



ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Welcome back to school everyone!

The staff and I are delighted that our children have returned to school safely and are settling into their new classes and new routines. There are lots of smiles around school and all children are working hard. Our new children, in Reception, and children who are new to our school in other year groups, have settled extremely well also. We are pleased to welcome you all to our school community.

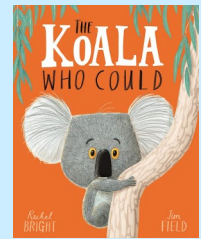
We celebrated the start of our academic year by coming together in a whole school assembly. I shared a story called 'The Koala who could' with the children which is a wonderful story about having a



**POSITIVE
THINKING
POSITIVE
OUTCOME**

positive mindset and the self belief that you can achieve anything that you set your mind to. This forms the theme for our new school year ahead.

Positive Thinking = Positive Outcomes



School Uniform - Expectations

As you can see from our lovely school photograph, all of the children look smart in their school uniform. A copy of our school uniform policy has been attached with this newsletter. A gentle reminder that all children should wear black school shoes; trainers are not acceptable. Dark grey trousers, pinafores and skirts must be worn. Children should not wear nail varnish. Stud earrings can be worn; no other earrings or jewellery should be worn.

Our PE kit is navy t-shirt/ navy jumper/ navy jogging bottoms.

All uniform items are available to purchase or order via the school office.

Please take time to read the school uniform policy (which is also on our school website).

School Uniform Recycle Bank

We all know how quickly our children grow and because of this they outgrow their clothes, including school uniform. Quite often, these items of clothing are in great condition and would benefit another children in our school. With this in mind, we will be opening a uniform recycle bank, where you are welcome to come and donate old uniform (that is still in good, wearable condition) and you will be able to take items that will be of benefit for your child. This is another way that we can help each other and work together as a community as well as helping our environment. This rail will be kept by the school office and we do encourage you to use it and help each other. If you have any items to donate, please speak to Mrs McCann and Mrs Taylor in the school office.

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is of paramount importance at our school. Children need to be in school to learn. I ask that all parents and carers support their child by ensuring that they are in school on time and time taken out of school is limited and when only essential (illness). **Holidays in school time will not be authorised.** Please organise medical appointments outside of the school day where possible. In the event that your child must attend a medical appointment in school time, please speak to the school attendance officer Mrs Taylor, and share a copy of the appointment with her for our records. We kindly ask that parents do not arrive at the office, towards the end of the school day, asking to take children out of school prior to 3.30pm.

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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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.



Just a few reminders about our school day:

- We open our school gates (children's entrance) at 8.35am. Children and families are welcome to come into the school grounds at this time.
- All classroom doors open at 8.45am and children are invited into school at this time.
- Our school starts at 8.55am and all children should be in school by this time as lessons start promptly.
- Our school day ends at 3.30pm and parents and carers are asked to collect their child/ children from the playground outside the classroom.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Reception Class 2022-23



We are delighted to welcome our new children in our Reception Class. They have settled very well to school life and we are all very proud of them!

New Starters - September 2023

Is your child due to start school in September 2023? You can apply for a place in our wonderful reception class now. Please click the link for further information about how to apply.

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

The closing date for applications for Reception 2023 places is 15th January 2023. If you need any support with this, please contact school via telephone or pop in to speak with a member of staff.

PTFA

At St Winefride's, we have a wonderful PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). We encourage all of our parents to support our PTFA as they organise fun and exciting events for our children, for a small cost, raising money for our school to fund projects and trips (money realised by our PTFA has paid for coaches to transport the children on school trips. This October, our Year 6 children will be going on a residential trip to the Conway Centre and the coach has been funded by money raised by our wonderful PTFA! Please speak with Mrs McCann to find out how you have help and support our school.

COPPER RACE WINNERS— YEAR 2 (YEAR 3 2022-23)

The winners of the copper race, held in July 2022, are the children in our current Year 3 class (our year 2 class last academic year!) **Congratulations** to all of the children and Miss Holland for raising the most copper. The funds will be used by the class to enhance their learning experience. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs McCann for counting all of the copper raised and organising this money brought into school.

Meet the Teacher

Over the next couple of weeks, you will have opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn about the expectations of work and behaviour as well as classroom routines. There will be to chance to ask any questions.

<u>Monday 12th September</u>	<u>Monday 19th September</u>
3.40pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 1.	3.40pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 2.
4.15pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 3.	4.15pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 4.
4.45pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 5.	4.15pm—Parents and Carers of children in Reception.
	4.45pm—Parents and Carers of children in Year 6.

Our Queen - Her Majesty.

Queen Elizabeth II



We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our Queen - Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She spent 70 years on the throne, after being crowned on 2nd June 1953, meaning she ruled Britain for longer than any other King or Queen in history. She has been the only monarch that many of us will remember.

During her time as Queen, lots of things changed in Britain. However, one thing that never changed, was her strong sense of duty to serve her people.

Queen Elizabeth II will be remembered as a Queen who spent her life keeping the promise she made when she was first crowned - to serve her people and her country.

Not only was she our Queen, she was a daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and wife.

We pray for all of the Royal family at this very sad time.

God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



King Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;



St. Winefride's Catholic Primary



Open Days

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Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live, Love.

At St Winefride's Catholic Primary school, we provide a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where every child is valued, respected and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our dedicated and caring staff deliver a rich and broad curriculum which is inclusive of all abilities and needs. We nurture each child's gifts and talents so that they become happy, confident, independent and social members of society. We welcome all children of faith and non-faith backgrounds.

If you would like to visit our school, please contact us on 0151 832 5012 to book an appointment for one of the following dates below and experience our caring ethos and high quality learning environment, first hand.

Are you new to the area? Is your child due to start school in September 2023?

You can request a place at our wonderful school now.

The closing date for applications for children starting school in September 2023 is 15th January 2023.

If you would like a place at our school, contact our school office.

Open Morning for ALL prospective parents and families:

Saturday 24th September : 10am–11am

(Please telephone school to book a place to attend).

School Open Mornings:

Thursday 22nd September 9.30am–11am

Thursday 29th September 9.30am–11am

Please telephone school to confirm your attendance

We look forward to welcoming you to our happy school.