

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 27th March 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.13%

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 we journey through Lent together, I am filled with gratitude for the wonderful ways in which our school community continues to live out our Catholic values. This week has been particularly special, and I wanted to share some of the beautiful moments that have unfolded across our school.

Our Year 5 children had a truly memorable experience this week when they visited St Michael's Parish to take part in the Easter Experience. Working in small groups, they moved around a series of interactive stations, each one thoughtfully designed to share a different part of the Easter story. What made this experience so valuable was the generosity of the parishioners who led the sessions, giving our children the opportunity not just to participate, but to pause and reflect on the deeper meaning of Easter. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. These kinds of partnerships between our school and Neston community are so important, and I am grateful to everyone at St Michael's for welcoming our children so warmly.



This week, the whole of our school visited Church for the feast of the Annunciation, and it was a truly lovely celebration of Mass. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the children for their reverence and participation throughout the service. I would particularly like to recognise the readers and the children who led the offertory – they carried out their roles with such care and confidence. As always, the children sang so beautifully. It is moments like these that remind us of the importance of our faith community and the role that our young people play within it. Thank you to all family members who joined us for Mass on Wednesday. Just a reminder that Mass scheduled for next Wednesday has been moved to Monday at 9.15am in the school hall. All welcome.



Year 4 led their 'Stay and Pray' so beautifully earlier this week, creating a moment of real peace and reflection for everyone present. Year 1 then shared their RE learning with the whole school and families in an assembly that was wonderful. The children presented their learning with such smiles, confidence and excellence that it was truly a joy to watch. Thank you to all the staff who have supported these children in preparing such a wonderful assembly – it was a celebration of

everything we value at St Winefride's.



Our Lenten fundraiser continues to gather momentum, and this week Year Six children shared their 'Pin the tail on the donkey' activity as part of our ongoing efforts to support those in need. The creativity and enthusiasm that goes into these activities is wonderful to see, and I am so pleased that our children understand the importance of giving to others, particularly during the season of Lent when we are called to reflect on generosity and compassion.



Year 2 will lead their Tombola next week to continue to raise funds. I would also like to celebrate the dedication of our staff, who took part in a fundraising walk at the weekend to raise money for Claire House. It was a lovely warm day, and all adults and dogs had a great time whilst raising funds for this important local charity. It is heart-warming to see our school community coming together in this way, and I am grateful to everyone who participated and supported this initiative.



Today, we have celebrated our wonderful iRockers who have been learning instruments throughout this term. To see them confidently perform to the rest of the school and families today has been absolutely delightful. The dedication they have shown, combined with their courage to share their learning in front of an audience, is something to be truly proud of. Well done to every single one of you. Thank you to all grown ups who came to support this afternoon. We hope you enjoyed it.

Finally, I must share the joy that has filled Reception this week with the arrival of our chicks. It has been wonderful to see the sense of wonder and excitement on the faces of our youngest learners as they have watched new life emerge. These chicks will provide such a valuable learning opportunity for our children, allowing them to observe, care for and learn about the natural world around them. It is also a beautiful symbol as we move through the Easter season – a reminder of new life and hope. All children throughout the school have been to visit our new additions.



As we continue through Lent, I encourage all our families to reflect on the values we are exploring together as a school community. Whether it is through our fundraising efforts, our participation in parish activities, or our daily acts of kindness and compassion, we are all playing a part in living out our Catholic mission.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend (don't forget, as we leap into Spring, that the clocks go forward this weekend!) Mrs Davies

SHINE Year Five Class



What a joy it has been to celebrate Year 5 this week at their SHINE assembly this morning. It was truly wonderful to hear about the hard work and dedication that every single child in the year group is demonstrating. It was such a privilege to recognise all children who received certificates for living out our core values each and every day. Thank you to Mrs O'Gorman for her lovely words.

