

Newsletter



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Friday 20th March 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.1%

Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

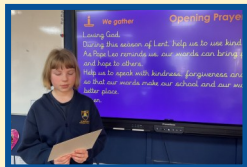
'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families...

What a wonderful week it has been at St Winefride's! Our children have been engaged in exceptional classroom learning, whilst our trips beyond school have enriched their understanding of the world around them. It is truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm and curiosity our community brings to every opportunity and the benefits this brings to our children.

Yesterday, Year 3 enjoyed an excellent visit to the library as part of their Geography topic on settlements. The children participated in an interactive workshop where they examined the contrasts between urban and rural areas, enhancing their understanding through lively discussions and real-world examples. A standout moment of the session was the exploration of various historical maps of Neston. The children compared an 1890 map with current maps, observing the changes in the area over time. They were intrigued to imagine what the school grounds looked like in the past and noticed how fields and open spaces have gradually transformed into the town we recognise today. The workshop also deepened the children's understanding of how roads and transport links have evolved, improving travel and connectivity between places. Throughout the visit, the children demonstrated curiosity by asking insightful questions and showed great enthusiasm for their learning. Mrs Cummings and Miss Perrett shared how extremely proud they were of how well the children represented our school and how they embraced the learning through this opportunity. Thank you to Ms Cummings and Miss Perrett for leading this opportunity.



What a blessing it has been to witness the spiritual growth of our school community this week. I am deeply grateful to Father Tom for visiting us to offer the sacrament of reconciliation to our children. It was wonderful to see so many of them taking this meaningful opportunity to speak with Father Tom and ask for forgiveness. This sacrament is such an important part of our Catholic faith and our children engaged with real reverence and sincerity. Our Stay and Pray sessions continue to be a treasured part of our week

during Lent. This week, Year 5 children and staff beautifully led our families in a time of prayer. We were also delighted to welcome Years 1, 4 and 5 to Mass with our parishioners yesterday. The joy of worshipping together as a wider community was palpable, and our children demonstrated the reverence and respect that makes us so proud. These moments of spiritual connection strengthen the bonds within our school family and deepen our children's understanding of their faith.

Today, the all children and staff came to school wearing odd socks in support of World Down Syndrome day which is tomorrow— 21st March. Thank you to all children who purchased a 'sock' gingerbread biscuit to enjoy. Money raised will be shared with Down Syndrome Cheshire.



What a joy it has been to experience some warmer, sunnier weather this week! On Wednesday, I found myself eating lunch in our school grounds, watching our children play with their equipment and enjoying one another's company. These moments remind me of the heart of our school community.

I'm delighted to share that core value playground signs have now been installed in our KS2 playground. What makes this particularly special is that the expectations of how these core values are seen in action were created by our children themselves. This is a wonderful example of our children taking ownership of our school values and embedding them into their daily lives. You'll see the signs around our school displaying our core values, which form the foundation of everything we do at St Winefride's. These values guide our daily interactions, shape our decisions, and inspire our children to become thoughtful, compassionate members of our community. As we move through this term, I encourage you to discuss these values at home with your family. When our values are reinforced both in school and at home, they become truly embedded in our children's hearts and minds. Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing the very best in our wonderful children. **Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead. Mrs Davies**

SHINE Year Six Class



Today, we joyfully celebrated our wonderful Year Six 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 Six children are demonstrating both in their learning and throughout school life. Mrs Bannister delighted in acknowledging the children's achievements and sharing these and the progress the children are making, with families. Mrs Bannister expressed how proud we all are of their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and growing confidence and commitment to their learning in the classroom. Congratulations to all our valued Year Six children—keep up the fantastic effort! Thank you to Mrs Bannister for leading our Year 6 SHINE Assembly. 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 Olivia and Blake for receiving my Headteacher's Award today. Olivia is working very hard and always tries her best which is evident in her growing

confidence and work. Blake received his award for always being kind, calm, well mannered and having an excellent work ethic. Well done both. We are very proud of you.

