temperatures remaining very cold once you are slightly away from the edge. Never swim at these locations unless it is part of a regulated outdoor activity.

4. Follow the Water Safety Code

Whenever you are around water:

- **Stop and think** - look for the dangers, always read the signs
- **Stay together** - Never swim alone. Always go with friends or family.

In an Emergency:

- **Call 999** or 112 and shout for help
- **Float** - if you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something in that floats to anyone who falls in

Have a very fun, and very safe summer holiday.

Key dates / upcoming events:

- Next week is ACTIVITIES WEEK for Years 7 - 9 and WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK for Year 10.

Academic Year 2023-24

- Autumn term begins on Monday 4 September with an inservice training day for staff. Students should not attend school on this day.
- We then have a staggered start to the school year as follows:
 - Year 7 students should attend school at 8.40am on Tuesday 5 September
 - Year 11 students should return to school at 11.00am on Tuesday 5 September
 - All other year groups should return to school at 8.40am on Wednesday 6 September