

Bishop Wilfred Wood



Who was Wilfred Wood?

Wilfred Denniston Wood KA (born 15 June 1936) was Bishop of Croydon from 1985 to 2003, the first black bishop in the Church of England. He came second in the 100 Great Black Britons list in 2004.

He was born in Barbados and came over to England as a curate, and served in church called St Thomas until 1974.

He became an archdeacon for boroughs all over London and eventually became Archdeacon of Croydon until his retirement in 2002.

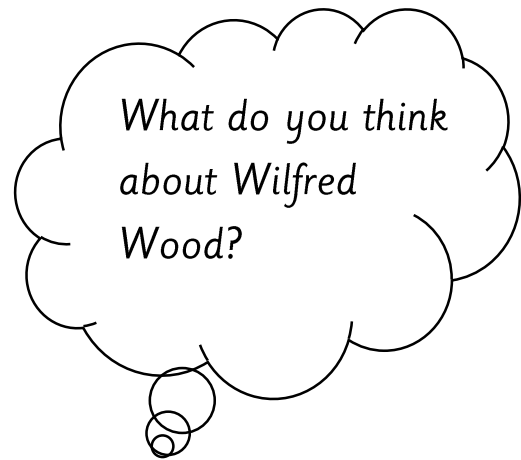
He helped to come up with a new form of prosecution, which helped to police put people in prison.

He also helped minority groups become part of society.

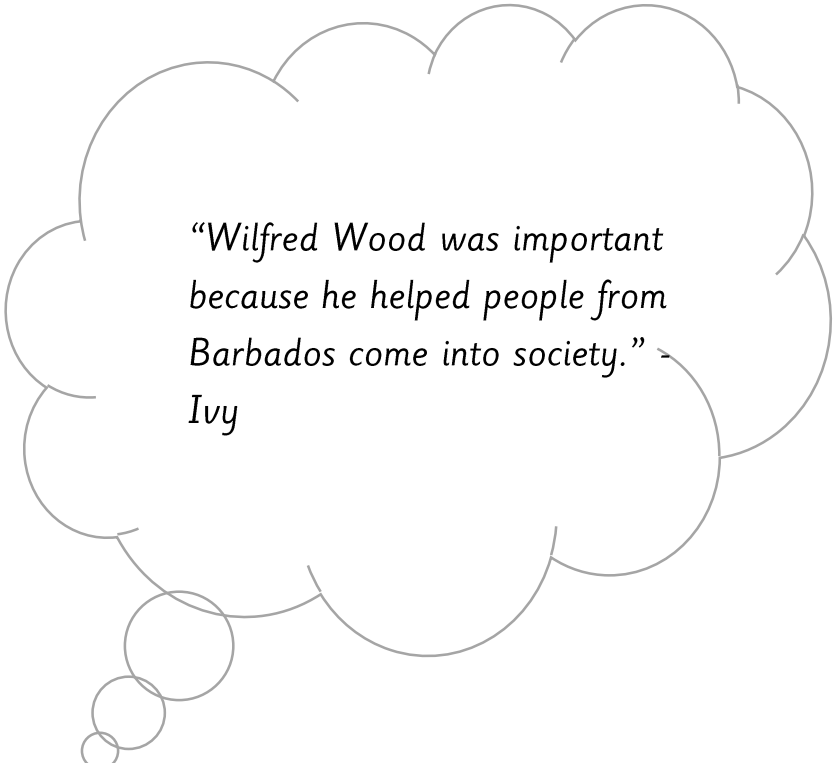
In the year 2000, Wilfred Wood was appointed him as Knight of St Andrews (order of Barbados) for his helping the church and for helping other people living in England who were from Barbados.

In 2002, Wilfred retired from the church and decided to leave England and move back to Barbados.

