October Newsletter

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Attendance – Our attendance this week is 96.5%

A note from Mrs Davies to all our families…

Our final week of the first half term has been action packed, and it has been a privilege to see the whole school community come together to make it so memorable. As we reach the end of this busy term, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our children have achieved and to thank everyone who has supported them along the way.

This week, we said goodbye to our Year 6 children as they set off on their residential to Glan Llyn in North Wales. We have certainly missed them around the school, and the corridors feel a little quieter without them. However, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved on the residential trip, and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures when they return. Our Year 6 children have shown great courage and readiness to step out of their comfort zones, and I know they will come home with stories to share and memories to treasure for many years to come. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Bannister, Miss Wright and Mrs Moral Selby, who gave their time and care to support the children throughout the residential. Their dedication ensures that every child is looked after, and it is wonderful to know that our children are in such caring hands. Thank you for making sure that this experience is one our Year 6 children will never forget.

Back in school, all children continue to work hard in their learning. I was delighted to welcome Ms Rudd, one of our school improvement partners, to school last Friday. She commented on the calm, purposeful atmosphere throughout the school and on the excellent behaviour for learning shown by our children. These words reflect the commitment of our children and the hard work of our staff, who create an environment where every child can thrive. It is a real credit to everyone in our school community, and I am grateful for the positive feedback.

You will have noticed that the works in our school grounds are progressing well. Over the half term break, our team will be laying tarmac, so when we return, you should notice a visible difference as the project moves forward. It will not be long before our children are enjoying these developed spaces, and I am excited for them to make the most of their new surroundings.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to improve our school environment. Your interest and support mean a great deal to us.

It has been a busy half term, and one that we should all be thankful for. Everyone has been working hard, from our children and staff to our families, and that effort has made a real difference. I hope that everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed when we return.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Davies





Reception Class SHINE Assembly

It was an absolute joy to award our Reception children with their first SHINE award. Each child stepped forward with real pride, and we are delighted to celebrate their achievements so early in their school journey.

Our youngest children have settled wonderfully into life at St Winefride's. Starting school is a big step, and they have embraced new friendships, routines and learning with enthusiasm. We are very proud of them and all that they have achieved in their first half term with us.

Celebrating success is something we value deeply, and it was lovely to welcome all parents and family members to join in the celebration. Seeing so many familiar faces in the room made the occasion even more special for our children, and it was wonderful to share this milestone together as a school community.

Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on our children. Your support means a great deal to them, and it reminds us how much we achieve when home and school work together.

Congratulations to all our Reception children. We look forward to celebrating many more moments of shining success in the months ahead.



Staff News…

The children enjoyed a visit from Mrs Kelly earlier this week. Mrs Kelly has been absent since the start of term and we have missed her in school. Sadly, Mrs Kelly will be moving to start a new role in the coming weeks. We wish her the very best in her new role.

Forest School – Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting Forest School session, bringing their History learning to life by preparing and cooking their own Anglo- Saxon stew and bread over an open fire. The children developed their food preparation skills, learning how to peel, chop and prepare ingredients safely, while considering the types of food and cooking methods available during Anglo- Saxon times. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that combined History, Design and Technology and teamwork, with the children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to taste their creations!

Forest School Session after half term is for prospective families – 5th November 2026 – please book your place.







Important Dates

Monday 2nd November – return to school for Autumn Term 2. Doors open at 8.45am.

See all important dates for November attached.

November at St Winefride's

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Important Dates in November...

Monday 2nd November – return to school. Doors open at 8.45am.

Tuesday 3rd November – Swimming for children in Year 5.

Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm – PTFA Meeting online – please join if you are able. There will be a linked shared on Class Dojo.

Wednesday 4th November – Whole school celebration of Mass for the feast of St Winefride (Feast of St Winefride – Tuesday 3rd November). Please join us to celebrate Mass at St Winefride's church. Support with walking the children to and from church would be wonderful – thank you.

Thursday 5th November – 9am – 11.30am – Forest School Event and Tour of the school for prospective families.

Tuesday 10th November – swimming for children in Year 5.

Thursday 12th November – Forest School for children in Year 1.

Friday 13th November – 9am – Year Five SHINE Assembly.

Tuesday 17th November – swimming for children in Year 5.

Thursday 19th November – Forest School for children in Year 2.

Friday 20th November – 9am – Year Two SHINE Assembly.

Tuesday 24th November – swimming for children in Year 5.

Thursday 26th November – Forest School for children in Year 6.

Friday 27th November – 9am – Year One SHINE Assembly.

If an event is changed or cancelled, we will inform you.