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Friday 8th May 2026

Whole School
Attendance

96.15%

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....

It has been a particularly busy week here at St Winefride's, and I am delighted to share some of the wonderful moments that have taken place both within our school walls and beyond.

I would like to begin by celebrating three of our Year 5 children—Joshua, Seb and Max—who represented their football club, Neston Nomads, at a tournament at Flamingo Land over the weekend. These boys demonstrated exceptional skill and determination as they competed against over 15 teams from across Scotland, England and Wales. Their commitment and teamwork culminated in a truly outstanding achievement: they progressed all the way to the final and were crowned winners of the Top Cup. This is a remarkable accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of them. It is always lovely to celebrate the achievements of our children outside of school, and these three have certainly given us much to be proud of. Well done, boys.



Today has also been a particularly special day as we came together to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. What a fitting tribute to a man who inspires so many people across generations. The children arrived at school with wonderful enthusiasm and creativity, and we took time in the morning to appreciate one another's costumes and to reflect on how this national treasure has touched the lives of so many. It was heart-warming to see the children engage with this celebration in their own meaningful ways throughout the day. Each class marked the occasion in their classrooms, and the children enjoyed coming together with children around the country joining a live assembly at the end of the day where we could share in the joy of celebrating such an inspirational figure. We even enjoyed some delicious animal biscuits to mark the occasion – a small but special way to acknowledge a remarkable life and legacy. Happy 100th birthday Sir David.

This week, we have also marked Deaf Awareness Week, and it has been wonderful to raise awareness of those who are deaf or have hearing loss within our school community. Our very own, Ava, generously shared some videos with the whole school showing signing. This was such a valuable opportunity for our children to learn about different ways of communicating and to develop their understanding and appreciation of deaf culture. Initiatives like this help us to build a more inclusive school community where we celebrate the diversity of our children and staff, and where everyone feels valued and respected. Thank you Ava.

As we look ahead to next week, I would like to draw your attention to an important milestone for our Year 6 children. They will be sitting their statutory exams, and I would ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this time. These children have worked extremely hard throughout the year, and we have every confidence that they will shine during their exams, just as they always do. The dedication and effort they have shown has been remarkable, and we look forward to seeing them demonstrate all they have learned.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reflect on something that has been commented upon by visitors to our school this week. It is always a joy to show visitors around our school. All visitors, who have walked through our doors this week, have remarked upon the calm, peaceful and purposeful atmosphere that exists here at St Winefride's. They have described a 'feeling' – something that is almost impossible to put into words, yet so positive and encouraging that it is immediately noticeable as you enter our school. This is what makes us special. It is a feeling of belonging, of care, of community, of high expectations and of genuine warmth. It is something that cannot be manufactured or forced; it comes from the heart and from the commitment of every member of our school family – our children, our staff, our families and our wider community. We are deeply thankful for our school environment and for the part that each of you plays in creating and nurturing it every single day.

It is during weeks like these that I am reminded of the strength of our school community and the wonderful support that families provide to our children. Whether it is celebrating achievements on the football pitch, coming together to appreciate inspirational figures, welcoming visitors to experience our core values in action or supporting our children through important assessments, we do this together- 'Together is Better.' Thank you for your continued encouragement and involvement in the life of our school. **Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend ahead. Mrs Davies**



Forest School—Thursday 8th May —Forest School Session—Year Three children and family members

Year Three children, along with their family members, enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session this week, linking their outdoor learning to their science topic on plants. The morning began with a range of fun team-building games, helping the children to develop communication skills, cooperation, and confidence in the outdoor environment.

Following this, the children became young botanists as they carefully dissected real plants. They explored the different parts, identifying key features such as the roots, stem, leaves, and flowers, and discussed the important roles each part plays in helping a plant grow and survive.

To deepen their understanding, the children then used natural materials from the forest area to create their own large-scale flower diagrams. They worked creatively to represent each part of a plant, ensuring they included the petals, stem, leaves, and the more detailed parts such as the pistil and stamen with pollen. It was wonderful to see their scientific knowledge combined with imagination and teamwork.

To finish the session, the children planted their own seeds. They thought carefully about different variables that might affect plant growth, such as the size of the pot and the type of compost used. This hands-on activity encouraged them to think like scientists, making predictions about how their plants might grow over time.

It was a brilliant morning of active, hands-on learning, with the children demonstrating curiosity, creativity, and a growing understanding of the natural world.



Dates for your diary...

Monday 11th May—Thursday 15th May—Statutory Exams for our Year 6 children. SATs breakfast— Year 6 children to arrive for 8.30am.

Tuesday 12th May—9.30am—swimming session for children in Year 2.

Thursday 14th May—Final SATs paper for Year 6.

Thursday 14th May—Forest School Session for Year 5 children and parents.

Friday 15th May—Freedom Friday for Year 6.

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