

# St. Wilfrid's Catholic (VA) Primary School and Nursery



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## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**10-12 June** Y5 & Y6 Trip to Shropshire  
**10 June** PTA Fashion Show

**13/14/15 June** Y1 doing their phonics check

**14 June** Good Shepherd Mass – School Choir sing + Y3  
**20 June** Olympics Week  
**21 June** Y5 Wider Opportunities Concert 9.15 am  
Y5 Come and Play with the Hallé - Bridgewater Hall  
**27 June** Thanksgiving Mass for Y4 First Holy Communion children, family and whole school. Group Photo and party.  
**30 June** St Edmund Arrowsmith HS New Intake Evening

**1 July** PTA Summer Fayre after school  
**4 July** KS2 Sports Day p.m.  
**5 July** Parents Introduction Day St Edmund Arrowsmith HS  
**6-8 July** Y6 Induction Days at St Edmund Arrowsmith High School including...  
**6 July** Y6 Let's Sing at Robin Park  
**6 July** Nursery Sports Day a.m. 7 p.m.  
**7 July** Reception & KS1 Sports Day p.m.  
**11 July** Y5 & Y6 BBC Ten Pieces Gala concert at Robin Park  
**13 July** Leavers' Mass 10.30 a.m.  
**14 July** Opportunity to discuss your child's report  
**19 July** Leavers' Assembly 2 p.m.  
**20 July** Term ends

### SPORTS DAYS

**4<sup>th</sup> July** KS2 (Y3 to Y6) p.m.  
**6<sup>th</sup> July** Nursery both a.m. & p.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> July** Reception & KS1 (Y1 & Y2) p.m.

### Wednesday is Deli Bar Day!

A Deli Bar will be available, initially for Y6, for the first week (W/C 13 June), then other junior classes in the following weeks.

**New Website** – Please let us know what you think. Is there something you would like to see there? Can you find the information you need?

### Parental Questionnaire - Out of School Provision

We will send out paper copies of these questionnaires if you are not able to print them off. We need to have a full picture of what people think before we can commit to any change in provision because of possible cost implications for the school.

**Ofsted** – have been and gone! Thank you to all those pupils, parents, staff and governors who took the time to speak to the HMI inspector Mrs Olsson-Law. We will be able to pass on the report, which will be in the form of a letter, once it has been checked. This will take at least 10 working days. We will publish it on the website and send copies home.

### SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016 - 2017

#### Autumn Term 2016

6 September to 22 December  
(Reception Class start full time on 7 September)  
Half Term: 24 – 28 October inclusive

#### Spring Term 2017

10 January to 7 April  
Half Term: 20-24 February inclusive

#### Summer Term 2017

25 April to 21 July  
Half Term: 29 May to 2 June inclusive  
Bank holiday: 1 May

**Assessment without Levels** – Up until last summer, children were assessed in Levels from 1 to 6, which were subdivided into 3 sub-levels - C, B and A. From September 2015, we started to look at assessment in a different way. Each school seems to be using a variety of processes but whatever the wording, children will be assessed at:

**Below** age related expectations

**Working Within** age related expectations

**At** age related expectations

**Beyond** age related expectations – at greater depth

based on the new national curriculum. Do not compare old curriculum with new as the standards have been raised significantly. Y1 children, once they complete their phonics check this month, will be assessed as meeting the standard or not yet meeting the standard.

For Y2, although they have completed tests, this gives information for their teacher to assess them against the above. For Y6, their tests were marked externally in all areas except Writing, which is teacher assessed. Their marks will be converted into a standardised score, where 100 is regarded, as far as we know, as the expectation for the age group. We will know more once the statisticians have looked at the data across the country for all 600,000 Y6 children but this will not be apparent until the beginning of July.

**Academic Transition for Year 6** An initiative was begun last year (initiated by St Wilfrid's, I may add!), whereby the Year 6 children took their English books up to St Edmund Arrowsmith HS on the Induction Days, ready to continue working in them in September until October half term. This assists Year 7 staff and Senior Management to ensure that the children continue with the progress made up to and beyond the Tests taken in May, giving high school staff an accurate picture of where the children were in July and should be in Year 7. Feedback from St Edmund Arrowsmith HS was very positive so this will continue this year and be extended to Maths and RE books. Children going to Cansfield HS will be taking English and Maths books with them. You may be aware that some Wigan high schools are sending books down to the primary schools. The only Ashton school doing this is Byrchall HS.