Well done to Joseph and Ryan on receiving core value awards, today. Both boys received the core value of **excellence**.

They always give 100% to their learning and their love for learning is wonderful. Both boys are wonderful role models. Well done to both Ryan and Joseph and thank you for your commitment to your learning and for having a positive mindset and sharing this with others.



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Fundraising

What a wonderful week we have had celebrating the spirit of Lent through our fundraising initiatives! I'm incredibly proud of how our children have embraced these opportunities to give to others while having fun together. The charities we are supporting during Lent are Rupert's Rainbow Charity, CAFOD and Mary's Meals.



Year 3 did a fantastic job selling raffle tickets for their Easter Raffle hampers, last week, showing real enterprise and enthusiasm. This week, Year 4 took their turn and treated the whole school to delicious homemade cakes – the aroma alone was enough to tempt everyone! It's been lovely to see children supporting one another in this way. Thank you to parents for your support.

Today, Year 5 completed their sponsored walk to Hadlow Station, and I was delighted to hear about their determination and energy throughout the journey. All of our children, and families, have shown real commitment to raising money for a worthwhile cause—thank you to all year 5 parents for joining the staff and children this morning. Thank you! What strikes me most is how these activities bring our school community together. **Our children are learning valuable lessons about generosity, teamwork, and making a positive difference – values that sit at the very heart of our Catholic faith. Thank you to all the children, parents, and staff who have supported these initiatives.**



KS2 Visit to Liverpool Philharmonic



KS2 travelled to the Royal Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool on Tuesday morning to enjoy the world-famous orchestra's concert for schools, 'Citizens of the Earth: Music for what Matters'. It was an immersive experience linking geography, history, and the Arts which enriched their learning in music. All the children joined in, signing and singing with enthusiasm, appreciating the talent of the musicians and the beauty of the hall itself.

Important Dates for your diary...

Monday 23rd March— Parents' Evening Appointments to be held in the school hall. Appointments start at 3.40pm. Just a reminder that all appointments are 10 minutes.

All teacher led clubs have now finished for the Spring term. Summer clubs will be shared in due course.

Tuesday 24th March— Last swimming session for children in Year Two.

9am—Stay and Pray in Year 4.

Wednesday 25th March —9.30am—Whole school visiting St Winefride's to celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation.

Thursday 26th March —9am—Year 1 RE Assembly—parents and carers welcome.

1.30pm—2.30pm—Dodgeball competition for selected pupils in Years 5 and 6.

Forest School session for children in Year 3.

Friday 27th March—9am—Year Five SHINE Assembly—parents and family members welcome.

2.15pm—iRock concert for the whole school. Parents and carers welcome.

Forest School Session—Thursday 19th March 2026—Reception

The children in Reception started their Forest School session with a game called 'Farmer Farmer', which had them running around with such enthusiasm and joy. It's these moments of outdoor play and movement that really energise our youngest learners and help them develop their confidence and social skills in a natural environment.

Building on this wonderful outdoor learning, the children have been exploring creativity and nature in the most delightful ways. They designed and coloured in eggs, which sparked their imaginations as they thought about the new life that eggs represent. Following this, they built nests for their eggs to sit in, using natural materials they found around them. It was beautiful to watch them problem-solve and work with what nature provided, creating cosy homes for their creations.

The planting activities have been particularly special. The children decorated two plant pots with such care and attention, and then they planted a sunflower seed in one and a 'magic' bean in the other. These little gardeners will be able to observe and care for their plants over the coming weeks, learning about nature's cycles first hand. Of course, no Forest School session would be complete without a bit of cosy comfort! The children thoroughly enjoyed roasting marshmallows, eating biscuits, and drinking hot chocolate together. These moments of warmth and togetherness, gathered outdoors, create such special memories and strengthen the bonds within our Reception community. Finally, the children made clay egg heads and decorated them with natural materials they'd collected. The children's creativity really shone through as they used leaves, twigs, and other treasures from the forest floor to bring their creations to life.

