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Friday 7th March 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....

We have had a beautiful start to the week with the sun shining and temperatures becoming warmer—Spring has sprung and there are many signs around and in our wonderful school community. This week, we say goodbye to Ordinary Time and embark upon the Holy Season of Lent where we are called to pray, fast and show self discipline, and giving alms to those around us who are in need; something our school community does so naturally. Thank you everyone. Father Francis came into school on Ash Wednesday and led us in a celebration of Mass. It was a wonderful start to Lent. The children, from Year 6, read beautifully and led us so gently in prayer; the whole school sang very well and behaviour, as always, was excellent. Father Francis, shared ashes with everyone as a symbol of our sorrow for the things that we may do wrong and for when we do not always make the right choice. Thank you to all grown ups who joined us to celebrate Mass. During Lent, each class will be leading prayer, in their classroom, and we invite all parents and carers to join us for this time of prayer and reflection. It is always a beautiful start to the day.



Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and the joy of reading and the pleasure books bring to us. We started the day by sharing, with the children, a book read by all the staff in the school called 'Little Red Reading Hood.'

The children enjoyed listening to this story shared by all staff in the school—a great way to start World Book Day. The children continued to enjoy activities in their classrooms to share and celebrate their love of books and reading. In Year Six, Alex and Isla, the Reading Ambassadors in Year 6, set up a Book Café for their friends to enjoy after lunch. They chose eight genres of text, ranging from poetry to non-fiction, and encouraged everyone to read something they wouldn't normally choose. Each pupil in Year 6 then created a Book Recommendation, including an illustration, to say which book they would like to share with others and why. A beautiful celebration of World Book Day! Children in all classes enjoyed a Book Café and explored genres that were age appropriate. The children enjoyed tasting the range of books on offer! Year 4 spent some peaceful time in 'Miss Healey's Book Café'. They



started the afternoon with a refreshing drink; a bowl of fruit and a biscuit whilst they decorated a poster, explaining which book is their favourite and why. The children shared books by different authors and reviewed them. They filled a plate full of "delicious words" that they found through their exploring. Some children found their new favourite book that they were too excited to put down. Children in Year 3 had a lovely session 'book tasting' in the Year 3 café. They tasted a range of books with different genres and found some interesting books that they would like to continue to read. It was a wonderful celebration of



reading and something that the children enjoy in all areas of the curriculum. Our reading for pleasure club continues to grow and it is an opportunity for the children to visit our school library and enjoy the range of books available to them. Our Reading Ambassadors are doing a wonderful job in supporting the children to use the library and make the right choice of book. We are recently purchased some gorgeous books to support the teaching and learning in our development History and Geography curriculum. The children are encouraged to read across the curriculum and they are enjoying our new books.



Next week, our Year Six children will be setting off on their residential trip to The Conway Centre on the Isle of Anglesey—a really fantastic opportunity that we offer to our children. They will have the chance to try many new things and develop their relationships. We hope the weather is kind to them and they have a great time—enjoy every moment children and make every day count!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead. Year Six children, make sure you get plenty of rest for a busy and exciting week ahead! Mrs Davies

## Important Dates next week...

**Friday 7th March**—16th March—British Science Week. We will be celebrating our love of Science in a variety of ways during British Science Week.

**Monday 10th—Friday 14th March**—Year Six Conway Centre Residential.

**Tuesday 11th March**—Swimming session for children in Year Three.

**Friday 14th March**—SHINE Assembly for children in Year Three. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

**Friday 21st March**—Celebration of Science Dress Up—see below.

## A Celebration of Science at St Winefride's

7th—16th March is Science Week and the children will be celebrating their love of Science within their Science lessons and beyond. On Friday 21st March, we will be inviting all children to come to school dressed as a their favourite Scientist; a famous Scientist or something linked to their Science learning this year so far. Staff will share some ideas on Class Dojo. If the children have a book, linked to who/ what they are dressed as, we invite them to bring this into school. Let's celebrate all things SCIENCE!



## Forest School—Thursday 6th March —Reception Class and Little Gems —Learning in the Outdoors

The children in our Reception class joined their staff and children and staff of Little Gems for their Forest School session. They started the session by playing the Animal Farm game where they made animal noises and grouped together based upon the criteria given to them. Using the school playground, they then played River Bank and River Jumping. They went on a walk looking for signs of Spring which are appearing in our school grounds. The children embarked on a minibeast hunt also. After a busy session, the children and staff enjoyed eating biscuits and marshmallows toasted on the open fire; drinking hot chocolate and then finished their session by exploring and playing in the school grounds. Lots of learning in the outdoors; enjoyed by everyone.

### Forest School sessions

Thursday 13th March 2025 — Forest school session for children in Year Five. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed wearing Forest School clothing.

