



# The Update

From W.P.S

7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

It's great to see everyone back today, I hope you all had a restful holiday and time together as a family.

We have lots of exciting plans for this term including: the start of our new after school care club (Wilsden Pals) which begins tonight; new developments with our feedback and marking within school which are designed to focus in even more on the individual needs of the children and further developments with our work within school to support the well-being of all members of our school community.

Happy New Year.

**John Davison**  
Headteacher

## New messages for this week

| For          | Title      | Message   |
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| Whole school | Attendance | <p>This is just a reminder about attendance and our attendance system.</p> <p>Challenge Time: Attendance will continue to be part of the Challenge Time system. It will no longer be based upon the number of days a child has had off in a half-term. It will be judged on a percentage. The attendance part of Challenge Time will not count towards the badges for the first three half-terms of the year – this is because percentages would be knocked drastically by one day off. <b>They will count for Easter, Spring Bank and Summer.</b> Even when they are not counted towards badges, the colour will be reported along with your child's attendance. To clarify the colours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red is for attendance below 90% - the government would class this as 'Persistently absent'</li><li>• Amber is for attendance between 90.1% and 95.9%</li><li>• Green is for attendance of 96% or above – this is the government set target.</li></ul> <p><b>To receive the end of term 'All Green' prize, children need to have been 'Green' all year for Behaviour, Effort, Uniform and be 'Green' for attendance in Summer 2 only.</b></p> <p>It is very important to stress that this isn't to punish any child who is absent. It is to encourage good attendance, emphasise the importance of good attendance to children and to reward</p> |

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|                        |                         | <p>those with good attendance – in line with our attendance policy (available on our website).</p> <p>For Challenge Time we will continue to take some absences into account – e.g. absences for hospital appointments, as we understand that these can't be made at an alternative time, or for children with severe medical needs. These are done on a case by case basis.</p> <p>As every year, there will be certificates for 100% attendance and all children with 100% attendance across the year will be added into a raffle to win a very special prize at the end of the year.</p> <p>You can read the full letter we sent in September <a href="#">by clicking here</a>.</p> |
| Whole school           | Curriculum and homework | <p>The curriculum section of our website is now up-to-date to reflect this term's projects. Please have a look as it will make it explicit what your child is learning, and how. If you are out and about over the holidays or following weekends and want to do a piece of work based around your child's learning, this should help. (On the website click on School Life, Curriculum and Curriculum Overview) (<a href="#">or click here</a>)</p>   |
| Whole school           | Book of the Month       | <p>Each month, each class receive a book. Here is the up-to-date list for this month! If you have any spare time, please encourage your child to read with you. <a href="#">Click here for the list</a>.</p>   |
| Whole school           | Friendship Benches      | <p>We are so grateful to the Wilsden Gala Committee for their extremely generous donation. This has allowed us to set up some Friendship Benches. The idea for benches came from our work on anti-bullying. If a child is feeling lonely, or needs someone to play with, they go to the bench and have a seat. Other children (and staff) then know that they need a bit of support and go and sit with them for a talk. This improves relationships in school, develops new friendships and ensures no one is ever alone.</p> <p>We would like to thank Wilsden Village Gala so much for their extremely kind donation. (<a href="#">Web version here</a>)</p>                        |
| Year 5 and Key Stage 2 | Mrs Faulkner            | <p>Mrs Faulkner is pregnant and so will be taking maternity leave later this academic year. This is likely to be in the summer term and once we have made arrangements to cover Mrs Faulkner's absence I will write to you again.</p> <p>The best outcomes possible for the children are our primary focus within school and we will do all we can in school to maintain continuity for the children.</p>  |

| This week's events |                                  |         |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Date               | What                             | Details |
| Tuesday            | KS1 Challenge Time winners lunch |         |

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| Thursday | KS2 Challenge<br>Time winners lunch |  |
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All events can be found on our website, by [clicking here](#)

# ✓ Attendance

(this will be updated every Monday).

The National average for attendance across the country is 96.4%. Currently our attendance is 96.9%; remember, every school day counts.

