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ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

This term, all children have achieved so much academically, socially and spiritually and the staff and I are incredibly proud of the progress and achievements of all pupils at St Winefride's. We have been able to enjoy many activities and events this half term, which we have not been able to do for some time due to Covid-19. We are thankful that we have been able to invite visitors into school to provide valuable experiences for our children and enrich the curriculum that we provide at our school. Extra curricular activities (after school clubs) have been able to take place and have been a huge success with lots of children attending and developing their learning, interests and skills. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have organised and led an after school club this term.



Nativity Performances Bring Great Joy

It is so important, at this busy time of year and in times of uncertainty, we stop and pause and reflect upon what Christmas really means for us all. It has been heart warming that our children and staff have been able to share the true meaning of Christmas with family members and friends of St Winefride's. Many of you have commented that our Nativity performances were beautiful and it was a great joy to be in school sharing this experience, as a family, with your children. Governors, who attended the school Nativities were in awe of the children—their talents, enthusiasm and confidence. I would like to thank all of the KS1 staff—Mr Shipton, Miss Edwards, Mrs Ross, Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Dee, Mrs Moral Selby and Miss Holland for their dedication and commitment to these special performances.

Reception



The First Christmas

Year 2



Shine Star, Shine.

Year 1



A Baby Grow



KS2 Carol Services

On the morning and evening of Monday 13th December, all children and staff in KS2 came together at St Winefride's church to share in a special service. The children brought the story of the first simple Christmas to family members, friends and parishioners. The children sang beautifully and read confidently. Our Year three children created a tableau of the Nativity. Many parents and carers have commented upon the beautiful service and the joy that it has brought in these uncertain times. A huge thank you to the children for their engagement and enthusiasm and to staff for preparing the children for such a thoughtful and peaceful service. Thank you to parents for supporting your child with their contributions to these special services.



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Achievement Assemblies



There were lots of awards given out at our 'end of term' achievement assemblies. Children received certificates for the amount of Dojos they have received this academic year so far; our Reception children received a special award in recognition of all that they have achieved in their first term at St Winefride's and many children received an attendance award for 100% attendance. Lots of other awards were presented including the house trophy in KS2. This was awarded to St George—well done! Special certificates were presented to all of the children who attended German club. In each class, in recognition of everyone working so hard this term, all of the children's names were put into a box and a winner for each class was picked. The winners were given a voucher for The Works. Well done to all of our wonderful children on achieving so much this academic year!



Advent Assemblies

Our Advent assemblies have been based upon The Jesse Tree which tells us of the stories in the Bible right from creation to the birth of Jesus Christ. All teachers have prepared and led an Advent assembly during this season and the children have enjoyed this time of peace and prayer. They have grown in knowledge about the ancestors of Jesus. They have also enjoyed our St Winefride's traditions—the Advent Alphabet and our wonderful Christmas Advent Calendar. Today, our final Advent assembly was about the birth of Jesus. The children enjoyed the journey through The Jesse Tree and all that they experienced. Thank you to Mrs Bannister for organising this prayerful time for children and staff.



Our children and staff were fortunate to invite local author, Christine Field—Davies into school. Mrs Field Davies has recently written a book for children about the First Christmas. The children listened to the story and were able to ask questions about the book such as what inspired Christine to write it. Christine commented upon how well behaved and well mannered the children at St Winefride's are and how well they articulated answers to her questions as well as the questions that they asked of her. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were lucky enough to have a preview of one of Christine's new characters for a book that she is writing. The children benefit greatly from visits that enrich the curriculum and their experiences and we are thankful that these have taken place this term.

Meet the Author...



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Enrichment for all this Christmas



Our final week in school has been extremely busy and full of wonderful experiences for everyone in our school. On Wednesday morning, we invited our friends 'The B Tales' into school to share with us the Christmas Story in a fun, engaging and unique way. The children (and staff) smiled and laughed from start to finish and it was clear that the children understood the simple message that Jesus was born for us all and loves each and everyone of us. The cast from the B Tales commented that they look forward to visiting St Winefride's as they are always made to feel so welcome and the children really engage in the performance.



On Thursday, we visited the Civic Hall in Ellesmere Port for more fun and laughter to watch the Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' For many of our children, this was the first school trip they had been on and for some, the first pantomime that they had enjoyed. The children were very well mannered and well behaved and we are extremely proud of them.

Merry Christmas



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising many events this half term. They really have achieved a great deal in this very busy time! The children have loved all of the events planned: Winnie's Winter Wonderland; The Christmas Wrap; the children's chocolate Raffle and 'Guess the Lego and Guess the Sweets.' These experiences are special for our children and our whole school community and have really lifted spirits in such a difficult time for all. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Cunningham for their time, dedication, energy and positivity in managing these events and working closely with school and our school community to make these events happen—we appreciate all that you do!



Staff News...



We are delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Sherratt has had a baby girl and named her Olivia. Both mum and baby are doing really well. We wish her and her family lots of special times ahead.

From January, Mrs Jackie Larty will be covering Mrs Sherratt's maternity leave. Mrs Larty knows St Winefride's very well with her children coming to school here, and her previously working as a teaching assistant at our school. We look forward to welcoming her to our school community once again.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I inform you that Miss Riley, one of our valuable teaching assistants will be leaving us in the new year. Miss Riley has secured a post in another school closer to her family home. She will miss being part of our school community and we will miss her also but we wish her all the happiness and success in her new role.



A message from our Governors...

Dear Parents and Carers

It was heartening to see so many of you at the Nativity plays and Carol Services this year and thank you for your understanding in having to do things differently this year. I hope you agree it was even more special this year in these different and difficult times. Special thank you to the Staff for doing an amazing job preparing the children; their performances were superb and they did you and the staff and Governors at St Winefride's proud.

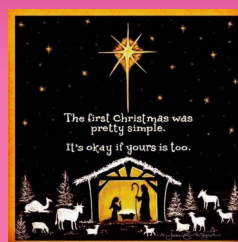
Dr Mark Branch (Chair of Governors)



I would like to thank all of the children for their engagement and hard work this term. Thank you to all staff, who work so hard to ensure that the gifts and talents of our children are nurtured and developed and to you, parents and carers for your continued support .

A huge thank you to you all for the lovely Christmas messages, cards and gifts.

As we head into the Christmas break, the staff at St Winefride's would like to wish you a blessed holiday season and a joyful, Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your family and we look forward to your return in the New Year where we will continue to work as a community and face any challenges ahead, together.



On behalf of all of the staff at St Winefride's, I would like to wish you an enjoyable and restful Christmas Break and we look forward to welcoming all of our children and families back to school on:
Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Important dates for our first week back after half term:

Wednesday 5th January 2022—Children return to school. Doors open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am.

Thursday 6th January 2022— 5.30pm— Meeting for Parents and Carers of children in Year 4 regarding the residential to Delamere.