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Friday 13th March 2026

Whole School
Attendance

96.12%

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....

What a wonderful few weeks we have had at St Winefride's! There is so much to celebrate and share with you, and I am delighted to take this opportunity to reflect on the rich experiences our children have been enjoying this week.

This week, our Year 4 children returned from an absolutely magnificent trip to Chester, where they have been deepening their understanding of the Romans through an immersive and hands-on learning experience. The children were guided through Chester's centre by an expert who brought the fortress of Deva to life, transporting them back nearly two thousand years to understand what daily life was like in this remarkable Roman settlement. What struck me most about hearing the children talk about their visit was their genuine excitement and curiosity about how we know what we know about the past.



The children had the opportunity to explore an archaeological dig on site, which gave them real insight into how archaeologists use evidence and artefacts to piece together stories from our history. They then moved into the hands-on area where they became investigators themselves, examining "grave goods" and learning what these precious objects tell us about the people who lived all those centuries ago. After lunch, the children were treated to something truly special – they spent an hour with a Roman soldier in the Roman Gardens and at the amphitheatre. During this time, they learned what it took to be a soldier in the Roman army, performing battle formations and discovering the importance of teamwork and discipline. Experiences like this are at the heart of what we do at St Winefride's. They transform learning from the pages of a textbook into something tangible and memorable. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Miss Healey for planning such a wonderful opportunity for our children, and to Mr Fox and Mrs Kelly for their support during the visit. I would also like to thank you, our parents, for enabling these rich experiences to happen. Your support allows us to provide our children with learning opportunities that truly enrich their education and spark their curiosity about the world around them.

During this season of Lent, it has been heart-warming to see our school community coming together in the spirit of praying, giving and reflection. This week, our Year 3 children have been selling raffle tickets as part of our Lenten fundraisers, and over the coming weeks, all classes will be leading their own fundraising initiatives to raise money for people in need. This is such an important part of our Catholic values – teaching our children about compassion, generosity, and service to others.



We have also been delighted to welcome so many families to our 'Stay and Pray' sessions, which have been thoughtfully planned by our children and staff. These times have provided such a calm and reflective way to begin the day, and it has been truly moving to see our children and staff leading us in prayer with such reverence and care. If you have not yet had the opportunity to attend one of our Stay and Pray sessions please do look out for the dates in our important information section – you are most welcome to join us, even if your child is not in the class leading the prayer that day. It is a beautiful way to connect as a community

and to centre ourselves in our faith. On Wednesday, our Mini Vinnies celebrated Mass at Chester Catholic High School recognising their good works and generosity along with other children serving as Mini Vinnies and Youth SVP in the local area. They were joined by members of local parish conferences, including representatives from our own parish of St Winefride's Francesca, in Year 6, read the psalm beautifully and they all enjoyed this special occasion.



Yesterday, our Year 2 and Year 3 children, along with their staff, celebrated Mass at St Winefride's church with members of our parish community. We were warmly welcomed by Father Tom and the entire congregation, and it was truly lovely to be together. The children were reverent and thoughtful throughout, and they clearly enjoyed their time in church. The staff and I are very proud of how beautifully our children represented St Winefride's.

Finally, I must celebrate the achievements of our hockey team, who travelled to Alderley Edge this week to compete in the Cheshire County Hockey final – a wonderful achievement in itself. The children played with tremendous enthusiasm and spirit, despite challenging weather conditions, and every game was well contested and exciting to watch. They finished in fifth place overall, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication, teamwork, and the way they represented our school with such distinction. Well done to all of our young athletes! Thank you to Miss Wright for her passion and dedication to school sporting opportunities and to Miss Rowlands for supporting the children also.



As we continue through this term, I am struck by the breadth and depth of experiences our children are having. From exploring Roman history to developing their sporting talents, from engaging in charitable giving to deepening their spiritual lives, our children are growing into thoughtful, curious, and compassionate young people. We are grateful for the wonderful school community we have.

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed weekend. Mrs Davies

SHINE Year Four Class



Today, we joyfully celebrated our wonderful Year Four children, recognising the dedication they are showing in their learning. It was truly special to welcome parents and family members to share in celebrating the **excellence, kindness, respect, resilience, compassion, and faith** that our Year Four children are demonstrating both in their learning and throughout school life.

It was a delight to acknowledge the children's achievements and hear about the progress they are making. Miss Healey expressed how proud she is of their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and growing confidence and growing commitment to their learning, in the classroom. She highlighted their determination to give their best effort when facing challenges. Congratulations to all our valued Year Four children—keep up the fantastic effort! We also extend our sincere thanks to all family members for joining us today and for your ongoing support.

A very special well done to Anthony and Sophia for receiving my Headteacher's Award today. Both Anthony and Sophia have positive attitudes towards school life. Sophia is always positive—she has positive mindset and tries her best in all she does. Anthony always works hard. He has a love for learning which I appreciate in every conversation that I have with him. He is very knowledgeable and is very keen to share knowledge with others. Well done Sophia and Anthony. We are very proud of you.



Well done to Rosie and Harvey on receiving core value awards, today. Rosie received the core value of **Excellence** for showing excellence in all aspects of school life. She gives 100% effort to everything and understands the value in doing this. Harvey received the core value of **Respect** for his lovely manners and how he treats everyone around him with the same respect with they deserve. Well done to both Rosie and Harvey and thank you for being wonderful role models.



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Forest School Session—Thursday 13th March 2026—Year Five



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic, albeit windy, morning at Forest School this week. The children engaged creatively with natural materials, constructing tipis and pyramids from twigs and crafting their own woodland jewellery. A standout moment was discovering how to collect sap from a silver birch tree. The pupils were fascinated by the process and delighted in tasting the cool, fresh sap directly from the tree. It was a wonderful chance to connect with nature and develop new outdoor skills. Experiences like this are at the heart of what we do at St Winefride's. They remind us of the importance of outdoor learning and how it develops not just new skills, but a deeper appreciation for the world around us. I'm grateful to our Mr Parker and our staff for creating such enriching opportunities for our children.



Next week's Forest School Session is for children in Reception class.

Year Four Roman Adventure



St Winefride's Church - book request

Mrs Neary, from our church, has asked if our children and families can help with a library in the church. This library will serve as a valuable resource for all children, offering them access to stories that reflect our Catholic values and faith. Whether it's beautifully illustrated picture books for our younger pupils or engaging novels for our older children, every donation makes a real difference.

If you have any Christian books at home that your children have outgrown or that you would like to share, we would be delighted to receive them. Books in good condition – from classic tales to contemporary stories with Christian themes – are all welcome. This is a perfect opportunity to pass on books that have been treasured in your family and give them a new life within our school community. Please hand these into our school office and we will deliver these to St Winefride's church. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your diary...

Monday 16th March—Father Tom will be offering the children the Sacrament of Reconciliation to all children in KS2.

Monday 16th March—Year Four will be selling cakes as part of our Lenten Fundraising events. All cakes are £1.00 and all children are invited to bring money into school to purchase a cake.

Tuesday 17th March— Taster Swimming session for children in Year 2. KS2 visit to the Philharmonic in Liverpool enriching their learning in our music curriculum.

Thursday 19th March —9.15am—Year Three visiting Neston Library. 9.30am—Year 1, 4 and 5 celebrating Mass at St Winefride's Church. Reception Class Forest school.

Friday 20th March—9am—Reception Class Stay and Pray—parents and family members welcome. 9am—Year 6 SHINE Assembly. Parents and family members welcome. Year 5 Sponsored Walk to Hadlow Station.