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Friday 27th February 2026

Whole School
Attendance

96.18%

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 absolutely wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. There has been such a lovely buzz around school as pupils shared stories of their Spring break adventures. It is always a joy to hear their news and see their smiling faces as they return, refreshed and ready to learn. We have certainly been fortunate with the weather, too. The sunshine and warmer temperatures have been a welcome change, and there are clear signs of spring all around us. The brighter days have lifted everyone's spirits and brought renewed energy to our school community—long may it continue.

On the very first day back, our Year 6 pupils proudly represented the school in the Maths Final at the Civic Hall in Ellesmere Port. All children attended the final and were given opportunity to engage in a range of maths activities which the children enjoyed and worked hard to solve. The Maths team performed exceptionally well, demonstrating great teamwork, resilience and mathematical thinking. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the mature way they represented our school.

Our Celebration of the Word this week focused on the season of Lent and our call to grow closer to Jesus. We reflected on how this special time in the Church's year invites us to pray, fast and give. As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, during Lent we are called to fast from hurtful words and actions, choosing instead to show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet. This is a powerful message for us all as we continue our Lenten journey together.



Just to make everyone aware, the clinic, next to school, will be having building works completed over the coming months. Please be mindful of this during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Next week is World Book Day and we will be celebrating this in school and sharing our love of books with one another. You may have noticed that we have a new 'shed' in the KS1 school grounds. This is one of our reading huts where children can retreat to enjoy a book at playtime and lunchtime. On KS2, we will have a book swap shed, where families will be invited to take a book and donate any books for other families to enjoy. We will operate a 'take one/replace one' system as we will not be able to manage a huge donation of books to the shed. If you do have lots of books to donate, please continue to pass these to the school office. We love reading here at St Winefride's and value the wonderful volunteers who come in to support reading. If you are interested in volunteering and can spare a little time each week, please contact the school office—we would be most grateful for your support.

You will see the term is very busy—important dates have been sent to families with this week's newsletter. We look forward to the weeks ahead as we continue learning, growing and embracing this hopeful season. **Wishing you all a restful weekend. Mrs Davies**

Forest School Session—Thursday 26th February 2026—Year One

Forest School for children in Year One was a wonderful way to start the term, and the children were so excited to take part in their session. The children used their geography map-reading skills to hunt for hidden animal teddies around the school, identifying locations and classifying what they found. Linking to the children's topic about 'nurses in the past' they explored historical remedies, tasted birch sap, and learned how natural medicines were used in the past. The children then worked together to build stretchers, thinking about how nurses such as Florence Nightingale cared for soldiers, and even had a go at carefully carrying Miss Wright!



They finished with a bug hunt using microscopes, followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows—an enjoyable and memorable day for everyone.



SHINE Year One Class

Today, we proudly celebrated our fantastic Year One children and recognised the amazing effort they are putting into their learning. It was so special to welcome parents and family members to join us in celebrating the **excellence, kindness, respect, resilience, compassion and faith** that our Year one children show each and every day. It was wonderful to hear about the children's achievements and the progress they are making. Miss Wright shared how proud she is of the children's enthusiasm, positive attitudes and growing confidence in the classroom. It has been a real pleasure to spend time in the Year One classroom this term. Seeing the children try their best, take pride in their work and build caring friendships with one another is a real joy to behold. Well done to all of our brilliant Year One children—keep up the fantastic work! Thank you to all family members for your continued support.



A very special well done to Lottie for receiving my Headteacher's Award for always trying her very best in everything she does. She shows such a positive attitude towards school life and is a wonderful example to others. I particularly love her enthusiasm that she shows in her Forest School sessions. Keep up the fantastic effort, Lottie—we are so proud of you! A very well done to Cash for receiving our core value award this week. Cash has received our core value award for **EXCELLENCE**. Well done to Cash for the incredible progress he is making. He has settled into a new country, a new school, a new class, and new expectations and curriculum, and he is doing amazingly well. We are so proud of how confidently he has embraced these changes and the fantastic effort he shows every day. Keep it up, Cash!



Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 3rd March—9.30am—Year Three Swimming session.

Tuesday 3rd March—Year 5 visit to National Waterways Museum

Thursday 5th March—9am—Stay and Pray in Year Three. Parents welcome.

Thursday 5th March—Forest School—Year Four

Friday 6th March—9am—Year 2 SHINE Assembly