

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 9th May 2025

Whole School
Attendance

96.1%

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....

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend, last weekend. The weather was kind to us and continues to be—long may it continue. It was lovely to receive a communication, earlier this week, from a very proud grandparent sharing that one of our pupils has received a very special award over the weekend. Max Bailey was awarded 'Player of the Tournament' in a football tournament that he took part in over bank holiday weekend. It is wonderful to hear of the achievements of children outside of school, and share in the pride parents and grandparents have. Max brought his trophy and photographs and shared them, with his class, today. It was lovely to see how proud his peers are of him but more importantly his own sense of pride—well done Max!



It has been wonderful to invite parents and family members into school this week to watch lessons and work alongside children and staff. Mr Shipton and Miss Wright both invited parents and carers to watch a phonic lesson being taught followed by making and playing a phonic game with their child. I know parents found this beneficial and the children enjoyed welcoming grown ups into their classroom to see their learning in action. Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us; we hope you found this useful. Further to this, on Thursday, year 5 children enjoyed their forest school session with Mr



Parker, Mrs O'Gorman, and they were joined by parents and family members too. The children's session was centred around VE day. They made Bannock bread together; baked it and tried it. It was delicious! Following cooking over the open fire, they made replica medals for VE Day. The children and grown ups finished the session with a lovely cup of hot chocolate. All parents commented upon how they enjoy the session. This summer term, we are inviting parents and family members to join the forest school session scheduled, for your child, and take part in learning in the outdoors. We strongly encourage you to attend if you can.



Yesterday, walking around school and in classrooms, it was lovely to hear the learning taking place around VE day. The children learnt about the significance of May 8th, in 1945, when people across Britain and other countries around the world, celebrated the end of World War II, in Europe. It marked the moment when fighting in Europe stopped and peace could begin again after years of conflict, challenge and loss. 80 years on, we remember this important moment and think about what peace means today and why this matters and the part we play in creating a peaceful community and a peaceful world. Children produced pieces of art work; creative writing and had lots of thoughtful discussions about VE day and how we can protect peace today and in the future. I am sure the children have shared their enthusiasm about their learning with you too.



Yesterday evening, Thursday 8th May, after just two days of voting in the conclave, white smoke appeared from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel and the bells were rung, signalling to the thousands of people gathered in the square below that a new Pope had been elected. Thousands more people rushed to the square to await the announcement. Just before 6.20pm, it was announced that Cardinal Robert Prevost had been elected as the 266th Successor of Saint Peter and the 267th Bishop of Rome that he would be taking the name 'Pope Leo XIV'. He is the first Pope from North America and the first Pope who is a member of the Augustinian religious order. As we celebrate this Year of Jubilee, when we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, we give thanks that Pope Leo will continue to speak up for those who are poor or marginalised in our world. We keep Pope Leo in our thoughts and prayers as he embarks upon his mission as our new shepherd.

As we start the weekend, I wish our Year 6 children a restful weekend, refreshed for the week ahead. I ask our school community to keep our Year 6 children, in their prayers, as they start their statutory assessments, next week. Believe in yourself and shine your light.

Wishing you happy and restful weekend. Mrs Davies

Important Dates next week...

Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May—Statutory Assessments for children in year 6.

Tuesday 13th May—9.30am—Swimming session for children in Year Two.

SAVE THE DATE—we will be holding a Forest school session for children under 4 years old, and parents/ carers, on Thursday 22nd May 9.15am—11.45am. **This session is free.** Please speak to the office staff to book a place. Please feel free to share with family and friends.

Forest School Sessions for Summer Two:

Thursday 12th June—Forest School Session for Year 4 children and parents/ carers.

Thursday 19th June—Forest School Session for Year 3 children and parents/ carers.

Thursday 26th June—Forest School Session for Year 2 children and parents/ carers.

Thursday 3rd July—Forest School Session for Year 1 children and parents/ carers.

Thursday 10th July—Forest School Session for Reception children and parents/carers.

Year 6 date to be confirmed.



Forest School—Thursday 8th May —Year Five —Learning in the Outdoors

Year 5, with parents and carers enjoyed their forest school session celebrating the 80th

Anniversary of VE Day. The children made Bannock bread and cooked it, over the open fire. The children were very controlled and ensured that their bread was cooked thoroughly before tasting. It was enjoy to see the children enjoying this activity as well as the many grown ups who attended also. The bread tasted delicious and I heard some children share that they wanted to make it again, at home. Thank you parents and carers and good luck with your bread making this weekend! The children also enjoyed making replica VE Day medals and finished their session with a lovely hot cup of chocolate.



Thursday 22nd May 2025 —Forest school session for children below four years old . Everyone is invited to attend. Parents and carers are warmly invited to bring younger children and share the invitation to relatives and friends in the local community of Neston.