



St Winefride's Catholic Primary



Welcome to St Winefride's, where we come together to



in the presence of Jesus. At our school, we believe that
everyone is valued as a unique gift from God.

We work together to create an engaging learning environment,
where all children are challenged to achieve their full potential.

Welcome to St. Winefride's



Situated in Little Neston, just outside the historic market town of Neston, we are proud to provide education for children from four to eleven years old.

At St. Winefride's, we hold Christian values at the very heart of our school ethos and pride ourselves on our family atmosphere and nurturing environment. We strive to discover the unique gifts and talents of each child in our care, providing rich opportunities for growth and development academically, socially and spiritually. **We aim for every child to reach their full potential and be inspired with a love of life and learning.**

In Reception we encourage and nurture the potential of each individual and this approach continues throughout the school to Year Six. By the time our pupils leave, they have engaged in a wealth of learning experiences; they are equipped to face new challenges; and we hope that they have developed skills and values that will last them a lifetime. Our intent is to support our children to become excellent at communicating whether this be through reading, writing, speaking and listening and the arts.

Our school is a caring community where all pupils are taught to be respectful, kind and considerate. Honesty and openness are expected, as is a good work ethic, perseverance and resilience.

Our children are proud to be pupils at St. Winefride's and this is reflected in the high standards of work, behaviour and appearance. Our dedicated teaching and support staff are committed and talented professionals who continue to strive for the best for all of our pupils. Together with our parents, we collectively ensure that St. Winefride's is a happy, hard-working and inclusive learning community.

Here, in our prospectus, are just a few of the wonderful things that you will encounter as you enter our school community. We encourage you to find the time to visit us in person to experience the calm, purposeful environment of our school. Please feel free to make an appointment. **You can be sure of a warm welcome!**

Mrs. J. Davies

'This is a welcoming and caring school where pupils behave well and take pride in their learning,' and children say, "Every day is exciting. You never know what is going to happen." (Ofsted 2018)





LEARN...

LAUGH..



LISTEN...



LIVE...



LOVE...



Curriculum

All children follow the National Curriculum core subjects of Mathematics, English, Science & Computing, plus the Foundation subjects of History, Geography, Music, Art, Physical Education and Design Technology. Through Religious Education, the children are taught the Catholic/Christian faith, as well as other world religions. This is complemented by additional curricular areas such as Personal and Social Education, multi-cultural and environmental issues. French is taught from Year 3 to Year 6.

All-Inclusive Ethos

Here at St. Winefride's, we pride ourselves on our community spirit, Christian faith and British Values.

We are an inclusive community and welcome children of all faiths, cultures and abilities.



“Our Early Years family ethos at St, Winefride's ensures that each child has a safe and secure environment, whilst nurturing a love for learning and each other.” Mr, J, Shipton, Reception Teacher/
Early Years Lead

Curriculum Enrichment and Educational Visits



We take every opportunity to enrich the children's learning by taking them on educational visits or bringing guest speakers, theatre groups, musicians and other visitors into school.

Teachers aim to bring the curriculum to life by holding 'special' days, where children can immerse themselves into learning and have opportunity to experience new things first hand. These events are well organised and provide the children with 'hands on' experience including dressing up and practical tasks which enriches their learning opportunities.

In Key Stage Two, the children are given the opportunity of going on residential visits. In Year 4, this is a two night stay at a relatively local outdoor education centre in Delamere and in Year 6 the children enjoy a four night stay at Conway Outdoor Education on the Isle of Anglesey. We believe that these visits extend the children's experiences and learning beyond school and develop new skills, such as self-organisation.

"St. Winefride's is shaping my life." Year 5 Student

"St. Winefride's has helped me grow in confidence, to face my fears at Conway and achieve great things." Year 6 Student

Extra-Curricular Activities

The school endeavours to maintain a range of extra curricular activities, such as netball, basketball, athletics, football, gymnastics, tag-rugby, cross-country, dance, art, choir, nature, homework and Science club. We also have instrumental tuition through Tafel Musik on a fee-paying basis. We invite community sports clubs such as Learn Sport IV Life and Premier Sports into school to provide other sporting activities such as Judo, multi-skills, street dance, fencing or tennis.