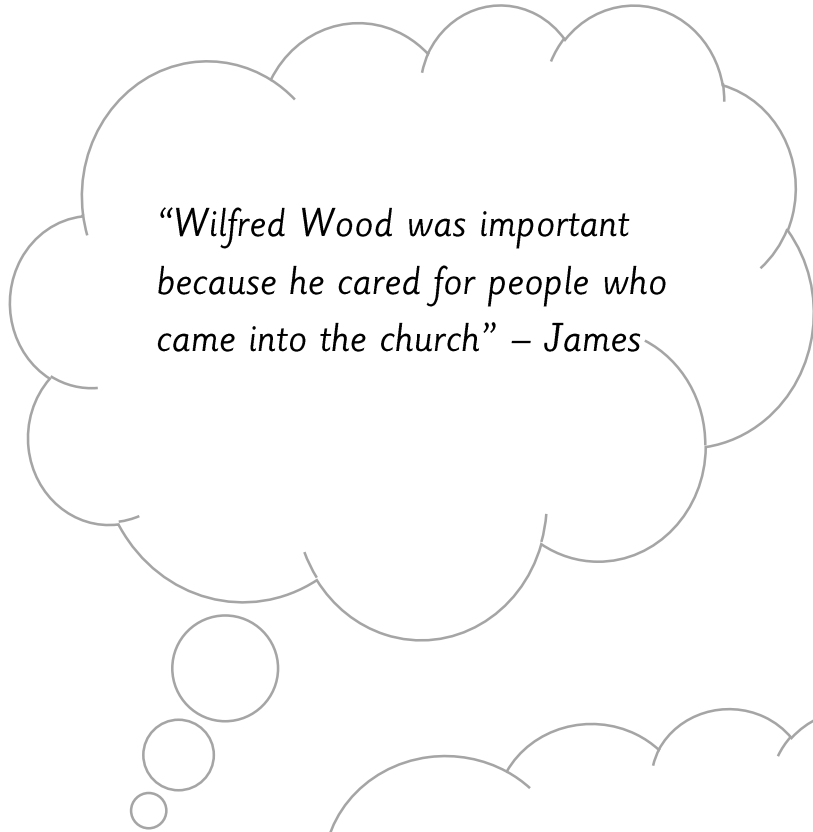
He was voted as number 4 in the 100 Great Black Britons list.



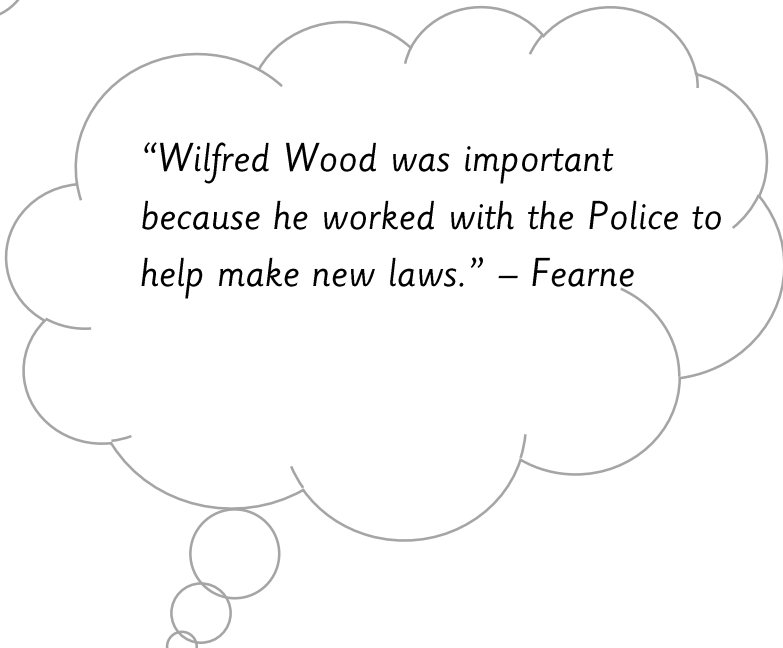
Zebra class really enjoyed learning about Wilfred Wood and his impact on the church. We discussed his great achievements and why they were so important to the country.



*“Wilfred Wood was important because he helped people from Barbados come into society.”
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“Wilfred Wood was important because he cared for people who came into the church” – James



“Wilfred Wood was important because he worked with the Police to help make new laws.” – Fearne