

# Newsletter



Friday 16th January 2026

Whole School Attendance  
96.6%

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....

I am delighted to share that the children have settled back into all school routines with great enthusiasm and continue to work hard across all areas of learning...our Christmas break is a distant memory. It has been wonderful to see clubs restart, bringing so much joy and engagement to the children. We are truly grateful for the dedication of our staff, who run these clubs, as well as Full of Beans, who support extracurricular activities across the school. Mrs. Mills has been in touch to let us know that Mr Mills is recovering well. He misses all the children, staff, and families, and is hoping to pop into school to visit us next week. We look forward to welcoming him back. The staff and children are missing him in school.

This week, we were pleased to welcome Open the Book, who shared a beautiful performance of the Baptism of Jesus with us. It was a meaningful experience for the children as always and the volunteers from 'Open The Book' always comment on enjoying being at St Winefride's with children and staff and they speak very highly of the children's contributions as well as their excellent behaviour. Thank you to the Year Five children, who supported the volunteers in sharing the Baptism of Jesus with the whole school. Additionally, this week, we marked the end of the Jubilee Year with the children, and we are thankful for the ways in which we have celebrated the Year of Hope. It has been a special time of reflection and community spirit for us all. Children remembered that Pope Francis opened the holy door in St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024, and saw that Pope Leo closed this on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, 6th January, this year, whilst encouraging us to keep our hearts open to love, and to one another, always. We discussed ways we can all continue to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' as we shine our lights daily and we also sang our Jubilee songs.



The children in Year Five, along with Mrs O'Gorman and Mrs Moral-Selby, have continued their rehearsals with the staff and children at Neston High School in preparation for their performance in Neston High School's performance of Grease which will take place in a few week's time at The Floral Pavilion. This experience is not only a wonderful chance for our children to showcase their talents in singing, acting, and dancing but also a brilliant way to build their confidence and teamwork skills. The production promises to be a vibrant and memorable event, and we are incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment. This collaboration reflects our school's commitment to enriching personal development and fostering strong community links, giving our children unique experiences beyond the classroom.



At St Winefride's, our commitment to sport remains strong, and we are proud of the children's enthusiastic participation in a range of extracurricular physical activities. Recently, our athletics team competed in a local competition, finishing an impressive third overall. Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to Miss Wright for supporting the athletes at the competition. Following their success in winning the Neston local round of the netball competition, our netball team advanced to the district final, which they participated in yesterday, where they achieved second place. It was a joy to accompany the team, and I was incredibly proud of their efforts, respect, and teamwork throughout—truly a highlight of my week. Well done boys and girls and thank you for representing our school incredibly well. **Wishing our children and families plenty of rest this weekend. Mrs Davies**

## Forest School—Thursday 15th January—Forest School

### Session—Year Two

Children in Year Two had a cold but dry session for Forest School and everyone came well prepared. The session started with a warm up game and then children looked at vocabulary associated with plants, which is what the children are learning about in their Science lessons. Children then set up an investigation looking at whether plants will grow best in the light or the dark. They can't wait to see their results! After that, the children took advantage of our wonderful outdoor area and linked in their My Happy Mind work. The children enjoyed playing a number of games, based on trust and resilience, and focussed on having a growth mindset. The favourite game was definitely the trust fall game. Well done children for your engagement in your session. It looked like great fun!



### Dates for your diary...

**Monday 19th January—1.15pm—3pm**—Basketball Competition for children in Year 6. Children will be transported to and from the event.

**Tuesday 20th January**—Swimming session for children in Year 5.

**Wednesday 21st January**—Meeting for children in Year 4 about Gulliver's World Residential.

**Thursday 22nd January**—Forest School Session for children in Year 6.

**Monday 26th January**—Year Five children attending Floral Pavilion for performance of Neston High School's GREASE.

**Tuesday 27th January**—Final swimming session for Year 5.

**Tuesday 3rd February**—First swimming session for children in year 3.