

## LENT

During the season of Lent, we have invited grown ups into school to join us in prayer. Children, in each class, have led prayer, supported by their teachers. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many of you to join us. I know, from speaking to many of you, you have commented upon how much you have enjoyed this time to appreciate being in the present moment. A huge thank you to children and staff for preparing this time of prayer for us all.



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## St. Winefride's Catholic Primary

### Important Dates for March and April

#### Parents' Evening Appointments

There has been a slight change to the dates for parents' evening for this Spring term. The dates are as follows:  
Monday 18th March 2024 3.40pm—5.50pm  
Thursday 21st March 2024 3.40pm—5.50pm  
Please ensure that you book an appointment, via School Spider. If you require support, please speak with staff in the school office.

Date	Information/ Event
Monday 11th March	<b>Science Week</b>  Children in year 6 visiting The Conway Centre in Anglesey, North Wales. Departure time is approximately 9.30am.  9.10am—Stay and Pray with Year 3—All welcome.  Mr Mills' after school club will not take place today.  1.30pm—Year 4 visit to Neston high School for a DT session as part of Science Week.
Tuesday 12th March	Swimming sessions: 9.30am—10.30am—Year 3.  9.10am—Year 4 Stay and Pray.  1.30pm—Year 5 visit to Neston high School for a DT session as part of Science Week.
Wednesday 13th March	9.30am—Year 5 visit to Neston high School for a Maths session as part of Science Week.  2pm— Mr Hart from Down Syndrome Cheshire to visit our school and speak with all children about Down Syndrome and the wonderful work that the charity do and how we help them makes a huge difference. (children only).
Thursday 14th March	<b>International Day of Mathematics</b>  9.30am—Through the Arched Window - Matthew Thompson—workshop for children in Year 5.
Friday 15th March	11am—Class Mass for children in Years 2 and 3. All welcome to join us to celebrate Mass.  3pm (Approximately) Staff children from Year 6 return from The Conway Centre. Welcome home!
Monday 18th March	<b>3.30pm—5.50pm—Parents' Evening. Please book your appointment via the school website. If you do need support with this, please contact the school office.</b>
Tuesday 19th March	<b>St Joseph's Day</b>  International Read to Me Day  Swimming sessions: 9.30am—10.30am—Year 3.  9.10am—Year 5 Stay and Pray—all welcome.  12.30pm—1.30pm—Parent appointments for Reception class.  1.30pm—3.30pm—Basketball competition at Neston Primary School.
Wednesday 20th March	<b>International Day of Happiness</b>  9.30am—10.30am—SNAPTRAP performance for children in year 6.  10.30am—Youth Mass at Chester Catholic High. Mini Vinnies, Mrs Bannister and Dr Branch will be attending on behalf of our school.



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<b>Thursday 21st March</b>	<p>9.10am—Reception Stay and Pray.—all welcome.</p> <p><b>World Down Syndrome Day</b>—children are welcome to come to school wearing colourful socks as a representation of our chromosomes. Ginger bread sock biscuits will be only sale for £1.00 and all money raised with be donated to Down Syndrome Cheshire. Thank you in advance for your support.</p> <p>1.30pm—Hearing and vision Test for Reception children only.</p> <p><b>3.30pm—5.50pm—Parents' Evening. Please book your appointment via the school website. If you do need support with this, please contact the school office</b></p>
<b>Friday 22nd March</b>	<p>9.45am—10.45am—Baby B Tales in the school hall. All under 5s and their grownups are warmly invited to attend this event. Please see the invitation to this event.</p> <p>11am—Celebration of Mass for children in Years 4 and 6. All warmly invited to attend.</p> <p>1.45pm— 3.15pm—Girls' Football competition in our school grounds. Grown ups are welcome to attend and support. Please sign in via the school office if you are supporting this event. Thank you.</p>
<b>Monday 25th March</b>	<p><b>Holy Week</b></p> <p><b>B Tales Easter performance in school—KS2 children.</b></p>
<b>Tuesday 26th March</b>	<p>9.20am—Cyber Sid—visiting Reception, Years 1 and 2.</p> <p>2.45pm—Year 1 Religious Education Assembly—grown ups are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the school office.</p>
<b>Wednesday 27th March</b>	<p>9.15am—Celebration of Mass at church—whole school. Grown ups are warmly invited.</p> <p><b>1.30pm —End of term SHINE assembly for children in KS2—children only.</b></p> <p>2pm—Extravaganza in school. More information to follow.</p> <p><b>2.45pm—End of term SHINE for children in Reception and KS1—children only.</b></p>
<b>Thursday 28th March</b>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>Creative Science workshops for all classes.</p> <p>Break up for Easter—Happy half term everyone! Have a peaceful and restful Easter.</p>
<b>Friday 29th March— Tuesday 9th April</b>	<b>EASTER BREAK</b>
<b>Monday 8th April</b>	<b>School Development Day (INSET)</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th April</b>	Children return to school—door open at 8.45am. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school today.
<b>Friday 12th April</b>	<p>9.20am—Cyber Sid visiting children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.</p> <p>11am—Cyber Sid visiting children ion years 3, 4 and 5.</p> <p>9.45am—10.45am—Baby B Tales in the school hall. All under 5s and their grownups are warmly invited to attend this event. Please see the invitation to this event.</p>
<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	<p>Swimming sessions: 9.30am—10.30am—Year 2.</p> <p>9.15am—10.30am—Phonic Workshop for parents of children in Reception. All parents and carers are warmly encouraged to attend this session.</p>



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## St. Winefride's Catholic Primary Important Dates for April

Date	Information/ Event
Monday 22nd April	Open the Book Assembly in school—children only.
Tuesday 23rd April	St George's Day. Parents of children in Years 3,4 and 5 are invited to join us for a school lunch. More information to follow. 'Roots and Shoots' Day for children in Year 2—more information to follow.
Wednesday 24th April	1pm—3pm—Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football competition at Willaston Primary School. More information to follow.
Thursday 25th April	2pm—Tranmere Rovers Visit—Years 4, 5 and 6. More Information to follow.
Tuesday 30th April	9.15am—10.30am—Phonic Workshop for parents of children in Year 1. All parents and carers are warmly encouraged to attend this session.

### School Lunches

As of 1st April 2024, the cost of a school lunch is **£2.85**. Many other caterers working within schools have increased their costs to £2.90. **Please note that price change will be updated on school grid from 1st April.**

### Class Dojo—Acceptable use and expectations—Just a reminder about our school dojo app expectations.

Please visit our school website to for our full Class Dojo policy and acceptable use and expectations when using Class Dojo. I Would like to highlight a couple of points from within the policy:

ClassDojo is an online tool which offers many useful features including: positive behaviour management, parent/carer and teacher communication as well as class/school newsfeeds. Our school uses ClassDojo for all of these features.

**The following matters should be brought to the attention of the admin staff via the school office and will not be responded to by teachers via Class Dojo.**

- ◆ Absence (such as medical appointments)
- ◆ Sickness
- ◆ School dinner enquiries
- ◆ Complaints
- ◆ Urgent messages (e.g. collection of children)

Teachers may respond to messages outside of their teaching time (8am – 8.30am/ 12.30pm – 1pm and 3.30pm – 5pm). This will depend upon their time-tabled commitments such as staff training/ after school clubs. Teachers will only respond to messages Monday—Friday. In the case of an emergency, please contact the school office.