

# Newsletter



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Friday 23rd 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....

It has been another positive week in school with so much to celebrate and be thankful for. It is truly wonderful to appreciate the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our school from the moment the doors open. The children are fully immersed in routines; receive quality first teaching and they are supported to work with excellence and resilience so that they achieve their very best. This doesn't happen by chance; lots of planning, preparation and hard work goes in to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education that they deserve. It is incredibly joyful to see our children enjoy their learning and working with such effort to make progress. All pupil progress meetings have taken place at the start of this term and it is pleasing to hear of the progress that children are making across the curriculum and the impact that our whole school, research based, approach to teaching and learning, is having, across the curriculum. Through robust monitoring, we celebrate the strengths of our curriculum and teaching and learning, whilst working collaboratively to strive for ways to further improve. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of our pupils; you are valued and loved. I know I have mentioned this many a time in newsletters and in conversations with pupils, parents, staff, governors and the wider community - 'Together is Better' if we try to make every day count and believe that 'Anything is Possible.'

At the very start of the week, the sporting success of St Winefride's continued with our wonderful Year 6 children competing in our annual Neston Cluster Basketball competition. The children played incredibly well, winning all of their games and being crowned champions. The team will now progress to the District round of the basketball competition and we wish them the very best of luck.

This week, our student councillors have come together to meet with Mrs O'Gorman to discuss important school matters. Our children are encouraged to live out our school core values and they do this with great pride. At the beginning of every year, each class, with their teachers and support staff, consider and reflect upon each core value and agree how this core value will be lived out in their classroom and around school. The Councillors are looking at devising visuals of expectations in other areas of the school such as playgrounds, with our core values at the very heart. The councillors have an important role in that they will speak with their peers and then represent the views of their peers at future meetings. Further to this, the children explored the menu options provided by Edsential and shared their views which will influence future menu choices. Pupil voice, is very much valued, appreciated and encouraged and I thank the children for their contributions. Thank you to Mrs O'Gorman for leading our student council.



Finally, this week, we carried out a Fire Safety Drill in school. Pupils, staff and visitors followed our evacuation procedures calmly and responsibly exiting the school in an orderly manner. The drill helps to reinforce the importance of safety awareness. I was very impressed with all children how they exited school and returned to their learning. It is important that our children are familiar with procedures. We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all children, staff and everyone in our school community. **Wishing everyone a very peaceful and happy weekend. Mrs Davies**



## Forest School—Thursday 22nd January— Forest School Session—Year Six

Year Six children, Mrs Bannister and Mrs Kelly had a wonderful morning at Forest School. They deepened their learning about Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition on the Endurance and became members of his crew, completing activities linked to this historical event. These 'jobs' included making hot chocolate for everyone

using a 'Kelly Kettle', 'surveying the grounds, making shelters and using equipment to make firewood. The learning was 'pupil-led' and Mr Parker praised the children for their initiative, teamwork and resilience.

**Thursday 29th January—Forest School for children in Year Four.**



## Dates for your diary...

**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.

**Thursday 29th January**—Forest School session for pupils in Year Four.

**Tuesday 3rd February**—First swimming session for children in year 3. (Please note that this date is the correct start date. Further information will be sent to parents and carers on Monday.

**Friday 6th February**—9.10am—SHINE Assembly for children in Reception—parents, family and friends welcome.