“You are rightly proud of your school’s sporting achievements,” Ofsted 2018



“The sports provision at St. Winefride’s is of the highest quality. We offer a range of sporting activities to encourage participation, engagement and investment of ALL our pupils. Sport will always be at the heart of our school.” Mrs J. Davies, Headteacher



Spiritual Life

St. Winefride's offers a catholic education, taking its spiritual inspiration from our patron St. Winefride.

We believe that the development of the whole person as a spiritual being is a critical goal of education. We have close links to our parish and local community, enriching the spirituality of our pupils.



“Governors and Senior Leaders clearly demonstrate support for the Catholic Life of the school and the Church’s mission in education. They are committed to providing the best provision for all pupils.” Diocese of Shrewsbury

Assessment

The progress of all pupils is carefully monitored and tracked throughout their time at St. Winefride's. Formal assessment of Years 2 and 6 pupils takes place in the Summer Term. Year 6 pupils sit Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in Reading, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Mathematics and they are teacher assessed in Writing and Science; Year 2 pupils are graded using teacher assessment in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science. Reception children are assessed throughout their first year in school using the Foundation Stage Profile. All children are assessed termly by their class teacher.



The Children's Voice

We have an elected School Council which meets regularly to discuss issues involving school life. The councillors bring issues and concerns raised by their classmates.

Decisions, made by the School's Council, have positive effects on school life from the children's point of view.

We have Junior Road Safety Officers, who work with the Local Authority, to raise awareness about road safety amongst the pupils in our school.

"Children say, 'Every day is exciting, you never know what is going to happen.'" Ofsted 2018

Pastoral Care & Behaviour

We are aware that we share the responsibility with parents for the children in our care and so we make every effort to provide the care which a responsible parent would be expected to make. We control movement about the school, supervise the children while at play and encourage independence and self confidence.

We have a number of policies in place to ensure that staff and pupils remain safe whilst in school. There is a signing in and out system in place at the main entrance. Other doors are kept closed when appropriate. Fire drills are carried out each term and notices regarding evacuation procedures are displayed throughout school. All visitors to school are required to wear a 'visitor badge' upon entering our school.

Our school is a happy and friendly place, where children learn in a secure and caring community, The children are taught to have respect for themselves and the feelings of others. We encourage high standards of behaviour and good manners and we have effective rewards and sanction systems in place throughout the school.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

St. Winefride's works with the Learning Support Service to provide teaching support to pupils with developmental learning, emotional, behavioural and physical difficulties. A child with special needs is assessed, monitored and his/her progress is recorded and reviewed regularly to ensure a co-ordinated approach in the best interests of the individual child. These needs are targeted through a termly learning goals (TLGs).

Parents are consulted at all times during this process. Class teachers discuss the child's needs with parents and the school's Special Needs Co-ordinator who is **Miss Holland**. Parental consent will be sought before any further action is taken. Liaison with parents is highly valued and essential for the children to make progress.

"As a SENCo, I aim to create an inclusive learning environment where all children are celebrated for their unique gifts and where all their needs are met across the curriculum."

Miss. E. Holland, SENCo

Child Protection/Safeguarding

Because of day-to-day contact with children, schools are particularly well placed to observe outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour, or failure to develop. Parents should be aware, therefore, that the school is required, as part of the West Cheshire and Chester Child Protection Procedures, to report any concerns to the Social Care.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs. Davies, Acting Headteacher

The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is the Deputy Headteacher

Racial Equality

At St Winefride's we strive to ensure that the Christian culture and ethos of the school is such that, whatever the heritage and origins of members of the school community, everyone is equally valued and treats one another with respect. We promote these beliefs through the way our school is staffed, the lessons and subjects we teach; the learning support we provide, our relationships with parents, employers, community groups and through all other activities.

We tackle racism and discrimination, and promote racial equality and good race relations and work in partnership with parents and the wider community to tackle racial discrimination and establish, promote and disseminate racial equality good practice.

Equal Opportunities

At St Winefride's each person is valued as a unique gift from God. In line with this ethos, pupils with disabilities will be given full access to the curriculum. If necessary, appropriate adaptations will be made. These are highlighted in the 'Accessibility Plan'.

