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Friday 2nd October 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.4%

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 another busy week here at school and there is lots to be thankful for. The children are working very hard and are showing real commitment to their learning and work, which is a joy to witness each and every day.

At the very start of the week, our governing board met for the very first time this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all governors for the time they dedicate to our school. Our governors are volunteers from our parish, staff, parent body and community who commit to this important role, helping to set the strategic vision for the school and ensuring that every child receives the best Catholic education here at St Winefride's. Their service to our school community is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for their dedication and support.

This week, our Year 5 children had a special visit from the Fire Brigade, which proved to be both fun and informative. The children had a wonderful morning learning about the important steps to take if there is a fire at home. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about fire safety and had the opportunity to try out some of the firefighters' equipment. The highlight for many was being lucky enough to sit in the driver's seat of the fire engine! These visits are such a valuable part of our children's learning, bringing real-world experiences into the classroom and helping them understand the importance of safety in their everyday lives.

Thursday certainly was a busy day in school as we received a visit from the foodbank staff. They were overwhelmed with the kind donations from all of our families and friends. I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends from Little Gems for all of their generous donations – they will certainly make a real difference to those in our community who need support. I would also like to thank our Mini Vinnies for supporting the staff from the foodbank. Their compassion and willingness to help others embodies the values we hold dear here at St Winefride's, and it is wonderful to see our children taking an active role in supporting those around them.



In the afternoon of Thursday, our Years 5 and 6 girls football team competed in our annual competition which we hosted here at school. The children were excellent and it was a pleasure to see them representing our school with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They won many games and finished in third place overall – well done children. I would like to thank Miss Wright for organising the event here at our school. The afternoon was a wonderful celebration of sport and teamwork, and colleagues and fellow pupils were delighted to enjoy such a fantastic afternoon together. Events like this bring our school community closer and create memories that our children will treasure.



This morning has been a beautiful morning, and I am so grateful to those who came to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. The money raised will support MacMillan, and we are pleased to be able to contribute to such an important cause. I am incredibly pleased to share that we have raised £132.11 which will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Support—well done and thank you everyone. We also held our Harvest celebration this morning, and it was wonderful. Thank you for joining us – it was a great way for the children to bring our community together. It was truly the highlight of my week. Our Harvest celebration is such a special occasion in the Catholic calendar, and seeing our children and families come together to give thanks, to celebrate our blessings, and to support those in need, reminds me of why we do what we do here at St Winefride's.

As we move forward into the coming weeks, I hope we can continue to build on this wonderful sense of community spirit and shared purpose. Thank you all for your continued support, your kind donations, your volunteering, and your commitment to making St Winefride's such a special place for our children to learn and grow. **Have a wonderful weekend—rest well. Mrs Davies**

Our PTFA AGM is taking place on **Thursday 8th October at 7pm on TEAMS**, and I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight just how vital this group is to our school community. The PTFA does an extraordinary job organising events that our children absolutely love. From seasonal celebrations to fundraising activities, these occasions create wonderful memories and bring our school family together. The energy and enthusiasm they bring to everything they do is truly remarkable, and our pupils benefit enormously from their dedication.



However, I want to be honest with you: the PTFA cannot continue to deliver these much-loved events with just a handful of dedicated parents carrying the load. They need your support. Whether you can commit to helping regularly or simply offer your time for individual events, every contribution makes a real difference. You don't need any special skills or experience – just a willingness to be part of something special for our children. There are so many ways to get involved, whether that's helping to organise, set up, run activities, or simply lend a hand on the day. Our children deserve these opportunities to celebrate together, to have fun, and to feel part of a vibrant school community. But we can only make this happen if more of us step forward and share the responsibility. If you've been thinking about getting involved, the AGM on Thursday 8th October, would be the perfect opportunity to come along, hear more about what's needed, and see how you might help. **Your involvement, no matter how small, would be genuinely valued. I do hope you'll consider joining us.**

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RSHE Curriculum Consultation Summary

I would like to share an update on our recent RSHE consultation which has drawn to a close today at 3.30pm. Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken the time to participate – your feedback is invaluable in shaping our approach to teaching and learning of Relationships, Sex and Health Education at St Winefride's. As we move forward, I want to remind you of the wonderful ways you can support your child's learning and development at home. Whether through reading together, discussing their day, or encouraging curiosity about the world around them, your involvement makes a real difference.

