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Friday 17th April 2026

Whole School
Attendance

96.06%

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....

Happy Easter and welcome back to summer term! It has been wonderful to see our school community return after the Easter break, and I must say we have had such a positive start to the summer term already. There is a real sense of energy and enthusiasm around the school, and it has been lovely to welcome back all our children and families. As we settle into this new term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible work that is happening across our school. Our children have returned with such enthusiasm and are working incredibly hard in their classrooms. It is a privilege to see them engaging so positively with their learning, and the dedication they are showing is truly commendable. This positive attitude sets the tone for a wonderful term ahead.

I would also like to celebrate the hard work of our staff team. At the start of this week, we held our staff development day where school staff came together to reflect on our practice and further developments. These opportunities for collaboration and professional growth are so important, and I am grateful for the commitment our staff show to continuously improving the learning experiences we provide for our pupils. The impact of this collective work is evident in the quality of teaching and learning happening in our classrooms every single day.

We are excited to return to school and continue are learning in the outdoors. Our children are already enjoying the wonderful opportunities this provides to learn outdoors, develop their confidence, and connect with nature. It is such a valuable part of our curriculum offer, and we are delighted to see the children embracing these sessions with such enthusiasm. Following feedback from last year, we are inviting family members to join our Forest School sessions this summer term.

I am also delighted to share that we have recently notified families of their child's place to start school here in September. We are absolutely thrilled to welcome our new learners and their families to our St Winefride's community. This is such an exciting time for these families, and we very much look forward to getting to know them and supporting them as they begin their primary school journey with us.

It has been heartening to receive feedback from visitors to our school in recent weeks. They have commented so positively upon our wonderful school environment and, most importantly, upon how polite and well mannered our children are. These comments reflect the values we hold dear at St Winefride's and the positive relationships we foster throughout our school community. Our children are a true credit to themselves, their families, and our school.

As we move forward through the summer term, I would like to highlight the important work of our PTFA. The PTFA will be meeting over the coming weeks to organise summer events, and these occasions are such a vital part of bringing our school community together. I would encourage all families to support the PTFA and offer help wherever you are able. Whether it is attending events, contributing ideas, or lending a hand with organisation, every bit of support makes a real difference. The summer term is a wonderful time to come together as a community, and I hope many of you will be able to get involved. Thank you once again for your continued support of St Winefride's. It is the partnership between school, families, and our wider community that enables us to provide such a positive and nurturing environment for our children to learn and grow.

Whatever your plans this weekend, I wish you happiness, rest, peace and love. Mrs Davies

A gentle reminder about uniform expectations...



It has been wonderful to see so many children return after the Easter break wearing our summer uniform.

Thank you for your support in helping our children look smart and feel part of the St Winefride's community.

Please can I remind you of a few key points from our uniform policy (attached):

- School shoes should be worn with school uniform — not trainers.
- PE kit should be worn only on your child's PE day. PE hoodies should not be worn on days when full school uniform is required.
- Earrings: only plain studs are allowed for school. Hoops or dangling earrings are not permitted.
- No nail varnish at school. This is not part of school uniform.
- Hair below shoulder length must be tied back for hygiene and safety. Half-up/half-down styles that leave hair loose are not acceptable.

If you need any support meeting the uniform expectations, or if a temporary exception is required, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

With thanks for your continued support.



Forest School—Thursday 16th April —Forest School Session—Year Two



In Forest School this week, our wonderful Year 2 children brought their DT unit on structures to life. Children collaborated in small teams to plan and build freestanding bridges, learning how balance, shape and joining techniques affect strength. They evaluated and improved their designs, then moved on to a creative challenge: constructing dens using different approaches and materials. The session promoted teamwork, resilience and practical problem-solving — and produced some brilliant, inventive shelters. Some children continued their learning at home. We have some budding Isambard Kingdom Brunels amongst us!



Dates for your diary...

Monday 20th April—All teacher led clubs, for the summer term, start today.

Tuesday 21st April—Swimming session for children in Year 2.

Thursday 23rd April—Forest school session for children in Little Gems and children 4 years and under, in the community and their families. All welcome. Please contact school to book a place.