

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 6th March 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.17%

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...

As the warmer weather arrives and spring brings new life to our school grounds, I have been truly delighted to witness the joy and enthusiasm that our children are experiencing during their playtime. The sunshine has transformed our outdoor spaces into vibrant learning and play environments, and it has been wonderful to see the children making full use of our new playtime equipment. In Reception and Key Stage 1, the children have been particularly excited about their new goals, which have already become a focal point for active play and friendly competition. These simple additions to our outdoor provision have had such a positive impact on the children's wellbeing and physical activity, and it is heartening to see them engaged and energised during their time outside.



This term has also been rich with learning experiences that extend far beyond the classroom walls. Our Year 5 children had a truly memorable visit to the Waterways at the boat museum as part of their STEAM sessions. The enthusiasm they brought back to school was infectious – they were buzzing with excitement about what they'd discovered and learned. These kinds of immersive experiences are so valuable; they bring curriculum content to life and help our children understand how learning connects to the real world around them. The workshops included Origami, where pupils explored folds and angles and discovered

the mathematical principles behind paper folding. In Pixel Craft, the children enjoyed designing their own graphics, learning how digital images are created using pixels. They also took part in a decarbonisation journey workshop, which introduced them to different types of fuel and encouraged them to think about more sustainable energy choices for the future. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a visit to the Planetarium, where the darkened space allowed the children to observe planets and constellations in an immersive and memorable way.



Of course, this half term has given us the perfect opportunity to celebrate something very close to our hearts at St Winefride's – our love of books and reading. World Book Day provided a wonderful focal point for us to spread this passion throughout our entire school community. We were fortunate to welcome Little Actors, who delivered fantastic sessions for our Key Stage 2 children. Watching them engage with stories in such an interactive and creative way was a joy, and it reinforced just how powerful storytelling can be and how creative our children are. One particularly special opportunity that emerged from our World Book Day celebrations was the buddy reading planned between Year 5 and Year 1. There's something quite beautiful about watching older pupils take younger children under their wing and share their love of reading. The Year 5 children approached this responsibility with such care and enthusiasm, settling down with the younger pupils to read stories together. For our Year 1 children, having an older buddy to read with was a real highlight, and for Year 5, it was an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and nurture a genuine love of reading in the next generation. These moments of connection across year groups are invaluable – they build our school community and create memories that children carry with them.



Perhaps one of the most exciting developments has been the official opening of our new reading sheds. On World Book Day, we unveiled both our Key Stage 1 reading shed and our Key Stage 2 book swap shed. Since then, the children have been enjoying using these wonderful new spaces, and it's been heartwarming to see how quickly they've become part of our school life. The Key Stage 1 reading shed provides a cosy, inviting space where our younger children can settle down with a book and lose themselves in a story. It's a dedicated area that celebrates reading and makes it feel special and exciting. Meanwhile, our Key Stage 2 book swap shed extends the joy of reading beyond our school gates. This shed is designed as a community resource where families can exchange books and share their love of reading with one another. It's a tangible way of demonstrating that reading is something we value as a school community, and it opens up opportunities for families to discover new stories together and support one another in fostering a reading culture. What I love about both of these resources is that they're visible and show how much we care about literacy and the transformative power of books. They're not just structures – they're statements about our values and our commitment to nurturing confident, engaged readers who see books as gateways to adventure, knowledge, and joy. As we move forward through the spring term, I hope these spaces will continue to inspire our children and families to pick up a book, share a story, and discover the magic that lies within the pages. Whether it's our older pupils buddying with our younger children, children exploring our new sheds, or families swapping books in our community space, we're creating a culture where reading is celebrated, valued, and woven into the fabric of who we are as a school. Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to make these experiences possible, and to our families for supporting and encouraging your children's love of learning and reading.



This week, our Stay and Pray sessions have started and it has been lovely to welcome parents and family members to start the day with us, in prayer. Please join us for Stay and Pray and celebration of Mass during Lent. **Wishing everyone a happy and enjoyable weekend ahead. Mrs Davies.**



SHINE Year Two Class

Today, we proudly celebrated our fantastic Year Two children and recognised the wonderful 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 two children are showing in their learning and in all aspects of school life. It was a real joy to share in the children's achievements and the hear of the progress that they are making. Mrs Jones shared how proud she is of the children's enthusiasm, positive attitudes and growing confidence in the classroom and how they are showing compassion towards one another and when faced with challenges, they always show great effort and try their best. Seeing the children take pride in their work and build caring friendships with one another is a real joy to behold. Well done to all of our valued Year Two children – keep up the fantastic work! Thank you to all family members for joining us today and for your continued support.



