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Friday 16th October

Whole School Attendance

96.64%

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 to all of our families from Mrs Davies…

It has been another busy and rewarding week at St Winefride's, and I am delighted to share some of the moments that have made it so special.

We began the week with a visit from our friends at Open the Book, who reminded us of the importance of helping others and of having faith in God. We always look forward to their visits, and it is a joy to watch the children become completely absorbed as the team deliver their message in such a wonderful and engaging way. A particular highlight was seeing our Year 6 children help to share the story from the Bible. They did so with confidence and care, and it was a privilege to see them take on this responsibility. Our visitors often comment on what a pleasure it is to come into our school. They tell us how welcoming everyone is, and how well behaved and knowledgeable our children are. It is wonderful to hear these words, but the truth is that we are simply who we are, day in and day out. It means a great deal to know that this shines through, and it is a reflection of the values we work hard to live out every single day. I am proud of everyone in our school community.

You will have noticed that the works to the EYFS area and the KS1 playground are well underway. It has been lovely to speak with so many of you this week about the building works and to share how excited we are that this development is finally happening. It is also an opportunity for the children to see progress unfold before their eyes. I know they are enjoying watching the project take shape and are looking forward to its completion (as are we!). Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our school grounds.

It has also been a joy to welcome parents and family members to parents' evenings this week. These were a positive couple of evenings, and I have enjoyed speaking with so many of you and hearing staff talk about the progress of our children with you. Thank you for attending, and thank you for completing our questionnaires. We are always striving for excellence, and it is valuable to hear how you feel about your child's education and their school journey. Your feedback helps us to understand what is working well and where we can continue to improve.

My thanks also goes to our staff who lead these meetings with such professionalism and care. I would also like to thank the governors who joined us on the evenings: Dr Branch, Mrs Parker, Mrs Neary and Mrs Lyonette. Their presence and support mean a great deal to the staff and to me and I hope to you, our families .



One of the real highlights of my week was taking our Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team to Old Anselmian's to compete against neighbouring schools. Our children were excellent in every possible way. Their play was skilful and full of teamwork, both on the pitch and off it. They were respectful of their opponents and of the referees, they clearly enjoyed the games, and they looked after one another throughout the afternoon. They performed to a high standard, and needless to say, they won the whole competition. They were very worthy winners indeed. Thank you, children, for representing our school so tremendously. You made us all very proud. I would also like to thank the parents who came along to cheer the children on. You braved the rain, and I must add that it did not dampen our spirits one bit. Your support on the sidelines made a real difference to the children, and it was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a positive way.

As we move through the autumn term, I am grateful for the continued support of our whole school community. Whether it is inspiring visitors, improving our grounds, celebrating sporting success or simply attending a parents' evening, each of these moments contributes to the happy and purposeful community that St Winefride's is proud to be. Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support our children.

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Davies

Year Three SHINE

I am delighted to celebrate our wonderful children in Year Three, who received their SHINE awards today. It was clear from listening to Ms Cummings that the children are working very hard and have settled well into life in KS2. Well done, Year Three, and please keep working hard!

A very special well done to Ted, who received my Headteacher's Award today. Ted, this is a tremendous achievement, and I am so proud of you. I would also like to congratulate Emily, who was recognised for our core value award. Emily, you are a fine example to us all and we are glad you have joined us here at St Winefride's.

Thank you to Mrs Bannister for leading the SHINE assembly. Thank you also to everyone who came along to celebrate our wonderful children. It is always a joy to see our school community come together to recognise these successes.





Dates for your diary…

Tuesday 20th October— 9.30am—First Swimming session for children in year 5.

9.30am departure—Year 6 residential visit to Glan Llyn—Have a wonderful time!

Thursday 22nd October—Cake sale for the school fund—£1.00 per cake.

Friday 23rd October— Year 6 children return home from residential.

Half term break. We return to school on Monday 2nd November. Doors open at 8.45am.

Year Two RE Assembly - Wednesday 14th October



There is something very special about hearing children speak with such confidence about their faith. On Wednesday, Year Two led us beautifully in prayer, and I want to share how moved I was by what they celebrated with us. The children shared their learning from the first branch of their RE curriculum, Creation and Covenant. It was clear from their words that they have learnt a great deal about creation and about our responsibility as stewards of God's world. Caring for creation is not simply a lesson to be remembered. It is a way of living that we can all carry into our homes, our school and our community. The children also sang about God's covenant with Noah. They reminded us how Noah trusted in God, building the ark so that God's world and everything in it could continue to grow and blossom. Their singing brought the story to life and reminded us that faithfulness and trust are qualities we can all aim to show each day.

Perhaps the most striking part of the assembly was hearing the psalms the children had written themselves. Each one showed real thought, feeling and imagination. It was a joy to see such creativity, and it reminded me how much children have to offer when they are given the space to express their ideas, their faith and their wonder.

Thank you to all the parents who came to join us. Your presence meant a great deal to the children, who clearly felt proud to share their learning with you. I would also like to thank Mrs Jones and Miss Rowlands for their support, and the children for a very special assembly. Your efforts made it a memorable morning for everyone who was there. As we continue through the year, I hope the words of Year Two will inspire us all to notice the beauty around us, to care for God's creation and to trust in the goodness that surrounds us.

Forest School—Reception Class—Thursday 15th October

This half term has been full of curiosity, discovery and fresh air, and I am delighted to share some of the adventures our Reception children have enjoyed in Forest School.

Before exploring the outdoors, the Reception children listened carefully to the safety rules. Learning how to stay safe in a natural environment is an important first step, and it was lovely to see the children listening so attentively and thinking about what they needed to do.

Reception then set off on a leaf hunt**.** The children searched carefully for different leaves, found them and named them. Their discoveries became the starting point for something special: a Reception Autumn wreath, created by the children themselves. It now proudly reflects the colours and textures of the season.

The adventure continued with a treat as the children enjoyed roasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate**.** It was a cosy and happy moment, and the children clearly relished sharing it together.

The children's learning also linked closely to their half term story, *We're Going to Find the Monster*. The children went on a mini monster hunt**,** bringing the story to life and using their imaginations as they searched for clues. Their enthusiasm was a joy to see, and it shows how well our learning outside the classroom can connect with what the children are reading and exploring in class.



