Friday 13th November 2026

November Newsletter



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Attendance – Our attendance this week is 96.19%

A note from Mrs Davies to all our families...

It has been another fruitful week here at St Winefride's, and as I reflect on the past few days, I am reminded of how much our community has to be thankful for. The weather has turned noticeably colder, and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying being wrapped up and venturing outdoors, before coming back into the warmth of the school building with rosy cheeks and plenty to tell. As the temperature continues to drop, please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf for playtimes. Keeping our children comfortable helps them make the most of outdoor play and learning.

We are definitely heading towards darker mornings and evenings, and Advent and Christmas are well and truly in sight! There is a lot planned for the coming weeks, and we are looking forward to every part of it. To help you prepare, I have attached the important dates for December. Please take a moment to look through them and make a note of anything that applies to your family, so that we can enjoy this special season together.

This week, we were delighted to hold our school book fair. Thank you to everyone who visited and supported the fair. It has been a great success, and it was a real joy to celebrate the love of books and reading together as a school community. Reading opens the door to imagination, knowledge and new worlds, and events like this help to nurture that enthusiasm in our children.

I am also thrilled to share some wonderful news from the football pitch. After winning round 1 of the competition, our fabulous Year 3 and 4 girls travelled to round 2 of the competition and they narrowly missed out on first place. Their effort, teamwork and determination were admirable, and I know how close they came to a top finish. Miss Wright and parents have commented on how fabulous the girls were yesterday, and we are all very proud of them. It is lovely to hear that their performance has sparked interest among other children in joining football clubs outside of school. Team sport is a wonderful way to connect with others, and it allows children to learn valuable lessons about working together that extend well beyond the school gates. Well done, girls. You should be very proud of what you achieved. Thank you for reprsenting our school so well.

Today, we welcomed the B Tales, who visited us to share their performance. This was a fitting start to Anti-Bullying Week, for our KS2 children, which begins next week. The performance gave us a valuable opportunity to reflect on how we treat one another, and it reminded us that every child deserves to feel safe, respected and included. We will continue to build on this important message in the days ahead.

There is a great deal to celebrate and look forward to at St Winefride's, and I am grateful for the continued support of our families and staff. Together, we will keep continue to ensure our special school is a place where every child feels happy, valued and proud to belong. Thank you for all that you do. Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Davies

Year Five Class SHINE Assembly



It was a real pleasure to welcome our Year 5 children, along with staff, parents, family and friends, to their first Shine assembly of this academic year. The gathering was full of pride, and it was lovely to see so many people come together to celebrate the children's achievements. Mrs O'Gorman shared a wonderful account of the hard work and effort the children have shown, and she was also clear about what they need to do to keep improving. Thank you, Mrs O'Gorman, for taking the time to share something special about each child. Every child is valued and recognised.

At St Winefride's, the progress of our children in all aspects of school life is very important to us. We have high expectations of everyone in our school community, children and adults alike, and we want every child to be the best version of themselves, both academically and personally. Well done, Year 5. Please keep working hard and focus on the areas Mrs O'Gorman highlighted. Remember our expectations and live out our school core values each day, both in and out of school. I am proud of the effort you are putting in, and I look forward to celebrating your continued success.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our families for your continued support. Together, we are helping every child to shine.

Forest School – Year 1

This week, our Forest School children explored seasonal change in the outdoors, linking their Science learning to the world around them. They created a beautiful rainbow using autumn leaves, collecting leaves in different colours as they discussed how trees change from summer to autumn. It was a wonderful way to see learning come to life beyond the classroom.



To mark Remembrance Day, the children also made clay poppies. They carefully shaped and decorated each one while reflecting on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others. Their care and thoughtfulness were a pleasure to see, and it was a reminder of how much our children can understand when given the time to reflect.



Well done Year 1 children and staff – it sounds like a wonderful morning of learninhg in our great outdoors!

News from our PTFA ..

Lotto Winners are:
July: Nr 20 won £100,
Nr 191 and 161 won £25 each.
Sept: Nr 10 won £50,
Nr 161 and 127 won £25 each.
Oct: Nr 148 won £50,
Nr 77 and 170 won £25 each.

Please get in touch with school to receive your prize!

Interested in a lotto number? Scan the QR code and sign up today or use this link: https://forms.gle/vrrsRfsb1ABd9ood9



December Important Dates...

We hope you can join some of our special planned events ...

Throughout Advent, we will continue to enjoy coming together daily, as a school, for our Advent assemblies.

Friday 27th November

Non uniform day - children in KS2 to bring a bottle for the bottle tombola at Christmas Fair and Reception/ KS1 children to bring chocolate

Sunday 29th November

The first Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 1st December

Last swimming session for children in Year 5

Wednesday 2nd December

9.05am - Year 5 Prophecy and Promise Assembly - all welcome

12pm - Choir and Mini Vinnies singing at the SVP lunch at the Royal Oak

Thursday 3rd December

Forest School Session for children in Year Three

Friday 4th December

3.15pm - 5pm - Christmas Fair - all welcome

Monday 7th December

Christmas Party Day - children to come to school dressed in party clothes. There will be a party school lunch option available today.

Tuesday 8th December

9.30am - First swimming session for children in year 4

KS1 dress rehearsal for the rest of the school (children only)

1.30pm - Experience Christmas at St Michael's Church for children in Year Five. Volunteers welcome.

Wednesday 9th December

Little Gems Nativity Performance

Whole School visit to Pantomime - Floral Pavilion

Sacrament of Reconciliation in the afternoon

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day for everyone!

Years 2 , 3 and 4 celebrating Mass at St Winefride's Church

Christmas Wrap PTFA : 9am – 12pm – Year 1 Christmas Wrap and Year 6 Christmas Wrap.

1pm – 2.15pm – Year 2 Christmas Wrap

2.15pm – 3.30pm – Year 5 Christmas Wrap

Forest Scholl Session for children in Year 5

Friday 11th December

Reception and Year 6 to celebrate Mass at St Winefride's Church

9.15am - Years 1 and 2 Nativity - all welcome

9.15am – Year 3 Christmas Wrap

11 am – Year 4 Christmas Wrap

1pm – Christmas Wrap for Reception children

1.30pm - B Tales Performance for children in years 1-6



December

Important Dates...

We will communicate if there are any additions to the dates below. We look forward to the weeks ahead...

Monday 14th December

PTFA extra morning for the Christmas Wrap if needed

9.30am – KS2 Carol Service rehearsal in church

4pm – Carol Service in church – KS2 children will walk to church at 3.15pm with school staff and the Carol Serice will commence at 4.15pm – all families are welcome. Children should be collected from church at 5.30pm.

Tuesday 15th December

9.30am – Swimming Session for children in Year 4

2pm – Years 1 and 2 Nativity for families – all welcome

Wednesday 16th December

Coffee and Carols – all families and friends are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and cake whilst our wonderful children spread some festive cheer singing carols to raise funds for our school fund

2.15pm – EYFS Nativity – all welcome

Thursday 17th December

9.30am – Children in Years 1 and 5 will celebrate Mass at St Winefride's Church

Forest School Session for children in Year 4

Friday 18th December

9.15am – end of term SHINE Assembly for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – children only

10am – end of term SHINE Assembly for KS2 Children – children only

2.45pm – Final Advent Assembly

3.30pm – Break up for Christmas break – have a wonderful time everyone. Enjoy precious family time together.