The Parent Portal is an invaluable resource and provides you with direct access to all the age-appropriate lessons and resources that your child will be exploring as part of our RSHE curriculum. By reviewing these materials, you will be able to see exactly what we are teaching and the way in which we are supporting children in developing their knowledge, understanding and personal skills. This transparency is important to us, and we want every parent and carer to feel confident in the education we are providing.

Our teaching staff will continue to share which area of RSHE they are teaching throughout the year and will ask you to view the relevant materials on the portal. When teaching the key decisions content that the school has chosen to adopt, staff will notify parents, in advance of teaching the lesson so you are aware of what is being taught and when. This partnership between home and school helps us to reinforce children's learning and ensures that conversations at home complement what they are experiencing in the classroom. The portal remains accessible to you all year round, so you can visit it at any time to see what your child is learning.

To be clear, our RSHE curriculum is delivered through the Ten Ten—Life to the Full programme, which has been recommended by our Diocese. We have been using this platform since 2022, and it continues to provide us with a thoughtful and effective approach to RSHE education that is appropriate for all our children. Following this consultation and 'Meet the Teacher' sessions where teachers discussed the teaching of RSHE, If you have any further questions or comments about the teaching of RSHE, or if you would like to discuss anything further, please do speak with your child's class teacher or myself. From the consultation, parents shared that they would welcome support from school in supporting their child, in the home, with some of the topics taught through relationships, health and sex education. We are here to support you and to ensure that you feel informed and involved in this important aspect of your child's education. Step by Step, Together. **Visit the Parent Portal for further information about the RSHE curriculum:**https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/login/

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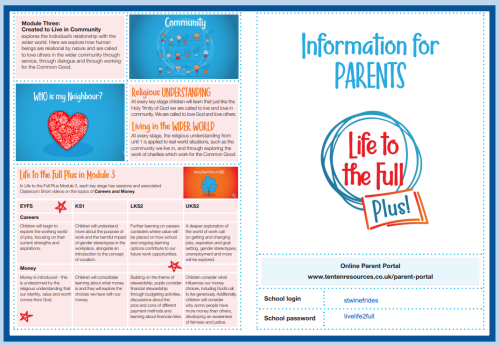



Forest School session—Thursday 1st October

Year 3 Forest School – Living Like the Stone Age!

This week at Forest School, Year Three travelled back in time to discover what life might have been like during the Stone Age!



The children began the session by making their very own Stone Age bread. They worked brilliantly together to prepare the simple ingredients before carefully cooking their bread over an open fire. This was a fantastic opportunity to think about how Stone Age people would have prepared and cooked their food without the ovens and equipment we have today.

Next, the children and staff explored Stone Age cave art. After looking at the types of animals, people and symbols that Stone Age people used in their paintings, the children created their own fantastic cave-inspired artwork using natural colours and patterns.



It was a brilliant hands-on session, combining the children's History learning with outdoor skills, creativity and teamwork. Year Three showed excellent collaboration when preparing and cooking their bread and produced some fabulous Stone Age artwork. A wonderful afternoon of learning outdoors!

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th October—Year 6 Swimming Session.

Tuesday 6th October— 1.30pm—Years 5 and 6 Boys' Football Competition at Willaston.

Thursday 8th October—7pm—PTFA AGM—PLEASE ATTEND AND SUPPORT YOUR PTFA.

Friday 9th October—9am—Year 6 SHINE Assembly.

Monday 12th October and Thursday 15th October—Parents' Evening—sessions will be 10 minutes from 3.40pm -

Thursday 15th October—Reception Class Forest School session.

Friday 16th October at 9am -Year 3 SHINE Assembly—ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday 20th—Friday 23rd October—Year 6 residential.

Friday 23rd October at 9am -SHINE Assembly for children in Reception Class—ALL WELCOME.