

Newsletter



Friday 9th January 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.5%

Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a peaceful and joyous Christmas break and I wish you health and happiness for the New Year ahead. It's wonderful to be back at St Winefride's Catholic Primary School and see all our children after the Christmas break. Our first week has been filled with energy and enthusiasm, despite the chilly and snowy weather that greeted us on Monday morning when our staff came together for a development day. Given the cold weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, and gloves.

Visiting classes this week, I've been delighted to see our children immersed straight into their curriculum work, clearly happy to be back to their learning routine. All curriculum lessons and interventions are in full flow and the children are happy and calm. We started the new calendar year, on Tuesday, with a special assembly celebrating the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which was a beautiful moment for our children and staff to come together as always.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates from our school community. We've welcomed Miss Perrett back to school, with Year Three particularly delighted to have her as their class teacher. It's been heartening to see all our children settling back into school and working hard and showing real excellence in their learning. Year Five have started their swimming sessions on our first day back and are enjoying further developing their swimming skills.

Our Forest school sessions have recommenced, and Year One especially enjoyed a lovely time learning outdoors. All classes will engage in Forest School sessions this term. We ask that the children come to school wearing their Forest School clothes which are warm and weather proof. Having spoken with Mr Parker, he has some exciting things planned for our Forest School sessions this term with a focus on orienteering activities linked to the curriculum.

Last term, many curriculum leads carried out monitoring in curriculum areas such as Maths, Writing, Geography and RE. Monitoring is part of school life recognising the wonderful practice in school as well as working together, always striving to further improve. Miss Wright has been monitoring our computing teaching and learning, this week—reflecting our ongoing commitment to excellence across all areas of school life. Here, at St Winefride's, we continue to embrace Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction, which are wonderfully alive across all our classes enabling our learners to make the best progress that they can in their learning and to provide further support to our children, where needed. Our approach with everything at St Winefride's is always about celebrating what goes well while continuously seeking opportunities to improve.

We have a mobile phone policy that has been ratified by our governors in Autumn Term. I kindly request that you review our school's mobile phone policy, which has been sent by our admin team. Paper copies are available from the school office if needed. Thank you for your support and cooperation in adhering to school policy.

Wishing our children and families plenty of rest this weekend. Mrs Davies



Forest School—Thursday 8th January—Forest School Session—Year One.

This week saw our children return to their Forest school sessions. Our Year One children explored materials during their Forest School session by investigating different properties. They created stained glass windows using opaque materials; searched

for materials around the Forest School area, and enjoyed playing egg box bingo, showing great engagement and curiosity throughout, despite the cold.



Dates for your diary...

Monday 12th January—All clubs commence this week—clubs led by Full of Beans and Staff led clubs. Please make sure that you have booked your child a place.

Tuesday 13th January—Swimming session for children in Year 3.

Wednesday 14th January—Athletics competition for children in Year 5 and 6 at Neston High School.

Thursday 15th January—Netball competition at Ellesmere Sports Village.

Thursday 15th January at 12.30pm - Year 5 Grease rehearsals at Neston High School. Children and staff will be transported to and from school.

Thursday 15th January—Forest School Session for children in Year Two.

Thursday 15th January 3.35pm—4.15pm—SATs meeting for Year 6 parents. Important meeting where information about Year 6 SATs will be shared. Please try to attend.

Thursday 15th January—DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE—SEPTEMBER 2026. Please speak to the school office if you need any support.