

# Newsletter



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Friday 17th January 2025

Whole School  
Attendance

96.3%

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....

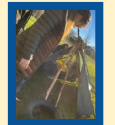
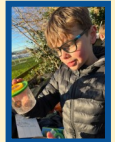
This has been our first full week back in school since returning after the Christmas break. The children have immersed themselves into our school routines and are enjoying their learning. I'm sure you'll all agree, as nice as it is to have a break, it is wonderful to be back to our day to day routines. The week has started with a visit from our friends from 'Open the Book.' This week has been full of people visiting school sharing how much they love being here and how well behaved and hardworking our children are! One of the volunteers from Open the Book said, "It's wonderful to visit St Winefride's. Everyone—children and staff—are so welcoming and engage in all that we share."

Year 5 have had a busy week as they have been practising for the Neston High School performance with one of the performing Arts teachers from Neston High School, Mrs Hazler. Neston Primary School came to visit as they will be performing, on the night, with our children and the Neston High School pupils. Our pupils also visited Neston Primary school later this week for a further practice. The performance 'Legally Blonde' is on 28th January and a group of our year 5 pupils will perform, on stage, at the Floral Pavilion. I know they are excited to perform and it will be a wonderful opportunity for all. Well done children for taking part and thank you, in advance, to parents for supporting your child to engage in this wonderful opportunity.



Forest school recommenced this week and our Year 6 'crew' carried out fieldwork in our wonderful grounds, inspired by the expedition of Ernest Shackleton, across Antarctica (1914-1916), which the children are learning about in their Pathways to Write text 'Shackleton's Journey'. The children carried out surveys; mapping and measuring the land; collecting and identifying flora and fauna and collating data such as temperature over time. They also worked as a team to build a shelter and boil water in a 'Kelly Kettle' as well as taking photographs with a microscopic camera. Mr Parker, our Forest school leader shared, "Every student did themselves and the school credit. It's really nice to work in such a student led way and it can only be done with the right attitude, behaviour, and buy-in from the pupils. They did really well!" Mrs Bannister said that the children were extremely enthusiastic and gained so much from the session enriching their learning across the curriculum.

Well done Year 6; it is lovely to hear that you are engaging so maturely and positively—keep it up! Swimming lessons started again for Year 6 this week, and once again, Mrs Bannister shared that the children are developing so well in skill and confidence, which is wonderful. They value this time and understand the importance of being able to swim as well as it being a recreational activity that they enjoy.



Thank you to children, staff and parents for a positive week in school. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Mrs Davies.

## Important Dates next week...

Staff led, after school clubs, commence this week. Please ensure that your child is booked onto the club they wish to attend. Bookings are placed through School Spider.

Tuesday 21st January—swimming for children in Year 6.

Tuesday 21st January—Basketball competition for children in Years 5 and 6. A letter has been sent home.

Thursday 23rd January—Football County Final for Years 5 and 6. A letter has been sent home.

## Forest school sessions this term:

Thursday 23rd January—Forest school session in Year 5.

Thursday 30th January—Forest school session in Year 4.

Thursday 6th February—Forest school session in Year 3.

Thursday 13th February—Forest school session in Year 2.

Thursday 27th February—Forest school session in Year 1.

Thursday 6th March—Forest school session in Reception.

Teaching staff will remind you closer to the time of your child's session. If there is any change, you will be notified. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing for this session. Thank you in advance.

## SHINE ASSEMBLY—RECEPTION CLASS—FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY



Well done to all of the children in Reception class. It was lovely to see the children receive their awards today, in front of family members, and to hear how hard they continue to work. Well done to all children; I am very proud of you. Well done to Harry Ablitt for receiving a core value award for 'Excellence' and Arthur Hopkins for his Headteacher Award for being a wonderful role model. Thank you parents and grown ups for joining us; I hope you enjoyed this morning. Thank you to Mr Shipton for sharing the children's wonderful work with us all.