I was particularly delighted to present my Headteacher award to Finn, who has shown such a remarkable love of learning. What strikes me most about Finn is the genuine curiosity and dedication he brings to everything he does. He is an avid reader, and this passion for books shines through in the excellent quality of his work. It is children like Finn who remind us why we do what we do – fostering that innate desire to learn and grow is at the very heart of our mission here at St Winefride's. Katie also received my Headteacher award, and she too is an absolute joy to celebrate. Katie works extremely hard. She embodies kindness and care in all her interactions with others. She is a wonderful friend to those around her and serves as such a gracious role model for her peers. The way she conducts herself with compassion and consideration is truly inspiring.



Our core value awards were equally special. Evie received recognition for **EXCELLENCE** – and rightly so. Everything Evie does is given her greatest effort, and she is a living example of what it means to strive for excellence in all aspects of school life. I am deeply thankful for what Evie brings to our school community. Isabelle received the core value award for **COMPASSION**. She is a kind and caring young lady who approaches every day with patience and a genuine warmth towards those around her. Her smile is infectious, and her positivity is something we all benefit from.



Our SHINE assemblies are such an important part of our school calendar. They remind us that excellence is not just about academic achievement – it is about the values we live by, the friendships we nurture, and the positive contribution we make to our school community. Well done, Year 5. We are so very proud of you all.

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Forest School Session—Thursday 25th March 2026

Year Three enjoyed a wonderful Forest School session in the sunshine, making the most of the bright conditions to support their learning in science. Linking to their topic on light, the children explored how light travels in straight lines through a range of practical, hands-on activities.



The highlight of the session was the children creating own periscopes using simple materials. The children carefully positioned mirrors and investigated how light reflects, allowing them to see objects from different angles. They were fascinated to discover how the mirrors changed the direction of the light, helping them to understand that although light travels in straight lines, it can be redirected through reflection.

Working collaboratively, the children tested their periscopes around the outdoor area, peering over logs and around corners. They showed great curiosity, problem-solving skills, and resilience as they adjusted their designs to improve what they could see.

The children then moved on to the first stage of their DT project, creating Egyptian masks. Using clay, they carefully shaped, layered and smoothed their designs to form the base of their masks. They showed great attention to detail and creativity as they built up the first layer, ready for the next steps where they will add Mod Roc and bring their masks to life with colour.

Our Easter Eggstravaganza!

Wednesday 1st April



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On Wednesday 1st April, we will be holding our annual 'Eggstravaganza' event. Children are invited (and encouraged) to make an Easter creation to enter into our competition. There will be prizes for the winning entry in each year group. Further to this, there will be a prize for the family winning entry (families of children are welcome to enter a family creation). This is always an enjoyable event in our school calendar and, each year, we are amazed by the wonderfully creative entries. We look forward to seeing all of the 'eggcellent' 2026 creations.

All entries are to be brought into school on the day and the 'eggstravaganza' will take place for all children at 2.15 pm.

EGGCITING!!

Congratulations to our Dodgeball team who competed against other local school yesterday. The competition was held at St Winefride's and the children had great fun. Our team finished in second place which is a wonderful achievement—well done everyone!



Important Dates for your diary...

Monday 30th March—HOLY WEEK - 9.15am—Celebration of Mass in school. All welcome.

1.30pm—B Tales Easter Performance—children only.

2.45pm—End of term SHINE Assembly—children only.

Tuesday 31st March— 9am—Year 1 Stay and Pray—all welcome.

2.45pm—End of term SHINE assembly.

Wednesday 1st April— 2.15pm—Eggstravaganza—children only. All entries to be brought into school today.

Thursday 2nd March— No Forest School session today.

Easter Lunch—Fish Fingers and chips and chocolate sponge.

2.45pm—Maundy Thursday—Washing of the Feet—children only.

3.30pm—Break up for Easter Break.

Tuesday 14th April—School reopens at 8.45am

Just a reminder that next Wednesday, we will be celebrating one of our most treasured traditions—the Eggstravaganza! Children are invited to create a EASTER CREATION of their choice and bring it into school, on Wednesday, for everyone to enjoy. There will be a prize awarded to a member of each class. Families may wish to enter into the family category. We look forward to celebrating our well loved tradition.