

# Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 10th 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....

Welcome back to school everyone. I do hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and had chance to spend time together as a family and get some rest also. It has been wonderful to speak with the children and hear about their time spent with family and friends. On our return to school, on Wednesday, during our whole school assembly, I asked the children what their favourite part of the Christmas break was and an overwhelming number of the responses related to spending time with you, their parents and wider family members also. We know that as we get older, this becomes more and more important to us, but it was lovely to hear the children respond in this way. There was little mention of presents and gifts that we receive but a great awareness of the greatest gift of all—being together and enjoying time with one another. I would like to wish you all good health, happiness and joy for the year ahead and hope that the year is full of positivity for you and your loved ones.

You may be aware that Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". The 2025 Jubilee began in Advent 2024 and will run until the Feast of the Epiphany in 2026. Although this is a global celebration, Pope Francis invites dioceses throughout the world to mark the Jubilee in their own unique way and we look forward to sharing a whole range of different activities, events, and resources with you during the Jubilee year. Here at St Winefride's, we have planned events to celebrate the Jubilee Year and to journey through this time together in joy and hope.



The staff started the week with a development day linked to digital literacy which was led by Lee Parkinson; Mr PICT. Some of you may have heard of Mr Parkinson. He is a teacher in Manchester but also an author and broadcaster. He is an expert in computing and using technology to support learning across the curriculum. He shared with staff his wealth of knowledge including useful Apps to use in the classroom. The staff found the day extremely positive and we will use the content of the day to build upon the positive practices that we have in school.

I know that it has been a pretty cold return to school but the children have been very warm indoors. They have worked hard from the moment that they stepped back into the classroom and it has been nice to be outside, in the fresh air, and experience the change in the weather! Fingers crossed that next week is a little warmer. Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school wearing a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves if needed too! Our Forest school sessions recommence next week and it is important that they children are dressed appropriately should the cold weather continue.

Along with this newsletter, I have attached the important dates for January and February. You will notice that, this term, we will be trialing a change to the celebration of our pupils in SHINE assemblies. This term, we will have a SHINE assembly for each year group where you will be invited to join us and celebrate your child receiving an award. Headteacher awards and core value awards will be given in the assembly. This will be a lovely opportunity for you to see your child receive their award as well as their peers and meet with parents and carers of children in your child's class. The first SHINE Assembly will be Friday 17th January at 9.05am and is for Reception class.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone. Mrs Davies.

## Important Dates next week...

**Mrs Mills' after school clubs commence this week.**

**Tuesday 14th January**—swimming recommences for children in Year 6.

**Tuesday 14th January**—Year 5 performing arts session with Neston High School staff at St Winefride's.

**Thursday 16th January**—Themed Lunch— Wild West Theme—Please encourage your child to have a delicious school meal.

## Forest school sessions this term:

**Thursday 16th January**—Forest school session in Year 6.

**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.**

## School Spider—Important reminder

Please can you ensure that you child's account is in credit when ordering snack and school meals. The school office will be in touch with parents who have money owing on their account as this needs to be cleared as a matter of urgency. Just a gentle reminder that if there is outstanding money owing, on your child's account, and a meal needs to be ordered, they will only be given a basic option until the account is in credit. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need to discuss updating your child's account.