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Friday 25th September 2026

Whole School Attendance	Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'
97%	'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16

A message from Mrs Davies to all our families….



As autumn settles in and we feel the change in season with cooler weather and those inevitable rainy mornings at drop-off, we find ourselves well into our third full week together as a school community. There is something rather special about this time of year, and I wanted to share with you some of the wonderful things that have been happening in school.

We were delighted to welcome our friends from 'Open the Book' into school for their first visit of the academic year. They shared the story of Elijah and the Famine with us, and we were grateful to have Year 5 children play the kind ravens and the Widow's Son to bring the story to life. The message was one of trusting in God, being willing to help others and also of being grateful for blessings from unexpected places. It was a wonderful way to begin our week together, and the children engaged so thoughtfully with this important spiritual message.

On Wednesday, the first day of Autumn, we were blessed to welcome Father Tom who celebrated Mass with our school community. It was lovely to see parents, grandparents and parishioners join us to celebrate the start of the academic year together. We shared our school theme 'Step by Step, Together' with Father Tom, and it was rather special that Father Tom has been on his own journey throughout the Diocese celebrating his 10 year anniversary since his ordination. Well done Father Tom – you are an inspiration to us all. We are looking forward to welcoming Father Tom, parents, families and parishioners to celebrate Mass with us throughout this academic year, both in school and in church. We would be grateful if you would join us.



To mark the start of the academic year, Mrs Bannister, Miss Perret, Miss Wright and I visited Christ the King Church in Bromborough to celebrate Mass with our colleagues and friends across the Diocese. It was a pleasure to join with our fellow Catholic educators and pray for a positive year ahead for our children, our families, our staff, our governors, our parishioners and all in our school communities. On display at the altar, was a beautiful patchwork of the emblems of all the schools in our Diocese. Our wonderful Mrs Taylor created our patchwork, and it serves as a powerful reminder that St Winefride's is part of a community much bigger than our school – our Catholic school community – a community committed to the highest standard of education for our young people; a community with Christ at the centre of all we do and all we are. Step by step, together, we move forward as part of this wider family.



I am delighted to share that Wednesday was a victorious day for our wonderful children in Years 3 and 4. Our girls' football team visited Parkgate Primary to take part in the Neston cluster football competition where they were crowned champions. Well done to all of our children who took part. Miss Wright reported that the team played brilliantly and represented the school with excellence. I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Wright for organising and taking the girls to the event, and to the school team and parents for supporting this wonderful achievement.

As we move forward, I would like to draw your attention to a few important notices for our families. We have decided to merge our MacMillan Coffee morning with our Harvest celebrations next Friday, and we would very much welcome as many families as possible to come and join us for a cup of tea and coffee whilst enjoying the children's Harvest performances. This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate together and support this important cause. Thank you to all families who have given donations for the food bank. Our display is growing and this shows our Catholic Social Principles of Solidarity and the Common Good in action, here at St Winefride's as we work together to support those in need. Thank you, everyone.

Just a gentle reminder about school uniform—please ensure that you label all of your child's school uniform items. We have a number of items left in school and outside already, and we want to reduce the amount of lost property we have. Whilst our staff will continue to remind children to look after their belongings, it is each child's responsibility to ensure they know where their belongings may be. Labelling items does make such a difference in helping us reunite lost items with their owners. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, I have noticed a number of children wearing nail varnish and tattoos in school. Whilst I appreciate that the children attend parties at the weekend and enjoy dressing up for these occasions, I ask that they come to school without wearing these. This helps us maintain our uniform and appearance standards, which are important to us as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with St Winefride's. It is a privilege to lead such a vibrant and committed community, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our coffee morning and Harvest celebrations next Friday.

Wishing all of our children and families an enjoyable and restful weekend ahead. Mrs Davies

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RSHE Consultation

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who have already responded to our RSHE consultation questionnaire. Your engagement and feedback are incredibly valuable to us as we continue to provide a thoughtful and appropriate education for all our children.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to complete the questionnaire, please do so before the consultation closes next week. I would strongly encourage you to explore the teaching and learning materials available on the Ten Ten Parent Portal before answering the questions. This will give you a clear understanding of the age-appropriate content your child will be learning, ensuring you are fully informed when sharing your views with us. The portal allows you to see exactly what we will be teaching, and it remains accessible to you throughout the year – teachers will often highlight which areas of RSHE they are focusing on and invite you to view the resources.

Having this insight into the materials will also help you have meaningful conversations at home that support and reinforce your child's learning in this important area. If you have any questions about the teaching of RSHE, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or myself. We're here to help.



Forest School session—Thursday 25th September 2025



As part of their learning about living things and their habitats, the Year 6 children have been exploring the natural world right here on our doorstep. During the session, the children learned the names of the many trees that make our grounds so beautiful. It was heartening to see them engage so actively with their environment, discovering the diverse range of flora we are fortunate to have at St Winefride's. This hands-on approach to learning brings the curriculum to life in a way that classroom-based study simply cannot replicate.

The children went on to create 3D classification grids, using the features of the trees they had observed to sort and organise them. This practical activity encouraged them to think critically about the characteristics that distinguish different species, deepening their understanding of how living things can be grouped and categorised. It was a very informative and active session which the children thoroughly engaged with. The children were genuinely interested in their surroundings, asking questions and making connections between what they were learning and the world around them. This is exactly the kind of experiential learning that we strive to provide at St Winefride's – learning that is meaningful, memorable, and rooted in real experience.

Meet The Teacher

I wanted to take a moment to thank all the family members who attended our recent meet the teacher sessions. These gatherings are such a valuable opportunity for you to connect with your child's class teacher, learn about the curriculum they'll be experiencing this year, and discover practical ways you can support their learning at home.

At St Winefride's, we recognise that you, parents, are the primary educators of your children. The partnership between home and school is absolutely fundamental to everything we do. We're committed to working closely with you to ensure that every child receives the support they need to reach their full potential and flourish.

These sessions also gave us the chance to share our high expectations for all our learners. We maintain high standards here at St Winefride's, across all aspects of school life and we believe that every child is capable of achieving great things when they're supported by both their school and their family. The enthusiasm and engagement we saw from parents during these meetings was truly heartening, and it reinforces our belief in the strength of our school community. If you weren't able to attend, please do reach out to your child's class teacher – they'd be delighted to chat with you about how we can work together this year.

Important Dates

Tuesday 29th September—9.30am—swimming session for children in Year Six.

Thursday 1st October— Years 5 and 6 Football competition at St Winefride's—letters will be sent home by Miss Wright.

Thursday 1st October—West Cheshire Foodbank will visit school to collect all donations.

Friday 2nd October—8.45am—MacMillan Coffee Morning followed by Harvest Celebration—all wel-



I am delighted to share that our new School Council has officially begun their important work this year. This morning, our elected councillors met with Mrs O'Gorman for their inaugural meeting, where they received their School Council badges—a symbol of the responsibility and trust we have placed in them.

The School Council plays a vital role in our school community. These children have been chosen by their peers to represent the views and voices of their classmates, ensuring that every child has a say in how we continue to develop and improve St Winefride's. Whether it's sharing ideas about our school environment, suggesting new initiatives, or helping to solve challenges that matter to our children, our councillors are at the heart of making positive change happen.

I have always believed that when children are given genuine opportunities to contribute to decision-making, they develop a stronger sense of belonging and ownership of their school. Our councillors are ready to take on these responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication, and I have no doubt they will make a real difference this year. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. I look forward to seeing the wonderful contributions they will make and the achievements they will help us celebrate together as a school community.