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Friday 9th October 2026

Whole School Attendance

96.54%

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 exciting week at St Winefride's, and I am delighted to share some wonderful updates with you all. The children continue to work extremely hard and are making the most of every opportunity that they are given.

This week, Mrs Edwards launched our new library club, and the children from Years 1 and 2 have thoroughly enjoyed visiting our school library. They have been exploring the wonderful collection of books we have available and taking time to share this quiet, peaceful space together, fostering their love of reading with one another. We are truly fortunate to have such a beautiful and well-resourced library here at St Winefride's, complemented by the excellent libraries we maintain in our classrooms. Reading is something we hold in high regard, and we pride ourselves on ensuring that all our children experience high quality texts across every area of the curriculum. I would like to encourage all families to extend this love of reading into your homes as well – sharing stories together is such a precious gift we can give our children.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 children participated in the cluster football competition, and what a magnificent display of skill and determination they showed. I am thrilled to tell you that our boys were crowned champions! From what I understand, it was an intense and nail-biting finish, decided by a penalty shoot-out, but the boys rose magnificently to the challenge and came away victorious. Congratulations to all the children who represented St Winefride's so brilliantly, and a special thank you to Miss Wright for her outstanding enthusiasm and dedication to school sport. We are incredibly fortunate to have such committed staff leading our sporting provision.



Further to our recent sporting success, I am delighted to share that St Winefride's has been awarded Sports Mark GOLD again for the academic year 2025-26. This recognition celebrates our participation and success in sport, as well as the high quality PE curriculum that we have embedded throughout our school. We may be a small school, but we are certainly mighty in our achievements! I am very much looking forward to watching our children compete in the hockey and rugby competitions next week. I wish everyone the very best of luck – we cannot wait to see you all in action.

Yesterday evening, our PTFA held their Annual General Meeting, and it was lovely to welcome so many parents to the gathering. The atmosphere was wonderfully positive, and I was heartened by the enthusiasm and energy that the PTFA brings to our school community. They are already busy planning a range of exciting events for our children throughout the year, so do watch this space for announcements! I would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting for their commitment and support. We are fortunate to have representatives from each year group, though I should mention that we are currently seeking a representative for Year Five. If you feel you would be able to put yourself forward for this role, please do notify the school office – we would love to hear from you.



I am pleased to update you on the building works that are currently taking place on our EYFS and KS1 areas. This project has been a long time in the planning, with initial discussions beginning back in 2023, so I am absolutely delighted that the works have now commenced. The children are going to have the wonderful opportunity to watch our school grounds transform before their very eyes. Many of the children have been intrigued by the building work taking place and are genuinely excited about the new spaces that will soon be theirs to enjoy and learn in. We will continue to keep you informed about the progress of the works and will communicate promptly should any changes arise in the coming weeks. I want to assure you that the safety of our children, staff, and parents remains our absolute priority throughout this project. It is truly an experience for the children to witness this transformation happening around them, and we hope they will take great pride in their enhanced learning environment.

Thank you all for your continued support and engagement with St Winefride's. It is a privilege to lead such a wonderful school community.

Thank you for your continued support of St Winefride's. We look forward to the weeks ahead. Mrs Davies

Year 6 SHINE Assembly



It was a delight to welcome so many of our Year 6 parents and family members to share in the SHINE awards this morning. This celebration gave us the perfect opportunity to recognise the exceptional start our Year 6 children have made to their final year at primary school.

Our Year 6 cohort truly are a credit to our school, to their families, and most importantly, to themselves. Mrs Bannister shared wonderful words about each child, and it was evident through her reflections just how much they have already achieved and grown this term. Every single child received a core value award, with an additional recognition for compassion – celebrating how they have been such wonderful buddies to their buddy in Reception class.

I was particularly proud to present my Headteacher's award to Josh this morning. Josh is a remarkable young man who embodies the very best of what we hope to nurture in our children. He is unassuming in his approach, yet gives real care and attention to everything he does and to everyone around him. His quiet dedication and thoughtfulness make him a truly special member of our school community. Well done and thank you Josh.

As we look ahead, I want to take this opportunity to express how proud we all are of our Year 6 children and their families. The transition to their final year of primary school is an important milestone, and the positive attitude, resilience, and kindness they have demonstrated so far sets a wonderful foundation for the year ahead. The support you provide at home is invaluable, and it clearly makes a real difference to how our children thrive. Thank you to all our Year 6 families for sharing in this morning's celebrations.

