

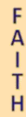


Dear Lord,

Please give our children a thirst for knowledge, wisdom and understanding. May their hearts be ready to learn this year, at home, and school. Give our children the positive mindset to believe that they CAN achieve anything with effort. Help them to 'Shine Their Light' and know that 'Anything is Possible.' Amen

# St. Winefride's Catholic Primary

## Important Dates for September



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable and peaceful summer break. We are delighted to welcome our children and families back to school to start a new academic year. The theme for our school year is 'Anything is Possible' and we have spent time discussing this today. Our children are encouraged to 'Shine their lights' and be positive role models and live out our core values each day. Over the next few days, they will be exploring what our core values look like in their classrooms and around school.

Date	Information/ Event
Wednesday 3rd September	Return to school. Our doors open at 8.45am and we welcome all children and families to our new academic year.  8.45am—12pm—Reception children in school.
Thursday 4th September	8.45am—1pm—Reception children in school.
Friday 5th September	8.45am—3.30pm—Reception children in school full time.
Monday 8th September	<b>Our Lady's Birthday – The Nativity of Mary</b>  <b>International Literacy Day</b>  Mr Mills' Extra Curricular Clubs commence this week—please see communication letters, from Mr Mills, regarding these clubs. This has been sent electronically and as a paper copy.
Tuesday 9th September	9.30am—10.30am Swimming Sessions for Year 6 for Autumn Term 1
Thursday 11th September	<b>9/11 Remembrance Day</b>  9-12pm—Forest School Session for children in Year 6. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct clothing for Forest School. Their session is linked to their Science Learning—Science Living Things and Classification.
Friday 12th September	<b>Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.</b>  Academy will be in school to take individual and sibling photographs. More information will follow from the school office.
Monday 15th September	<b>The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows</b>  <b>International Day of Democracy</b>  Parent—Meet The Teacher Sessions—Please attend if you are able.  3.45pm—Parents of children in Reception  4.15pm—Parents of children in Years One.  4.45pm—Parents of children in Year Five.

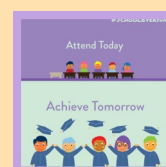
Tuesday 16th September	Swimming for children in Year 6
Wednesday 17th September	National Fitness Day
Thursday 18th September	Forest School Session for Children in Year 4.
Sunday 21st September	World Gratitude Day International; Day of Peace
Monday 22nd September	Meet the Teacher Meetings:  3.45pm—Parents 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 23rd September	9.30am—10.30am—Year 6 swimming lessons
Wednesday 24th September	Punctuation Day
Thursday 25th September	9am—12pm—Forest School Session for children in Year 2.
Friday 26th September	Feast of St Vincent De Paul  9am—World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the school hall—all welcome
Monday 29th September	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
Tuesday 30th September	9.30am—10.30am—swimming session for children in Year 6



## Attendance is important to me – St Winefride's

**A**ttendance is important to me. It helps me ....  
**T**o learn, grow and achieve.  
**T**o reach my full potential and let my light shine.  
**E**very day I learn something new, and I am working towards building knowledge and skills and embedding this in my long-term memory.  
**N**othing is impossible if I am in the classroom.  
**D**edication leads to development.  
**A**chievement comes from being in school and growing academically, socially, spiritually and morally.  
**N**on-attendance can result in gaps in my learning, and I don't want this.  
**C**an do attitudes are important in our school.  
**E**verything is possible when I am present!

Last academic year, our attendance, for the whole school was positive and this was reflected in the children's attainment and progress throughout the year. However, there were still a number of families taking holidays in term time. Please refer to the communication about attendance. We would like to thank all parents and carers for encouraging positive attendance. We want this to continue. Therefore, we ask that holidays are not taken during term time. **These absences will not be authorised.**



Appointments should be made outside of school hours. We do appreciate that this is not always possible in relation to medical appointments. For all appointments, in school hours, we require a copy of the appointment letter.

**Attend today; Achieve tomorrow.**

**We do not expect to change any of the above but, in the event that we have to, we will notify you. Thank you for your understanding.**