A very special well done to Roisin and James for receiving my Headteacher's Award today. Both Roisin and James have positive attitudes towards school life which is evident in all aspects of school life. Roisin can always be relied on to give her very best. She is calm, kind and gentle and she valued by everyone. James always works hard. He has impeccable manners—he is always well behaved and polite and is great company. Thank you both for being such wonderful pupils.



Well done to Eddie B and Eddie W on receiving core value awards, today. Eddie B received the core value of **Excellence** for showing excellence in all aspects of school life. He gives 100% effort to everything and understands the value in doing this. Eddie W received the core value of **Happiness** for his lovely manners and warm greetings around school. He always brightens my day.



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Forest School Session—Thursday 6th March 2026—Year Four



Year 4's Roman Adventure: Building, Creating, and Storytelling in the Great Outdoors!

Year 4 embarked on an exciting journey back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Romans. The children put their creativity and teamwork to the test as they built impressive aqueducts and sturdy forts, bringing history to life right before their eyes in our school grounds. They also showcased their artistic talents by designing and crafting stunning mosaics, just like the Romans did centuries ago. To make the day even more special, Mr Parker treated the class to a captivating Roman-themed story during snack and hot chocolate time—held outdoors in our beautiful Forest School to celebrate World Book Day. As a unique treat, the children even tasted the fresh sap from our very own birch tree, connecting them with nature in a truly memorable way. It was a day full of learning, creativity, and fun that the Year 4 pupils won't forget!



World Book Day Celebrations

This World Book Day, our Reception class embarked on a wonderful journey through the pages of their favourite stories — both inside the classroom and out in the fresh air! Reception Children, with their Year Six buddies, gathered in cosy reading corners and sunny outdoor spots, where the joy of books came alive in new and exciting ways.



Children in Year One brought their favourite books from home and shared the stories together as a class. To make the experience even more special, they designed their very own unique bookmarks to treasure alongside their books. In the afternoon, the excitement continued as the children paired up with their Year 5 buddies to share stories and enjoy reading together. The magical Reading Shed became the perfect cosy spot for reading during break times, sparking smiles and imagination all around. The children's storytelling talents were celebrated as they shared their very own stories on Dojo—what a wonderful way to showcase their creativity!



Year 2 had a fantastic day filled with creativity and reading. In the morning, the children took part in an exciting "Draw with Rob" session, where their imaginations came to life through art. The afternoon was just as special, as the class hosted a delightful Reading Café. With a refreshing drink of milk served with a fun milk straw and a tasty cookie in hand, the children settled in to share their favourite books and enjoy some quality reading time together. It was a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love of reading in a warm and welcoming environment!



Year 3 had a great session with Little Actors, they worked on their storytelling using descriptive language and worked on their storytelling voices, taking deep breaths and speaking to their audience. They told a whole class story, one sentence, one person at a time building the story from what the person before them had said. This story took them to a magical world where turtles owned humans!



Our Year 4 children had an wonderful time during their session with Little Actors! Together, they crafted an imaginative story, each child adding a brand-new line as the tale passed around the circle. The creativity was truly inspiring! Next, the fun continued as the children brought their favourite moments to life through freeze frames. Each group performed their scene with such enthusiasm and skill that the rest of us guessed every single one correctly – what a fantastic show of teamwork and imagination! To finish off this wonderful experience, everyone joined in a lively group challenge: passing a hoop around the circle without breaking hands. Laughter and cheers filled the room as they worked together to conquer the task. It was a joyful, memorable session full of creativity, collaboration, and lots of smiles!



To celebrate World Book Day, Year 5 enjoyed a workshop with *Little Actors*, where they created a story by selecting an imaginary item from a magic box. Each child took turns describing their imaginary item while the rest of the class tried to guess what it was. The children were then divided into small groups to bring their ideas to life. They worked together to create a series of freeze frames (tableaux) that represented different parts of their story. This allowed them to think creatively and explore storytelling through drama.

Year 6 children engaged well with Little Actors on World Book Day. They collaborated on a storytelling theme, making a story together orally then creating tableaux leading into developing scenes with actions and dialogue. It was creative and brought lots of happiness!



Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 10th March—8.45am—9.45am— Coffee morning—Early Help Navigator visiting school to meet parents. **9am—Stay and Pray for Year Six—Parents and family members welcome.** Swimming sessions: 9.30am—10.30am—Year 3.

Wednesday 11th March—**9am—Stay and Pray for Year Two—Parents and family members welcome.** 10am—Mini Vinnies to visit Chester Catholic High School to celebrate Mass. More information to follow for the children involved.

Thursday 12th March—Year Four Roman Trip—more information to follow. 9am—3pm—Hockey County Final—information to be shared with the Hockey team. Forest School Session for children in Year 5. 9.30am—Years 2 and 3 celebrating Mass at St Winefride's Church.—support with walking to and from church welcome.

Friday 13th March—Year 4 SHINE Assembly. Parents and family members welcome.