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Forest School—Thursday 8th October —Forest School Session—Year One children

Our Year One children spent a morning in Forest School, exploring our school grounds with real purpose and wonder. It is a great joy to see them discover and investigate the natural environment around us. As part of their History learning, they set about making vehicles using materials they found on the grounds, combined with recyclables from around the school. The creativity on display was remarkable – the children worked collaboratively, problem-solved together, and produced some truly wonderful creations that they were incredibly proud of. This kind of hands-on, experiential learning helps our children understand that learning happens everywhere, not just in the classroom.



In Science, our Year One learners have been discovering the human body. They created their own skeletons and engaged in thoughtful discussions about the different parts of the skeleton and the vital role it plays in keeping us healthy and active. Watching children make these connections between what they learn and their own bodies is a privilege. It helps them understand themselves and the world around them in a more meaningful way.

What strikes me most about these activities is how they embody our commitment to making learning come alive for every child. Whether it's through outdoor exploration, creative construction, or scientific discovery, our Year one children are developing not just knowledge, but a genuine love of learning in the outdoors. They are building confidence, resilience, and the understanding that they are capable of wonderful things.

RSHE Consultation Feedback and Next Steps…

Thank you to all parents who took part in our RSHE consultation. The consultation has now come to an end and we truly value your responses and feedback. It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you and to understand your thoughts on this important aspect of our curriculum.

As I shared previously, we are here to support you with all aspects of your child's education. We remain committed to keeping you informed about what is being taught and when. I do encourage you to use the school portal to view the content of lessons in advance – this really does help you feel confident and prepared. Our teachers will continue to communicate when sensitive content is being taught so that you are aware and can offer support at home too.

As I have already shared, 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 the consultation and our recent 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, where teachers discussed the teaching of RSHE in detail, we feel confident in the provision we offer.

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. We are always happy to help.

For further information about the RSHE curriculum, please visit the Parent Portal at https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/login/ using Username: stwinefrides and Password: livelife2full

Step by Step, Together.

Important dates until the end of half term…

Monday 12th October—3.40pm—5.30pm—Parents Evening.

Tuesday 13th October—Hockey tournament for children in Years 5 and 6. Last swimming session for children in Year 6.

Wednesday 14th October—9am—Year 2 RE Assembly—all welcome.

Thursday 15th October—3.40pm—5.30pm—Parents Evening. Rugby Competition for children in Years 5 and 6.

Friday 16th October—9am—SHINE Assembly for children in Year Three.

Tuesday 20th October—Year 6 residential to Glan Llyn—depart 9.30am. 9.30am—Swimming for children in Year 5.

Friday 23rd October—children return form Glan Llyn. Time to be confirmed.

Friday 23rd October—School Fund cake sale in school on Friday—£1.00 per cake.

RSHE Consultation

I understand what my child is taught and when				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
19%	81%			
I am comfortable with the Catholic ethos of the programme				
Strong Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strong Disagree
3.3%	71.4%	28.3%		
I trust my school's judgement in delivering this programme				
Strong Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
18.2%	63.6%	18.2%		
I feel that my child will need additional support in understanding some of this content				
Strong Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14.3%	47.6%	28.6%	9.5%	
I understand and accept that my role as the 'first educator' of my child on matters related to teaching human sexuality				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23.8%	71.4%	4.8%		
I would value further support from school about how to talk to my child about sensitive issues.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	38.1%	28.6%	28.6%	4.7%
I approve of my child learning the names of external genitalia in KS1.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
22.7%	50%	18.2%	4.5%	4.5%
I think Year 4 is a good time to start learning about physical changes during puberty.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
21.7%	34.8%	34.8%	4.8%	4.8%
I am happy for my child to be taught about sexual intimacy in Year 6, in a way that is respectful of Catholic Beliefs.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
8.7%	47.8%	26.1%	4.4%	13%
I think it is important that pornography is covered from an internet safety perspective.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
47.6%	47.6%	4.8%		
I think it is important that pornography is discussed as a way in which people are 'used.'				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
23.8%	47.6%	23.8%	4.8%	
I would be happy for my child in UKS2 to discuss scenarios of people who are being discriminated against or bullied because of protected characteristics of sex and/or sexual orientation.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
38.1%	47.6%	9.5%		4.8%
I would be happy for my child in UKS2to learn what attraction is and that someone can be attracted to someone of the same opposite sex.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
31.8%	50%	9.1%	4.5%	4.5%
I think that UKS2 is a good time for children to hear teaching clarifying that gender identity is separate from sexual orientation.				
Strongly Agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14.3%	52.4%	28.6%		4.7%

21 responses