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Friday 14th February 2025

Whole School
Attendance

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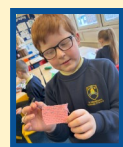
Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn,
Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

It has been 'Design and Technology' week this week and all classes have been busy learning new skills and gaining new knowledge. It has been a joy to visit classes and see the children hard at work and applying the skills learnt to their final product. In Year One, the children have been learning about nurses through time in history. Their DT focus is construction. The children have designed and made their own badge of recognition to honour Florence Nightingale and her contributions to nursing. They have used cutting and measuring skills to assemble their badges and attached a pin onto the back. I was very impressed with the children's concentration and commitment to their project and their badges look wonderful! Our Year 4 children explored the structure of a volcano and made their own from a cereal box, a bottle and some newspaper. They have worked together to build the volcano shape and made their own Papier Mache to give their volcanoes a hard exterior. They will be painting them once they are dry and adding a lever so that they will be ready to explode in science week using a chemical reaction. Our Year 6 children have carried out some market research and reading around symbols linked to Easter. They have developed and applied their skills in textiles, particularly in sewing, to make their own decorations very successfully. I have seen their final products today and I am very impressed. Our children, in Year two, have focused on exploring freestanding structures. They have looked at making them stronger, more rigid and more stable. Their focused practical tasks looked at using arches or extra pillars to add stability and then they looked at different types of joins in preparation for designing and making bridges after half term. Year 3 have been learning all about fashion designer Vivienne Westwood and have designed a piece of fabric jewellery influenced both by Westwood's style and what they have learnt about Ancient Egypt. They have practised how to use a running stitch to join two pieces of fabric together and are all looking forward to creating their own piece of jewellery! As well as the children learning new knowledge and skills, in Design and Technology, their learning is linked to other areas of the curriculum which deepens their learning, understanding and their ability to remember more. It is always a joy to see the children immersed in their learning, in and outside of the classroom. They have worked incredibly hard this half term and made sure that they make every day count. Thank you to our wonderful staff for supporting and challenging our children to reach their full potential and to all parents for supporting their children, with their work at home. Together is better and this contributes to our strong, happy and supportive community.



Thank you to all of the Year 4 parents who attended the meeting this week about the multiplication test in June and to our Year 6 parents for attending the meeting about the SATs in May. We hope you found the meeting useful.

Today, it was a joy to invite some children, across the school, to come together to have a hot chocolate treat and a chat with me in my office. The children were delighted to be chosen in recognition of their hard work and living out our school core values each day. The children spoke, with enthusiasm and joy, about what they had been up to in class and what they have learnt this half term as well as sharing their plans for half term. Many of them spoke about what they had learnt this week, during DT week, and I was impressed with the knowledge and learning that they shared.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and peaceful half term. I hope you enjoy your time together. I look forward to seeing you all after half term. We return on Monday 24th February and school will open at 8.45am.

Important Dates next week...

IMPORTANT—SAVE THE DATE

Monday 24th February—Return to school after half term. School opens at 8.45am.

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day—Please see below.

Friday 13th March—SHINE assembly for children in Year 1.

WORLD BOOK DAY—Thursday 6th March—Guess your favourite book/ character—Be Creative!

To celebrate World Book Day and our love for reading at school and home, we will be getting creative, in school, and your child will have the opportunity to produce something that reflects their favourite book. This could be a poster/ a collage/ a piece of art work/ a hat/ a potato character/ a poem/ a speech/ a monologue—the choice is theirs! We look forward to seeing what the children create but most importantly, we look forward to guessing their favourite book or character. We are not asking for the children to dress up but we will celebrate World Book Day in school, as always!

Forest School—Thursday 13th February 2025— Year Two Class

Our Year two children enjoyed a special day in Forest school yesterday focusing on DT skills as part of DT week. They created den structures and worked out how to make them stronger and more stable. They used equipment to help measure and cut materials to the correct size. They joined materials together using hammers and nails. Everything was nicely finished off with a hot chocolate and a marshmallow by the fire!



Forest School sessions

Thursday 27th February—Year One Forest School session.

Thursday 6th March—Reception class Forest School session.

IMPORTANT—SCHOOL SPIDER

As per my previous newsletters, and emails sent from Mrs Roberts, please can you ensure all outstanding payments on school spider are cleared. I must reiterate no snack can be ordered and a lunch box from home MUST be provided if there is no credit on your account.