



2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun this week at St Winifred's. In this first week of Advent, Early Years performed their Nativity. It was an absolute delight to see our youngest children speaking, acting and singing so brilliantly. Thank you to everyone who attended both performances, I'm sure you will agree that it was a wonderful event. A huge thank you to all of the Early Years team for preparing the children so well.

Yesterday, Early Years and KS1 went to the panto. The performance of Aladdin was fantastic and the children absolutely loved it. We have already booked the panto for next year!

Mrs Abbs and Mrs Mott took some of KS2 children to St George's Cathedral for the diocesan Advent service. It was a beautiful event and our children represented our school fantastically.



Knights of St Columba Christmas Competition

The Knights of St Columba, Council 117 have invited us to enter their Christmas, Nativity scene competition. The children took home the instructions for them to create a beautiful drawing of the Nativity. I re-attached the proforma to the newsletter just in case you need another one. All entries must be returned to the school by Monday 5th December.

Nativities

To attend the children's Christmas performances, you will need to contact the school office and book. We are offering two 'tickets' per child. *Just to clarify- we are keeping a list of those booked in, we are not issuing physical tickets, sorry for any confusion caused.* If you were to want more, we will put you on a waiting list and issue additional tickets nearer the time if available.

Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, will lead us in a Carol Concert in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church at **6pm**. As it is being held in the church in the evening, we hope that the whole family will be able to attend.



Christmas Lunch:

On Friday 9th December we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. If a child, who is normally packed lunch, would like school dinner on this day for £2.30, please let the office know. I attach the menu for your information.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2022-23:

This year, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lee will continue to run their First Holy Communion programme here at St Winifred's. This will take place one afternoon straight after school starting in the New Year. If your child would like to join the programme, please register your interest with Fr Emeka. You will be expected to attend Sunday Mass and a meeting with Fr Emeka on Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7pm in the Church. Classes will begin after this meeting.



Reception 2023:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) 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 2023. 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
Thursday 15 th December	Wednesday 4 th January	Wednesday 7 th December Monday 9 th January

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2023 can now be made on line.

Volunteers:

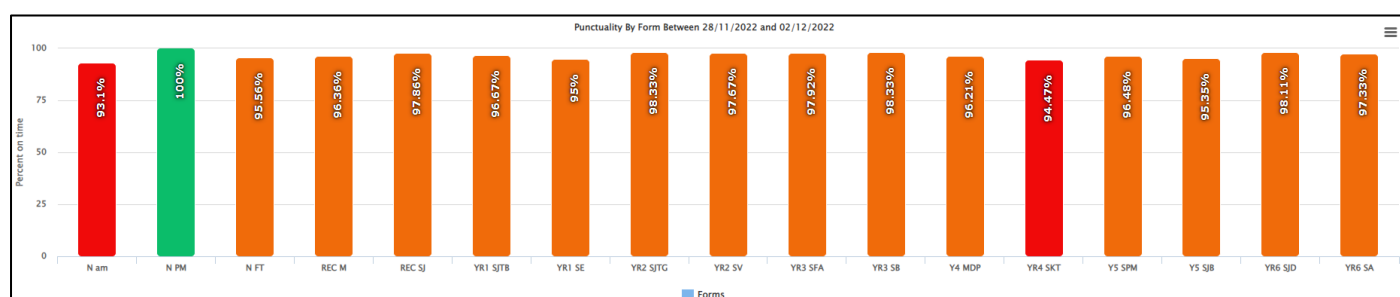
Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

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.

Punctuality:

Please remember that the Schools Street is now in operation, this affects how you are able to get your child to school on time if you drive. It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winner is St James the Great and St Bernadette, both with 98.3%! Well done.

Parent App:

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie