

# Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 6th February 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.37%

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....

Another wonderful week at St Winefride's with lots to celebrate and be thankful for.

I would like to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 students who participated in the Neston round of the Maths' Quiz. The children competed in four intense rounds of maths—mainly including problem solving mathematical activities. Mr Fox, who accompanied the children, shared that the children were excellent—displaying excellent mathematical ability throughout, teamwork and resilience. The team led for the whole competition, until the final round which was a buzzer round where they missed out on first place by one point. Mr Fox shared that the children were excellent and a joy to support throughout the afternoon. I am delighted to share that the children have made the District final of the Maths' quiz as they are the highest scoring runners up across the teams who have participated in Ellesmere Port, Neston and Frodsham.



Children, across the school, have enjoyed taking part in NSPCC Number day today. Children in Reception and KS1 have enjoyed a range of fun mathematical activities and children across KS2 have competed in a



TT Rockstars competition against other schools. We await to find out how many points we have earned as a team—well done children; I hope you have enjoyed participating in the timetables battle. I was particularly impressed with Year 6, who continued to compete up to the very last minute before attending assembly this afternoon—well done boys and girls.

This week, we welcomed our school improvement partner, Mrs Mather, on her regular visit, to our school. These visits take place each term and provide an opportunity to celebrate our strengths and benefit from an external perspective to further develop the excellent education we strive to give all of our pupils. The visits enable us to reflect and continue to confidently work together to give our children the very best. The visit was very positive. Mrs Mather and I spent the morning in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 looking at our strong foundations. Teaching and learning ensures pupils are actively engaged through whole-class approaches, clear routines, and effective questioning. Teaching phonics and reading through Little Wandle is a real strength of our school. Scaffolding is used well in lessons to support our pupils. In writing, we continue to work to ensure that our children have the strong foundations as they progress through school. In classes in KS2, strengths were seen in the teaching of foundation subjects through effective use of retrieval practice and review of prior learning, helping our pupils to recall and build on key knowledge. Teachers demonstrate secure subject knowledge, including clear identification and correction of misconceptions. Our pupils in KS2 were engaged, inquisitive, and asked thoughtful questions, indicating positive attitudes towards learning. Once again, Mrs Mather commented on the children's excellent behaviour for learning and the strong attendance of pupils which does reflect in their attainment and progress.



The weather has been very cold this week with the past couple of days being wet and cold. During these times, we do try to give our children time outside but when they are inside, there is lots for them to enjoy. Not only do they have the benefit of the warmth, but it is lovely to appreciate the chatter, the friendships, the interests the children have and the laughter, in these moments. Today, it was lovely to see our Year 4 boys enjoying history books in our school library (and the lovely new beanbag chairs!)

Yesterday, our children enjoyed participating in the District basketball competition. Winning the Neston round of the competition, they were ready to compete in the final. The children performed with such passion and determination. They won all games, losing only one to the eventual winners. Thank you to all athletes who represented our school with such pride. Thank you to all family members who came along to support our children. **Another excellent week with lots to celebrate and be thankful for. Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead (I hope the weather improves) and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday for our final week of this half term.**



## SHINE Reception Class



Today, we celebrated the very first SHINE Assembly of the Spring term with our Reception children and families. It was wonderful to welcome parents and family members to celebrate the excellence, happiness, respect, resilience, compassion and faith that our Reception children are showing. It was lovely to hear of the achievements of all children and the progress that they are making. More importantly, it is a joy to see how proud the children are and them experiencing the joy that comes from working hard and trying their best. The children are maturing and this is evident to see in their work, their confidence and in their relationships forming with one another and with their trusted adults. Well done children—keep showing excellence and shining your light. Thank you to parents and family members for joining us. This is always a special time in the school calendar.



A very special well done to Pippa for receiving one of my Headteacher's Award for her excellence in all areas of school life. She enjoys her learning and tries her very best in all that she does. She is kind, caring and a lovely friend. She is a wonderful role model to everyone in her class. Well done to Rohan for receiving a Headteacher's Award for his commitment to his

learning and his growing confidence that we see in class and around school. A very well done to May for receiving our core value award this week. May received the core value award for **EXCELLENCE**. She is a wonderful role model to all around her as she continues to work hard to SHINE in all aspects of school life. She tries her best in all that she does. She is kind, hard working and a joy to be around. Well done May—Keep shining!



## Dates for your diary...

**Monday 9th February**—Children's Mental Health Week.

**Tuesday 10th February**—9.15am—11.45am—Swimming Gala at Neston Recreation Centre. Apologies, due to limited space, parents are unable to spectate. Children will be transported to and from the event.

**Wednesday 11th February**—9.05am—Year Two RE Assembly (Parents and carers welcome) and Forest School for children in Reception Class.

**Thursday 12th February**—Forest School for children in Year Three.

**Friday 13th February**—9.05am - SHINE Assembly for children in Year Three—all parents and carers welcome to attend.

**Friday 13th February**—Children break up for half term.

## Year Five Forest School session—Thursday 5th February 2026

During our forest school DT session on mechanisms, the children explored how simple systems work through hands-on, practical challenges. They collaborated to build a swing using a pulley system, constructed a free-standing tippy tap, and designed a magnetic marble run incorporating gears and levers. The activities encouraged problem-solving, teamwork and creativity while deepening their understanding of mechanical movement. Despite the wet and windy weather, enthusiasm stayed high and the children had a fantastic time learning outdoors.



**Wednesday 11th February** —Reception Class and Thursday 12th—Year Three