

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 28th March 2025

Whole School
Attendance

96%

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....

The week started with some additional pupils in our Reception class! We welcomed our chicks which hatched over the weekend. Our children in Reception, along with Mr Shipton, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Morris have nurtured and cared for the eggs which hatched over the weekend and are growing and chirping away in the Reception classroom. The children were delighted to come in and meet their furry friends and lots of classes have visited them this week. Thank you to Mrs Morris for bringing the eggs to school and all of the equipment needed to support our children experiencing the arrival of new life!



Our appreciation of Science continued this week. The children do really enjoy their Science lessons and everything they learn in their lessons. They are keen to further their learning through reading and researching. Some children brought in some equipment this week to share with their classes. Oscar brought a centrifuge into school and explained, to our Year 6 children, the components of blood and how these are separated. Edward brought in models of the heart which the class took apart and enjoyed exploring. Thank you to parents for taking the time to allow the children to do this; it is appreciated. Parents will be able to see children's wonderful Science work, next week, at parents' evening.



On Wednesday, we invited Anna, from Mary's Meals to our school. Mary's Meals is a Global feeding charity, feeding at least 2.6 million children all over the World. She spoke to the children about the great work that they do, as a charity, and how 10 pence will pay for a meal for a child. She shared that it costs £19.56 to feed a child for a year. The children (and staff) listened intently to everything Anna had to say and I know conversations continued in the classroom about how we could show solidarity by supporting the good work of Mary's Meals. One child approached Anna at the end of the assembly and asked if they could donate some pocket money they had to help feed children worldwide. As a result of this act, we have placed a feeding cup in each classroom; and one in our school entrance, should anyone wish to make a donation. We have also decided to organise some events to raise money to support Mary's Meals—children helping to feed children is something to be proud of and I am proud of all of our children for the compassion they show to each other but to others beyond our school community. This is what we mean when we are committed to developing the whole child—Yes—reading, writing, maths are important, as is every curriculum area, but so is teaching our children to carry out the little acts of love and be a good person by treating others how they want to be treated; making the right choices—these are the important foundations all children need. Over the next few weeks, and during the summer term, our student councillors have asked that we work together, to raise what we can, to support this very worthy charity. Anna was very complimentary of the children and school and she wrote to me on Thursday to thank me for inviting her into school. She said.... 'Thank you for making me so welcome in your school yesterday, I had the most lovely time with you all. The children sang beautifully and their behaviour was impeccable.'

A huge well done to our Year Four children on receiving their SHINE awards today. It is lovely to hear Miss Healey share how hard our children are working but also hear about their developing relationships, personalities, confidence and citizenship. Well done to Zoe for receiving my award for her commitment and creativity in preparing Paddington Duck to set sail on the River Dee, in the Duck race, next week to raise money for the Countess of Chester hospital. Well done to Nicky Marrs for receiving our core value award for excellence and happiness. This has been recognised by members of staff.



It was lovely to visit church, for the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday. The children sang beautifully and it was a lovely Mass. Year 5 children led their parents and grown ups in prayer, this week, in their 'Stay and Pray' session. I encourage you to attend your child's 'Stay and Pray' a peaceful and calming way to start the day. There are many 'Stay and Pray' sessions planned for this week so please do try and join us.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Mrs Davies

Important Dates next week...

Monday 31st March and Thursday 3rd April —Parents' Evening Appointments. Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to visit your child's class teacher.

Monday 31st March—Year 4 Stay and Pray at 9am.

Tuesday 1st April—Year 3 Stay and Pray at 9am.

Tuesday 1st April—Athletics Competition for selected children in Years 1 and 2.

Tuesday 1st April—Year 2 swimming session—familiarisation session.

Wednesday 2nd April—Year 2 Stay and Pray at 9am.

Wednesday 2nd April—Mass for children in KS2 at **10.45am** followed by reconciliation. All family members are warmly invited.

Wednesday 2nd April—Years 3 and 4 Girls' Football Competition.

Thursday 3rd April—Forest School for children in Year Two.

Friday 4th April—SHINE Assembly for children and parents in Year Five.



Forest School—Thursday 27th March —Year Three Class — Learning in the Outdoors

Forest School sessions

What a lovely morning Year 3 had in the great outdoors this morning! They used their next science topic, of plants, to get the school grounds ready for summer, by planting some summer bulbs. Hopefully when it comes around to their next forest school session, they will be able to see that the bulbs they planted have started to grow into some beautiful flowers. Keep your eye out for flowers blooming around school.

Year Three then planted their own vegetable seeds of choice to take home and look after. The children said that they can't wait to see which vegetables start to grow first!

Thursday 3rd April 2025 —Forest school session for children in Year Two. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed wearing Forest School clothing.