We do not discriminate against anyone, be they staff, pupil or parent on the grounds of their sex, race, colour, disability, religion, nationality, ethnic or national origins. This is in line with the 2002 Race Relations Act and covers both direct and indirect discrimination. We promote the principles of fairness and justice for all through the education that we provide in our school. We ensure that all pupils have equal access to the full range of educational opportunities provided by the school and work to ensure that every individual within the school achieves their full potential and has the same chance to develop their individual talents.

"St. Winefride's is a positive, nurturing and challenging place for our child to be. It is a joy to see them flourishing in this exciting learning community." Parent of Year 3 Child



Admissions...

*Admissions to the School will be made by the Governing Body and will be subject to the school's published **ADMISSION POLICY**, forming a priority order.*

A copy of which is available on the school's website or from the school office.

Children are admitted into the Foundation Stage (Reception) in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. There is an induction period during the first few days of September, when children come to school in small groups to allow them time to settle in and feel secure ready for the full days in school.

<https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions.aspx>

"We strive to educate the whole child, academically, socially, emotionally and prepare them for their future life in a modern society." Mrs Davies, Headteacher.

Leadership Team



Mrs. J. Davies
Headteacher



Mrs. Bannister
Acting Deputy
Headteacher



Dr. M. Branch
Chair of
Governors



Mrs. A. Parker
Vice Chair of
Governors

School Office Team



Mrs. G. McCann
Office Manager



Mrs. S. Taylor
Attendance Manager



Mrs. A. Sherratt
Administration
Assistant

Little Gems Pre-School



At Little Gems Pre-school, we provide a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where every child is valued, respected and encouraged to **SPARKLE**—achieving their full potential. Our dedicated, caring and highly qualified practitioners support each child to become happy, confident, curious, independent and social individuals.

For children ages 3-4 years, we offer funded places—All children 3-4 years receive 15 hours funding. Check childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you qualify for 30 hours of funding for your child.

We also have places available for children from 2 years onwards. Check childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you are eligible for support with funding.

If you would like to visit our Pre-school, please contact us on 07789 990098 to book an appointment and experience our caring ethos and high quality learning environment and meet our friendly staff first hand.

OFSTED 2018—OUTSTANDING

“Staff have an excellent understanding of how children learn. Teaching throughout the pre-school is truly inspirational. Staff provide children with a vast range of exciting and explorative learning experiences in this stimulating, well-resourced environment.”

“The manager and staff monitor children's progress meticulously. They swiftly identify where children may need extra support or challenge. All children are eager and motivated to learn and make rapid progress from their starting points.”

“Parents are significantly valued as partners. They are fully involved in their children's learning in the pre-school and are given excellent support to continue this at home. “





ST WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Parents, Teachers And Friends Association...

The chief objectives of the Association can be summarised:

To foster and promote the interests and welfare of the children attending St. Winefride's

To encourage contact between parents and promote a good relationship between them and the school staff and clergy of the parish

It is important to note, however, that the day to day running of the school, its curriculum and teaching methods are the responsibility of the Headteacher and the School Governors, not the Association.

Remember too that Mr. Cheetham and Mr. Jones are the elected Parent Governors and will obviously be valuable contacts. For all parents who feel a need to raise serious educational issues, the Headteacher should first be approached.

The most immediate way the Association meets its objectives is in raising money through organised events. The Committee makes every attempt to keep costs down and prices reasonable and, as a result, is able to channel its profits towards the school to help our children there. It is always welcome if families wish to donate some small annual subscription to the Association Funds at this time of year. Membership does not, of course, depend on a donation but it will be most gratefully received and put to good use.

Many P.T.F.A. events involve raffles and so forth, and we are always delighted to receive items you may not need or want that could make suitable small prizes. Let us know if you think you can help.

Whilst the aims and objectives are important, the Committee will do its best to see the next twelve months' activities are enjoyable. Do give the Association your support and don't hesitate to let the Committee have your suggestions, views and, indeed, criticisms where these will help improve the Association's work.

Best Wishes,

St Winefride's Parents Teachers & Friends Association

