

St WINIFRED'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupil Climate Network:

On Wednesday, the school, led by Mr Cunningham and the School Council, hosted a meeting for primary schools to learn about our own climate activities and to make their own pledges to take back to their schools.

Pupils from St Bartholomew's, Brindishe Manor, Beecroft Garden, St Mary's and Torridon came for the morning to look at what projects the school had been doing to cut carbon and waste. The school council showed the schools the kitchen garden where pupils learn to grow seasonal vegetables, the wildflower raised beds helping to bring nature into the school, the food waste composting bins to recycle peelings back to the kitchen garden, the upcycled school equipment in year 3 and year 5, and the cycle shed where Dr Bike works from as well as the other active travel activities.

In the second half of the session, the children made climate pledges and wrote persuasive letters to the government minister, Stuart Graham MP, who will represent the UK at the UN COP28 meeting in December, to do all he can to help make it a success.

St Winifred's in the Football Final!

A message from Mr Dickerson, our PE lead:

Last week our girls' football team took part in a football tournament to encourage the growth of girls' football in the borough of Lewisham. I am delighted to report that not only did they qualify for the finals, but they did so, going undefeated over 4 games. What was fantastic was how each and every member of the squad contributed to the achievement. The starters were fantastic and the attitude of the substitutes made me very proud as they came on and were happy to do their bit.

This victory means that on Wednesday 29th November, we shall be taking part in the finals. This will be a round robin between the two top teams in each heat before either a final or a third-place playoff. No matter the result, the girls should be very proud. Please say a little prayer and have a thought for us Wednesday after school as we aim to bring another girls' football trophy home and create a culture of winning in girls' football, as this would be our second tournament victory in a row. As easy as it is to get excited, we must remember that it is only half-time. #COYSW (come on you St Winifred's)!

Thank you also to Mr Dickerson and Ms Jones, who supported and prepared the girls for the tournament.



November

24th – 29th: Scholastic Book Fair

29th – Football Final!

December

5th: St Alphonsa (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery

5th: [EYs Nativity](#) – 2pm

6th: [EYs Nativity](#) – 10am

6th: Flu Vaccine

6th: Community Conversation 3:30pm

7th: Cake Sale

12th: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

13th: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

13th: Yr 4 & 5 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

13th: Upper KS2 Carol Concert 6/7pm tbc

14th: Yr 3 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

15th: Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

15th: Early Years & KS1 Panto (In School)

18th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19th: Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

20th: Whole School Mass – 9:30am

21st December – 5th January: Christmas Holidays



Community Conversation

On Wednesday 6th December at 3:30pm we will be hosting our very first Community Conversation following on from the introductory meeting last term. This is an initiative that aims to involve parents and the whole school in tackling racial inequality in our schools, neighbourhoods and wider community. It involves a series of guided conversations about race, which were piloted in five Lewisham schools over the last year. These conversations will occur at least once a term and will be facilitated with support from the national charity Citizens UK.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair started today! There are hundreds of books to choose from, with prices starting from just £2.99. The book fair will be in the main hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm from today to the 29th November. Children will also get to browse the books during school time. The school earns free books when you purchase. Come along and support our school!



Maternity Leave

Many of you may have noticed that Ms Montes did not return to work this week. Her little boy decided to make an early appearance. She and her partner welcomed their baby boy on Sunday. Mum and baby are doing very well and are now at home. We wish them all the very best at this happy time. We welcome Ms Diane to the team, who will be Ms Montes' maternity cover.

Cake Sale:

The Mini Vinnies supported by Mr Cunningham and some of our parents of St Winifred's are hosting a cake sale on **Thursday 7th December** after school, all funds raised will be given to a charity to help the people affected by the crisis in Palestine. More information to follow.

LOLO Chorus News

The Chorus' Christmas Concert this year will be on Sunday 3rd December at 4pm in the church. As well as a collection of traditional Christmas carols, the concert will feature some less traditional seasonal songs and we are delighted that children from St Winifred's will also be performing during the concert. Please put this in your diary now.

Uniform Reminders:

PE Uniform: Tracksuits / Shorts / Sweatshirts need to be **PLAIN** black or navy blue, with plain white T-shirts. (There should not be any branding / patterns / colours on the clothes). Sweatshirts should not be hooded.

Trainers: Trainers may be worn with the school uniform, but again they should be plain black. There should not be any white / colourful logos or soles.

Hair Accessories: As lovely as they are, the colourful / patterned / glittery hairbands, scrunchies, bandanas, bows and beads are not allowed. The children who use them, must have plain hair accessories e.g. maroon bows.

[Click here to read the uniform policy in full.](#)

Uniform Swap Shop

As many of you know, we have a great deal of nearly new uniform which has been donated to the school. Please feel free to ask in the office for uniform in your child's size. Also, when your child outgrows their uniform, if it is clean and in good condition (no rips or tears), please donate it and we will add it to our stock. Not only does this save money, it is good for our environment too.

Nativities



Early Years, KS1 and Lower KS2 will have their nativity in school in the school hall. To attend these performances, you will need to click on the links above in the calendar or in the attachment for each phase group (underlined). We are offering two tickets per child. However, if you were to want more, we will put you on a waiting list and issue additional spaces nearer the time if available. You will not receive a physical ticket.

Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, will lead us in a Carol Concert in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the evening. As it is being held in the church in the evening, we hope that the whole family will be able to attend and there is no need to book.

Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2024. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

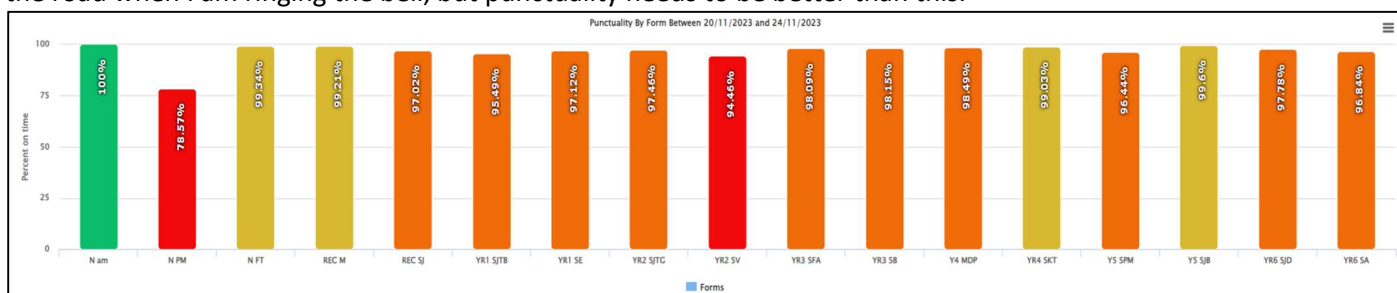
During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Monday 27th November Tuesday 9th January	Thursday 7th December	Wednesday 13th December

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.6% (DfE expects 95%)

The majority of school is above 97% (apart from a few)!!!! I do try and wait for those late arrivals that appear along the road when I am ringing the bell, but punctuality needs to be better than this.



This week's winners are Nursery a.m. with 100%, followed by Nursery FT, St Mary, St Kateri and St Josephine all on 99%! St Veronica, you really can do better.

Wednesday Word

Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app. If you haven't yet, you should have received an email regarding School Ping. SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news. Moving forward, all communication from the school will be via this app. From feedback, we could see that not all parents were receiving our emails and the current ScholarPack App does not have the same functionality. Please make sure the school has your current email address.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie