

# Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 12th September 2025

Whole School  
Attendance

97%

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.... Welcome to the New School Year!

Praise be to God for a wonderful first full week at St Winefride's. It has been a joy to watch the children settle into their new year groups and immerse themselves into their learning. It is lovely to hear the laughter and chatter around school, throughout the day, and the love for learning evident in all classrooms. We have a wonderful team here at St Winefride's who are dedicated to providing the best teaching and learning for our pupils; a warm, welcoming and safe environment to thrive and a variety of opportunities. We are blessed with enthusiastic, positive and happy children who want to learn and try their best, showing our core value of excellence in all aspects of life, and we have you, our families who engage and support our children so that they have the best outcomes. Together we can achieve great things and I am positive about the year ahead and all that awaits. **'Together is better'** and by continuing to work together, our children will have the best start in life. Thank you to you, our families, for ensuring that children arrive punctually, in smart uniform, and ready to learn.

Yesterday, I met with Father Tom, and it was a privilege to show him around St Winefride's. Our children and staff warmly welcomed Father Tom to our school. Father Tom and I spoke about our school and parish and how we will continue to work together and support one another. I know Father will need time and support to settle in St Winefride's parish and I know that our children and families will be a big part in this. The children, staff and I are very much looking forward to getting to know Father Tom in the coming weeks and months. Father Tom will be coming into school on Monday 29th September, to celebrate Mass with us all, at the start of this academic year, and we would be delighted if you can join us. We will welcome parishioners to this Mass also, and it will be wonderful to come together at the start of the school year.

I am excited to announce that our **Forest School sessions** have now begun, starting with Year 6, yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time outdoors, exploring nature, building teamwork skills, and embracing hands-on learning in our beautiful Forest School environment. Other year groups will begin their sessions in the coming weeks—more information will be shared in advance. As always, I will share with you, our Forest School learning, each week in this newsletter.

A special moment this week was when our Reception children met their Year 6 buddies. It was heart-warming to see the beginning of these lovely friendships forming, with our older pupils showing great care and responsibility in supporting their younger peers. Our buddy system has always been something quite unique to St Winefride's and it really does make a difference to both of Reception children, in their first year at school and to our Year 6 children, who take on this important responsibility establishing and nurturing positive relationships which is so important.

Looking ahead, we are excited to begin our **'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week**. These sessions are a valuable opportunity for you to hear more about your **child's school and class routines, expectations**, and the **exciting learning** planned for the year ahead. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend, as teachers will be sharing a wealth of important information. These dates are included below and on the important dates communication.

Well done everyone on our first, full week of the academic year. I wish you a happy, restful and positive weekend.

Mrs Davies

### Forest School session—Thursday 11th September 2025

Our Year 6 children had a wonderful session in Forest School linked to their science learning. They embraced the chance to use scientific technology, such as a microscopic camera and a camera trap, to observe animals in our beautiful grounds. Children also identified and counted the many trees we have, as well as ensuring our hedgehog habitats were tidied and ready for use in the winter. Hoverfly habitats and sand traps were carefully made. Scientific knowledge linked to classifying organisms was evident throughout the whole morning and Mr Parker commented on how happy and independent the children are in their learning.

**Thursday 18th September—Forest School Session for children in Year Four.**



### Meet the Teacher Sessions

Just a reminder about the **Meet the Teacher Sessions** which will be held next week and the week after. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are able.

#### Monday 15th September 2025

**3.45pm**—Parents of children in **Reception**

**4.15pm**—Parents of children in **Year 1**

**4.45pm**—Parents of children in **Year 5**

#### Monday 22nd September 2025

**3.45pm**—Parents of children in **Year 3**

**3.45pm**—Parents of children in **Year 6**

**4.15pm**—Parents of children in **Year 4**

**4.45pm**—Parents of children in **Year 2.**

**Tuesday 16th September**—staff led clubs start for all children.

**Tuesday 16th September at 9.30am**—swimming for children in **Year 6.**

**Monday 29th September at 9.15am**, in the school hall —Whole School Mass to celebrate the new academic year.