



ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This first half of the summer term has been extremely busy and the children have continued to work hard and live out our school mission statement 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' with pride. We are proud of the effort and enthusiasm that the children give to their learning and school life. This half term, the children in Year 6 have completed their Statutory Assessments with confidence. We thank them for their hard work and perseverance over the past few months. This week, our Year 2 children have shown great effort in completing their statutory assessments. Miss Ellis, Miss Holland and all of the staff are very proud of all of the children.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish all of our families a very peaceful and enjoyable Whitsun break. I hope that the sun continues to shine over the next two weeks.

Pupils return to school on Monday 6th June. Doors open at 8.45am and all children must be in school by 8.55am. Thank you.

Staff News

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Mrs Ross will be leaving us in August. Mrs Ross has dedicated many years to teaching Year 1 at our school and she has led the music curriculum with passion and enthusiasm and been instrumental in the delivery of phonics at our school. On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to thank Mrs Ross for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her the very best in her future ventures.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Jones will be joining our teaching staff and will be teaching Year 1, alongside Mrs MacDonald, in September. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Jones to our school staff.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Mullin to our school staff. Mrs Mullin is a teaching assistant and she will be working in Year 5.



Children from Year 3 and Year 4 celebrated Mass at St Winefride's church on Friday 20th May. The children and staff were welcomed by Father Francis and parishioners and it was lovely to be part of the Mass. The children sang hymns that they have learnt in school and it was a joyous occasion. After Mass, the children said the Rosary with the parishioners. After this, they crowned Our Lady and sang songs dedicated to her whilst processing around the church and the school grounds. The children took flowers for Our Lady. It was a special procession and the children enjoyed being together in honour of Mary, our mother.



World Bee Day 2022



On Friday 20th May, World Bee Day, Mrs Thomas, our very own Beekeeper came into school and talked to the children about her life as a Beekeeper. The children and staff were fascinated to hear about how the bees make honey; how they look after the Queen Bee and how they live together in the hive. The children asked lots of thought provoking questions and Mrs Thomas shared her knowledge and experience with the children. They were able to meet some of the bees and look at the special equipment that Mrs Thomas has to use to make sure that she can look after and protect her bees. Thank you Mrs Thomas for sharing your knowledge and expertise with the children and staff in our school.



The wonderful children in Year three at St Winefride's, inspired by Oliver Jeffers book: 'Here We Are,' marked Earth Day with a reflection about what makes our Earth special. The children enjoyed talking about why they appreciate our planet and how they show gratitude for the Earth. Collaboratively, they made a beautiful piece of art work to mark the day.



Social Media

Our school shares lots of the wonderful work that our children engage in via our school Facebook account and by our own school Dojo page. If you do not already do so, please follow St Winefride's on Facebook and share the wonderful experiences that our children have at our school, with your family and friends. We do have a school Twitter account where you can follow our school.



Attendance Matters

Holidays and Appointments

Recently, there has been a rise in the number of absences from school due to holidays taken in term time. These absences are not authorised and I urge parents not to take children out of school during term time. This impacts their attendance which ultimately impacts learning, attainment and progress. In addition to this, I ask that parents do not come to the office earlier than 3.30pm to collect their child unless the office have been notified about important appointments such as medical appointments. We will ask for a copy of the appointment for our records.

Attendance for each class from 1st September 2021 to 20th May 2022.	
Reception	94.62%
Year 1	96.79%
Year 2	96.15%
Year 3	96.39%
Year 4	94.80%
Year 5	96.23%
Year 6	95.74%

Attendance for each class last week 16th—20th May 2022	
Reception	98.64%
Year 1	98.18%
Year 2	91.58%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	86.80%
Year 5	93.13%
Year 6	94.00%

Absence = Lessons Lost!



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Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance During the school year...	Your child would have lost Approximately...	Or they would have Missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.



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Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by	Your child would have lost Approximately...	Or they would have Missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons

Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.



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