# Newsletter

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**Friday 18th September 2026**

**Whole School Attendance**

**97.95%**

**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…. A wonderful first full week back!**

Where is the time going? It is hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our second full week back at school. It feels as though we have only just returned, yet already the children are fully immersed in their learning and school life. There is such a lovely feel around school. Walking through the classrooms and out into our wonderful outdoor spaces, it is a real joy to hear and see the children learning, talking, questioning and working together. There is a real sense of purpose to their learning, and our strong behaviour for learning continues to shine through in the work they are producing. I am so proud of the way the children have returned to school with such enthusiasm and such a positive attitude.

It has also been lovely to welcome so many of you into school this week for our Meet the Teacher sessions. These sessions are such an important opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, find out more about what your child will be learning throughout the year, hear about classroom routines and expectations, and learn about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Most importantly, they provide an opportunity for us to talk about how school and home can work closely together to support our wonderful children. Thank you to everyone who has already attended and engaged so positively with these sessions. We have more sessions taking place this week, and I would strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend if you are able to. Building that strong partnership between home and school really does make such a difference to our children.



One of the highlights of my week has been being very kindly gifted a soup treat from our Year 2 children! As part of their Design and Technology learning, the children made minestrone soup — and I can confirm that it was delicious! They even made their own bread to accompany their dish. Despite the rather unhelpful weather, the children thoroughly embraced the experience, and it was wonderful to see them putting their learning into practice. Thank you, Year Two, Mrs Jones and Mr Parker for such a lovely treat!



It has been wonderful to see so many children taking part in our staff-led clubs which have started this week. We are incredibly proud of the range of clubs we are able to offer, giving children the opportunity to try something new, develop their interests and enjoy spending time together beyond the classroom. Our Full of Beans led clubs continue to be particularly popular, and it is fantastic to see such enthusiasm from the children.

Another real highlight this week has been welcoming our Reception children into our whole-school assemblies and hymn practice. They have settled so beautifully and they are already becoming such an important part of our school family. Seeing them sitting alongside the older children is a lovely reminder of what makes our school community so special. And speaking of our older children, I have been particularly proud of our **Year 6 children** this week. They have embraced their role as buddies so beautifully. Their kindness, patience and care towards our younger children have been wonderful to see. It is not just in the classroom that they are making a difference either. At lunchtime and in the playground, our Year 6 children are wonderful role models, often leading games, encouraging younger children to join in and simply making sure that everyone feels included. These are the moments that make me incredibly proud to be their headteacher.

There have been so many lovely moments already this term, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to see them happening every day. The children are happy, engaged and growing in confidence, and there is such a positive energy across the school. Thank you to our wonderful children, our supportive parents and carers, and our dedicated staff for such a fantastic start to the academic year. Your support, encouragement and commitment to our school community mean so much, and together we are creating a really special start to the year.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and manage to enjoy a little rest after another busy week! **Wishing all of our children and families an enjoyable and restful weekend ahead. Mrs Davies**

## Forest School Session—Thursday 17th September 2026

As part of their Design and Technology learning, our Year 2 children made minestrone soup as well as their own bread in Forest School this week. The children had a wonderful time learning practical skills outside and enjoyed tasting the results together, too!







**Thursday 24th September—Forest School Session for children in Year Six.**

## Important Dates

**Monday 21st September**

**3.45pm**—Meet the Teacher—Parents of children in **Years 1 and 2**

**4.15pm**—Meet the Teacher -Parents of children in **Year 5**

**Tuesday 22nd September—9.30am—**swimming for children in Year 6.

**Wednesday 23rd September—**9.10am—Celebration of Mass at St Winefride's Primary School—all welcome.

**Thursday 24th September—**Football Competition for children in Years 3 and 4 at Parkgate Primary—please see letters sent home.