

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 7th February 2025

Whole School Attendance

95.9%

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

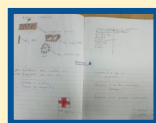


A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

This week, we have been focusing on the theme for children's mental health week 'Know Yourself; Grow Yourself' and encouraging our children to embrace self awareness and explore what this means to them. The children have engaged in activities throughout the week. We are always encouraging our children to be self aware—knowing what they are good at; their likes and dislikes, what makes them feel joy and what things they find difficult and what makes them feel sad. Understanding emotions and being able to express them is really important. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others as well as develop our own gifts and talents. It is with this basis that we form strong and healthy relationships which impact upon us being happy and therefore healthier. Thank you to everyone who has brought a donation into school today, we raised a total of £118 which will be given to children's mental health charity 'Place2Be.'



It was lovely to be led in prayer by our children from Year Three earlier this week where they shared with us their learning in their RE lessons 'From Galilee to Jerusalem.' The children reflected upon what the Kingdom of God means for them and asked us, children and grown ups, to do the same. They acted out the parable of the sower and talked about the differing soils and how the seeds would grow/ not grow in the soils. The soil is a symbol of our heart and the seed is teaching of Jesus about the Kingdom of God. Each time we share the Word of God with our children, we are sowing seeds. If our hearts are ready and open, then we connect with God and each other.



Yesterday, we invited our SIP into school (School Improvement Partner) who works closely with school to provide support and challenge. The visit was extremely positive and Mrs Mather recognised the school's excellent practice to ensure that the curriculum continues to be strong and ambitious for all learners and that refinements made by leaders, and staff, ensure that curriculum development is continuous. Mrs Mather and I looked at the children's work in geography, across the school, which was impressive. The revised geography curriculum is well taught and progression in learning and outcomes is evident across the year groups. Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction are embedded to support the strong implementation of our school's planned and sequenced curriculum. This is across the whole curriculum.



Next week, we have meetings for parents of children in Years 4 and 6 in preparation for the statutory tests that children will sit in May and June. It is important that a grown up attends these meetings to find out more about expectations in school and how you can support at home.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead of our final week of Spring Term Two, next week. Best Wishes, Mrs Davies

Important Dates next week...

IMPORTANT—SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 11th February—swimming commences for children in Year 3.

Thursday 13th February—Times-table Meeting for parents of children in Year Four—3pm. I strongly encourage you to attend or send a family member.

Friday 14th February—SATs meeting for parents of children in Year 6—3pm. I strongly encourage you to attend or send a family member.

Friday 14th February—School closes for half term break.

ATTENDANCE We break up for half term on February 14th February and return to school on Monday 24th February. Easter is late this year and we are aware that we have a different break to Neston high school. As always, we finish Spring Term 2, on Maundy Thursday, ahead of Easter weekend. We have one week off for Easter and we enjoy two weeks break during the Whit half term break in May. It is important that the children are in school leading up to when we break. **No holidays will be authorised during term time.**

Forest School—Thursday 6th February 2025—Year Three Class



Year 3 had another fabulous morning in the forest, this time linking their session to their science learning all about soil. They explored the different types of soil around the school grounds and discussed their findings. They looked at the different animals/ insects they found in the soil and discussed why they thought they lived there. They used a digital microscope to look at the animals close up in more detail and even used different techniques to try and bring worms to the surface of a given area. Finally, they experimented with different soil types to see what happened when they added water or sieved the soil.



Thursday 27th February —Forest school session in Reception.

Teaching staff will remind you closer to the time of your child's session. If there is any change, you will be notified. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing for this session. Thank you in advance.