Welcome to our School

At St Wilfrid’s Catholic Primary School we are committed to bringing out the best in every child. We provide an education of the highest quality, which enables pupils to flourish. We are ambitious for our pupils, so that they achieve success in the widest sense and in so doing serve others and God, making the most of their gifts and talents.

Because we believe that all people are uniquely created in the image and likeness of God, we cherish one another.

We maintain an environment that is warm and welcoming and that enables everyone to feel part of our school family, centred on the person of Jesus Christ.

Respect is at the heart of all we do and, because of this, pupils respond by showing kindness and understanding to one another.

We nurture a close relationship with parents and the parishes of St Wilfrid and St Edward. This enables us to build upon a shared understanding of what matters most in life.

You are most welcome to visit our school. Please call us on 01444 235254 or e-mail office@stwilfridsbh.org.uk to arrange a visit.
Our School Mission Statement

We believe in God, who, in Jesus Christ, came to share his life with us and called us to serve. Therefore, we try to reach out to all those in need, improving the lives of others.

We believe in God, who is a community of love; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Therefore, we will nurture relationships that are mutually respectful, promote love and tolerance and include everyone.

We believe in God, who loves and protects all he has made. Therefore, we cherish each individual’s uniqueness, instil values of self-worth and support each other in reaching our full potential.

We believe in God, who lives in each one of us. Therefore, we strive to enable all our children to do their best in all areas of learning and so equip them for the future.

We believe in God, who is worthy of our praise. Therefore, prayer and worship is at the heart of our Catholic community.
Admissions

St Wilfrid’s is a two-form entry Catholic Primary School for children aged 4-11 years of age. Applications for school places at 4+ are made through West Sussex County Council using the Common Assessment Form (CAF). A Supplementary Information Form (SIF) should be completed in addition to the CAF if any further information is offered in support of the application. This form can be downloaded from the school’s website.

THE SCHOOL DAY AND UNIFORM

The school day begins at 8:50 and finishes at 3:15. Lunch time for Foundation and KS1 pupils is from 12:00 until 1:00; KS2 pupils from 12:30 until 1:30.

Pupils have the choice to bring either a packed lunch or order a hot meal.

At St Wilfrid’s all children are proud to wear school uniform. This consists of a brown sweatshirt or cardigan with logo, gold polo shirt and brown skirt or pinafore dress or grey trousers and black school shoes. Children may wear a yellow check dress in summer.
Enjoying & Achievement

Our creative curriculum aims to engage, enthuse, and challenge children. It is broad and balanced and provides our pupils with the necessary knowledge and skills to prepare them for life in modern Britain. All parts of our school life are guided and underpinned by our six Learning Values:

- INDEPENDENCE
- COLLABORATION
- APPRECIATION
- RESILIENCE
- CREATIVITY
- AMBITION

"Expectations of behaviour are high and children behave extremely well in lessons. Relationships are a strong part of school life with one pupil commenting that, 'Teachers and pupils respect each other.'"

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Early Years Foundation Stage

The Reception classes follow the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage framework, which has seven areas of learning and development:

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Children learn in many different ways. They deepen their understanding by playing, talking, observing, planning, questioning, experimenting, testing, repeating, reflecting and responding to adults and to each other. In our Reception unit we aim to create an environment where children can learn in all these different ways and become independent, confident, resilient and successful learners. The play-based curriculum is planned around topics that are meaningful and of interest, with opportunities for children to engage in activities guided by adults as well as to independently initiate their own learning.

“Pupils in lessons are keen to learn and listen intently.”
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At St. Wilfrid’s we promote high standards in the core subjects of reading, writing and maths. We also have high expectations of the foundation subjects to teach, inspire and instil a love of learning about our world. We have termly themes which are topic drivers. This can be a science, geography or history led topic. Key subject skills are taught within each topic e.g. chronology and interpretation of evidence in history. In this way pupils can become historians, geographers and scientists etc. They become equipped to be life-long learners.

Wherever we can, we make cross-curricular links between subjects as this leads to a greater understanding of key ideas and can be an excellent stimulus for writing. Work in numeracy also may be history or science themed. For example pupils may use data from these subjects when data-handling and presenting results.

Information and communications technology (ICT) underpins all subjects - we may be editing and improving work on netbooks, we may be researching key events or ideas in history. We choose how to present our findings. In addition we have a structured computing programme based on the national curriculum.

In English excellent examples of literature are studied. We learn from the best and within our key stage 2 curriculum, there are also units which focus on our great masters, for example, Charles Dickens and William Shakespeare. Significant modern authors such as Michael Morpurgo are studied alongside these. We have structured programmes to teach phonics and spelling. In mathematics, basics concepts, operations and skills are taught and practised within a creative maths curriculum where problem-solving and investigations are planned for.

Physical Education has a high profile at St Wilfrid’s. It has a positive influence on the pupils and it aims to promote awareness of a healthy lifestyle, improving their well-being, concentration, attitude and academic achievement. We aim to ensure that all pupils benefit from taking part in a broad range of physical activities. RE is taught following the diocesan Come and See scheme. We plan exciting and challenging activities and where possible plan for cross-curricular learning with links to either our general topics or topical events in the world. Learning about and following Jesus is at the heart of the school life and informs our school motto –

Our Faith, Our Learning and Each Other!
School Trips & Visits

At St. Wilfrid’s a wide range of trips and visits are arranged to places of educational interest. The visits, which are linked to the curriculum, may include museums, theatres, galleries, local farms and woodlands. The older pupils have the opportunity to spend some time on residential school journeys.

Home Learning

At St Wilfrid’s we feel that home learning is integral to every child’s development and as such we value working in partnership with parents and carers. Reading at home is an essential element in developing the love of books and reading skills.

Spellings and times tables are encouraged from Key Stage 1 upwards. The pupils are also actively encouraged to complete the home learning tasks, which are designed to encourage and develop study skills and to provoke interest, discussion and further learning. These are set every term. There is a clear expectation that home learning will be set, completed at home and followed up by school.
Extra Curricular Activities

The school offers a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. These are run by staff members, coaches and other agencies that may use our school as a base. Recently these have included football for boys and girls, netball, basketball, code clubs, choir, gardening, swimming, cross country and chess.

Involving Parents

At St Wilfrid’s we have always believed in working in partnership in order to achieve the best outcomes for our pupils. Involvement of parents and carers is welcome for reading and other subject specific help that the classes may require. Throughout the year we hold monthly Open Class times after school where parents and carers can spend some time talking with their children looking at and discussing their work. Annual curriculum meetings are held for each year group during the early part of the autumn term. Specific subject workshops are held to ensure that all parents and carers are aware of any new developments which the school may undertake. There are termly Parent/Carer Consultation evenings and termly reports.

The Friends of St Wilfrid’s are a proactive and successful team who help fundraise throughout the year and organise a range of social events for parents.