

Newsletter



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Friday 19th September 2025

Whole School
Attendance

97.6%

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!

It is such a joy to share the wonderful things happening at school this week. Our children have settled beautifully into their routines, showing great focus, enthusiasm, and a real love for learning. These first few weeks of term are so important, and it's been lovely to see both strong learning habits and a caring school spirit shining through. Well done to all children. It has been a joy to work with the children in years 1 and 2 and enjoy reading with them in their Little Wandle reading sessions. I am very impressed with their efforts.



Last Friday, we captured our whole-school photograph – always such a special moment! It was wonderful to see all children and staff come together. I am sure you will agree that it is a beautiful photograph and it is lovely to see everyone looking smart in full school uniform. Individual photos have also been sent home for you to order should you wish to do so.



A special mention must go to our Student Council, who held their very first meeting with Mrs O'Gorman, on Thursday. Being a student council member gives our children the chance to share ideas, develop and practise leadership, and make a real difference to school life. We're excited to see the positive impact they will have this year. Our extra-curricular clubs are also now in full swing! Mr Mills' sports and creative clubs, along with other staff-led activities, are providing fantastic opportunities for children to discover new interests and develop talents outside the classroom as well as develop and nurture relationships with other children, and staff, in the school. Just a little reminder: if your child cannot attend a chosen club, please let the office know in advance.

We're also celebrating some brilliant attendance for last week which I shared with the children and staff on Monday – four classes achieved over **99%** attendance, with another three reaching **98%**! This is a real testament to the children's eagerness to be in school and to the strong support from families at home. Thank you for helping us make sure every day counts.



Our Reception children have now joined our Celebration of the Word assemblies, and they are being beautifully guided by their Year 6 buddies. Watching our older children support and care for the youngest members of our school is truly heart-warming and shows the best of our St Winefride's family spirit. Our Year 6 buddies have also taken on the responsible role of play leading. They organise and lead games on the KS1 playground for our children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. It is great to see their leadership skills in action. Thank you to our Year 6 children for your love and care that you show towards the younger children in our school.

A gentle reminder: please continue to park with care and consideration. We are not permitted to use the pharmacy or surgery car parks, and your cooperation helps keep everyone safe while also supporting our good relationships within the wider community.

Finally, our Clerk to Governors is unwell and I would ask you to keep her and her family, in your prayers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Griffiths Parr and her family and friends. I wish you all a peaceful weekend. Mrs Davies



Forest School session— Thursday 18th September 2025

Thursday 25th September—Forest School Session for children in Year Two.



Linked to their learning in science, the Year 4 children learnt about different types of plants, focusing on the vocabulary of flowering plants, non-flowering plants, deciduous and evergreen trees. Using their data sheets, the children searched around the school grounds to identify different trees based on their characteristics. Once they had found lots of different types, they collected leaves and formed classification keys to sort each type of plant into different categories. Who knew we had so many different types of trees in our school grounds? Once the children had toasted their marshmallows, they focused on their history

topic—Ancient Greeks. With Miss Healey, the children have been looking at their lives and created a yo-yo which is linked to a toy that children would have used in Ancient Greek times. The children all practiced their sawing and drilling techniques and decorated their yo-yos in a similar style to an Ancient Greek shield. A wonderful session for everyone!



Meet the Teacher Sessions

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended last week 'Meet The Teacher' sessions—I hope you found it useful. Below are the sessions scheduled for next week. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are able. **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.

Monday 22nd September—Cross Country Competition for children in KS2. Children, who are competing, have received a letter with information for the event.

Tuesday 23rd September at 9.30am—swimming for children in Year 6.

Friday 26th September—9am coffee morning in the school hall—Funds raised will support MacMillan. Fairtrade products will be used in Fairtrade Fortnight. All welcome.

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