

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet again, a very busy week this week! Today we gathered as a school for mass at church. Despite the freezing walk to the church, it was a fantastic opportunity to unite and celebrate Christmas and the end of term. Thank you to Fr Emeka and Mrs Abbs for such a lovely mass.

January
3 rd : INSET DAY
4 th : Children

On Monday and Tuesday, we were treated to the Lower Key Stage 2 nativity, by Years 3 & 4. It was such a treat to watch them perform so well. They were fantastic! On Wednesday evening Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, performed at Our Lady of Lourdes church. The Carol Concert was such a lovely occasion for us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all the staff for preparing the children for these performances.

Yesterday we had the Christmas fair after school. It was a joy to watch the school community gather and have such a lovely time. I know that the Friends have asked me to include their thank you in this week's newsletter, but I too would like to say thank you. This was the first Christmas fair since the pandemic and it was FANTASTIC! Thank you to everyone who donated things, gave their time before or during the event and those who supported by attending. The sum raised is truly amazing. Thank you!

I would also just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment to the school. We are very much blessed to work in such a lovely school. Thank you to everyone, who has given all the staff and me Christmas presents, it is incredibly generous of you all. It is not expected but they're very much appreciated.

Christmas Fair

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🎄🎅🎁🎄🎅🎁 Huge thanks to everyone who baked, donated, help set up, turned up, bought raffle tickets, spent money, drank mulled wine, ate cakes, made baubles and so much more! The Christmas Fair was such a big success and we made a huge **£1841.74** for the school!

Massive thanks as well to all our teachers who were to be found behind all the stalls! As always, Mr T did an amazing job on the decks, Mr Howell and Miss Killick did the school proud with the orchestra and choir performances, and as usual, Ms Gillespie offered her unwavering support for the Friends and their plans! Many thanks to our sponsors: Reeds Rains, Netgem TV, The Lord Northbrook, Luciano's, The Find Store, wine & such, Little Gremlins, Epic Inflatables, St George's MOT Centre.

We do have some volunteers who are missing things so if you picked up the following items by mistake please drop them into the school office:

- A beige Zara puffer coat
- A green bag with a present inside
- A black charger with a white cable

There are also raffle ticket prizes to be collected from the office - you should have received a message by text or from your class rep if you were one of the lucky winners!

Merry Christmas and huge thanks again from the Friends 🎄🎅🎁🎄🎅🎁



Golden Achievers

Yesterday, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated our first Golden Achiever assembly of the year. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
St Peter	Theodore Drew	For being very responsible, a very sensible and helpful member of the class.
St Mary	Roman Eastman-Neequaye-Williams	For making great progress in his reading. Thank you Roman for trying so in with your work, for being polite, kind and for always making me laugh.
St Joseph	Naomi Thiruparan	For her growth and confidence in ability.
St Elizabeth	Sumayya Brown	For excellent progress in phonics and writing.
St John B.	Sophie Smith	For excellent effort in her class work and being consistently kind and polite.
St James	Jack Popham	for always doing his best and listening carefully to instructions
St Veronica	Matthew Enyidedie	for always being kind and sensitive to those who may have different thoughts and opinions.
St Francis	Amelie Silveira Wells	For showing resilience in her learning and for always being a cheerful member of the class.
St Bernadette	Hawa Kabba	For consistently showing improvement in her learning throughout this half term, particularly in Maths. She is also always thoughtful and kind to her peers.
St Kateri	Willow Bulmer	For outstanding progress and hard work.
St Martin	Khari Walsh	For making good progress this term and a particularly impressive improvement in maths.
St Paul M	Avisha Raj	For being a super student across the board. She is engaged, enthusiastic, kind and funny.
St Josephine	Kajetan Kafel	For always trying his best and being a good student
St Juan D	Khiem Dao	For being an outstanding member of a school community.
St Alphonsa	Autumn Bulmer	For being such a determined learner and producing amazing writing and making huge progress in maths

Feedback:

We are now at the end of term and I would really like you to provide me with feedback to two questions.

1. What has been going well?
2. What could be even better?

I have sent you all an email with a link to a [google form](#) and a proforma with these two questions.

I would like as many of you to respond as possible. I am very eager to listen to parent/carer voices. You can email the form back or if hand it in to the school office. You can even remain anonymous if you prefer. At the beginning of the term, I will share the responses I have had with you.



Mini Vinnies Advent Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who donated. Mr Cunningham and the Mini Vinnies will be dropping all the donations to Lewisham Food Bank this weekend.

The Mini Vinnies also spent some time supporting the parish's Saint Vincent de Paul group by wrapping all the biscuits and chocolates bought for the elderly of the parish.

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:

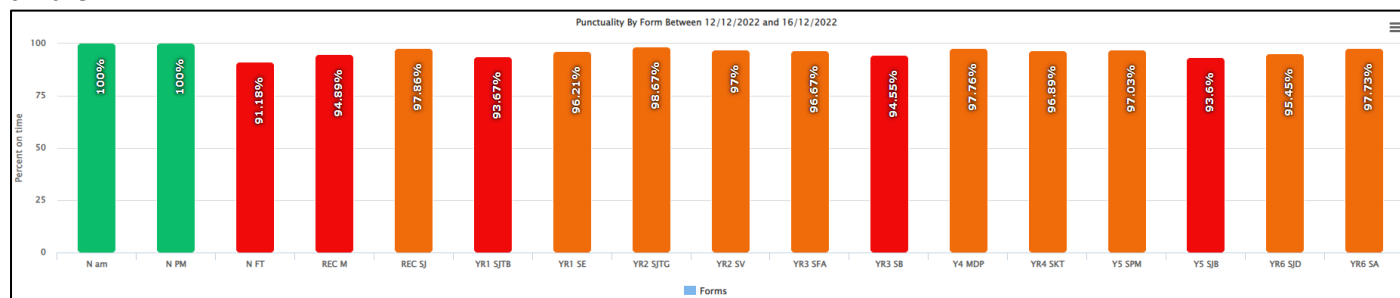
If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2023. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

During the School Day	After School
2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 9 th January

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

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, with 98.67%! Well done.

LOL Chorus – Diary Dates for December

Christmas Carols concert on Saturday 17th December in the church immediately after the 6-30pm mass.

Community carol singing - **Lord Northbrook Pub Monday 19th December 7-45pm** and again at 8-45.

Community carol singing - **Wednesday 21st November in the Summerfield Pub, at 7-30 for an hour**, 60 Baring Rd, London SE12 OPS

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.

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:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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@stwinifredslee

Lastly, may I wish you all and your families a very happy and holy Christmas. I hope you all enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year!

Claire Gillespie