Find our attendance breakdown, winning classes and punctuality [by clicking here](#)



[Click here to see the Star of the Week! \(Updated each Monday\)](#)

| Reminders from previous Updates |                    |  |
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| Message for                     | From which Update? | Message  |
| Whole school                    | 17/12/18           | We have a range of Extra Curricular clubs running after Christmas; some are free and some are run by outside companies so have a charge. These are in addition to Wilsden Pals. If you are interested in any of these more information can <a href="#">be found here</a> . |
| Whole school                    | 17/12/18           | Wilsden Pals is our new wrap around care; Breakfast club, after school club and holiday clubs. Full information can be found on the <a href="#">Wilsden Pals webpage</a> .   |

## Popular information:

- **School dinners** are tasty and healthy. Menus are available by [clicking here](#)
- **School holidays** are available by [clicking here](#), or looking on our '[Events Calendar](#)'
- **Wrap around care** with Wilsden Pals! [Click here](#).
- Think there is a letter you've missed and want to see? **All letters** can be found on our website by clicking School Office and then Letters – or by [clicking here](#).

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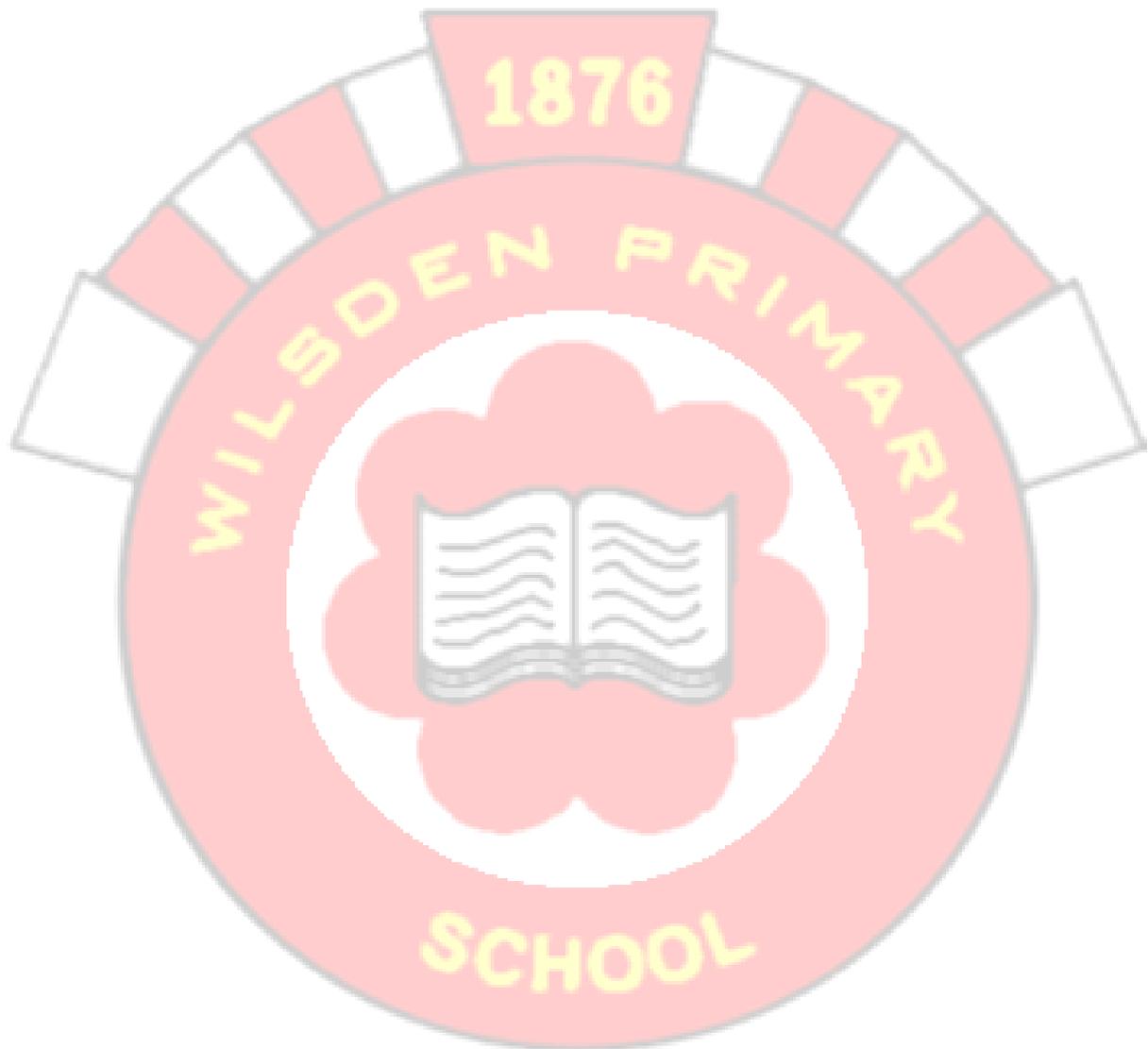
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