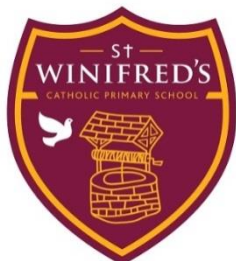


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8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Early Years Nativity**

A huge congratulations to our Early Years children for performing their nativity so beautifully. You could tell they had worked ever so hard to learn their lines and the lyrics to all the songs. Thank you to all the Early Years team for preparing the children so well. Thank you once again to all the parents for attending and supporting the children!

### **Community Conversation**

On Wednesday we attempted to host our first Community Conversation. Unfortunately, not many parents were able to attend. However, the discussion from the few of us that were there was incredibly useful and many ideas were discussed regarding how to provide opportunities for the school community to come together on a more regular basis. More information regarding this to follow.

### **Communication – School Ping**

As a school, our aim is to keep parents and carers fully informed of events happening in the school, however I often get the feeling that the information is not being received. In recent weeks I have sent the following:

- Weekly newsletters
- Christmas Events overview
- Nativity booking information
- Social Media updates



I have also updated the School Ping calendar to include all the events for the term.

During the cake sale I spoke to a few parents about School Ping. Some of them reported that they forget to check the app, as they were not receiving notifications. Please ensure that your notifications are turned on, this way you will know when something new has been sent out.

### **Cake Sale for Gaza**

Yesterday, there was a cake sale to raise money for the charity [MAP, Medical Aid for Palestinians](#). We raised £340.99!! Thank you to the Mini-Vinnies and the parent volunteers who helped run the event!

### **Christmas Events Next Week**

**Christmas Lunch:** Next Tuesday, if your child is normally packed lunch and would like to have school dinner on this day, please inform the office.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Next Friday, the children may come into school their Christmas Jumpers with a £1 donation.

### **December**

12<sup>th</sup>: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

13<sup>th</sup>: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

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

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

14<sup>th</sup>: Yr 3 - Jack and the Beanstalk –  
Catford Broadway Panto

15<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

15<sup>th</sup>: Early Years & KS1 Panto (In School)

18<sup>th</sup>: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19<sup>th</sup>: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19<sup>th</sup>: Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk –  
Catford Broadway Panto

20<sup>th</sup>: Whole School Mass – 9:30am

**21<sup>st</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Holidays**  
January

8<sup>th</sup>: INSET Day

9<sup>th</sup> : Children return to school.

### **Ice-skating:**

Today 10 lucky students, who were voted as the person in their class who demonstrates the St Winifred's Way the most, had the wonderful opportunity to go ice-skating. The group showed perseverance and determination, despite many having not skated before they took to the ice and gave it their best! There were many falls but they got up each time and showed great progress at the end. The children had a lovely time and you never know, we may see them one day at the Winter Olympics! Thank you to Mr Dickerson, Mrs Hitchin and parents for accompanying the children.



### **LOLO Chorus News**

Firstly, a huge thank you to not only the children from St Winifred's that sang so beautifully at the Carol Concert on Sunday in the church, but also to the parents and carers that joined the congregation to make it such a wonderful event. Our thanks as well to the staff that prepared and supported the children too.

As in previous years, members of the OLOL chorus will be leading some community carol singing in a couple of local venues.

The first is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00pm at The Summerfield at 60 Baring Road.

The second is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 8:00pm at The Lord Northbrook at 116 Burnt Ash Road.

Please do come along and join with friends and neighbours in convivial surroundings.

### **Mini Vinnies Advent Appeal**

We also had an assembly by the Mini Vinnies. The Mini Vinnies are made up of children from Years 5 and 6. The children prepared it all themselves. They have created an Advent calendar of good deeds, where all the children are encouraged to do something positive every day of advent.



Mini Vinnies are the junior section of the Catholic organisation of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which exists to help those in need. They want to help people in need during the cold winter months and have come up with the idea of a back to front advent calendar.

They also have put out an Advent plea. They are asking each class to create their own Advent Calendar for a good cause. Rather than opening a calendar door each day and removing the gift, they are requesting that a gift is donated instead. Each class will have a box to collect their donations. The children will collect all the items at the end of term and take them to the Lewisham Donation Hub.

The kinds of things that can be donated include unopened body moisturiser (especially emollient 50), adult and baby shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes (child and adults), perfume and after shave, deodorant (men's and women's), mouthwash, shaving foam, razors, talcum powder. Tinned tomatoes, noodles, UHT milk, pasta, rice, tinned soups, chick peas, cereal, tuna and mackerel (tins), couscous, pasta sauce, Indian sauce, lentils, coconut milk, stock cubes, crisps and treats, orange squash (and similar), flour, breakfast bars, coffee, tea.

### **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.

**KS1 & 2:** If you have not requested a ticket on the google form I can confirm that all of these tickets have been allocated. If you have not booked yet and would like to come, we only have spaces now at the Wednesday, 10am performance. For these spaces, please contact the office. Please do so by Monday 12pm. This will allow me to then allocate additional tickets if there are any spaces left.

## Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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
Tuesday 9th January		Wednesday 13th December

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

## Admissions Policy 2025/26 Consultation

You should have received today the proposed Admissions Policy for September 2025. The policy has been written following the Diocesan model policy. Consultation will last until the 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please contact us if you have any comments regarding the proposal.

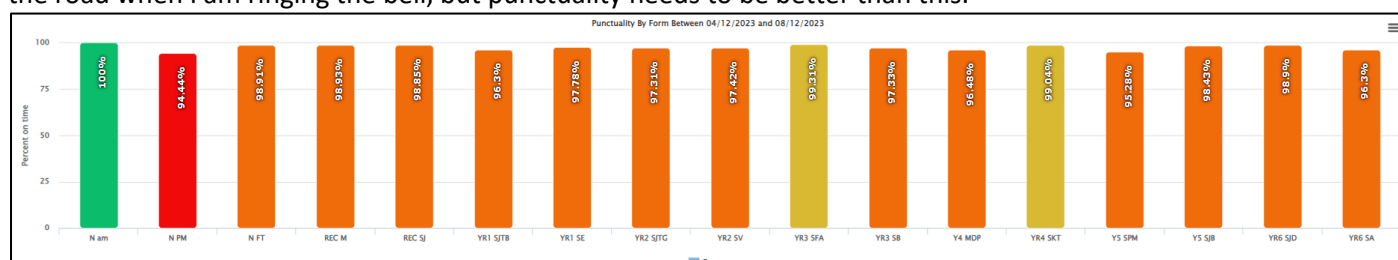
## Wednesday Word

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 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 St Francis and St Kateri on 99%! Mostly everyone else is above 96%! Well done. St Paul Miki, I'm sure you can do better.

## School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 81% of parents have downloaded the 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