

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Happy New Year!



I hope that you all had a very happy Christmas and enjoyed the Christmas break. It was lovely to welcome all the children back this week. I wish you all a very happy Epiphany today. To those who celebrate, I hope the Three Kings have treated you well.

**Class Assemblies:**

As you all know last term we introduced class led assemblies. These assemblies provide the children with an opportunity to lead their key stage in prayer but also develops their confidence when presenting and speaking publicly.

These assemblies may:

- reflect the liturgical year
- share scripture that has been learnt in RE lessons
- highlight a value or theme they feel is important and supports the ethos of the school
- celebrate their learning from a particular subject or from across the curriculum

Although supported by the teachers, the children are encouraged to plan and prepare for their class assembly as much as possible.

This term, we would like to invite you all to attend your child's class assembly. When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.

**January**

11<sup>th</sup>: Year 1, Cooking with confidence Workshop  
12<sup>th</sup>: Holy Communion Meeting 7:30pm  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>: Art Week  
16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>: St Juan Diego Swimming  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 2 Horniman Museum  
30<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>: St Alphonsa Swimming

**February**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Year 1 & 2, Circus Workshop  
6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>: Children's Mental Health Week  
7<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening  
8<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day  
9<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>: Half Term**

20<sup>th</sup>: INSET Day  
21<sup>st</sup>: Children return to school  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Ash Wednesday

**March**

2<sup>nd</sup>: World Book Day  
6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>: St Paul Miki Swimming  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>: Science Week  
16<sup>th</sup>: Year 3, National Maritime Museum  
20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>: St Josephine Swimming  
21<sup>st</sup>: Year 1 trip to Docklands  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum  
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>: School's Holy Week  
31<sup>st</sup>: School Closes 3pm

January		March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
18 <sup>th</sup> St Juan Diego (Yr 6)		1 <sup>st</sup> : St Josephine B. (Yr 5)	2 <sup>nd</sup> : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)
25 <sup>th</sup> St Alphonsa (Yr 6)		8 <sup>th</sup> : St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	9 <sup>th</sup> : St Mary (Rec)
February		15 <sup>th</sup> : St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	16 <sup>th</sup> : St Joseph (Rec)
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	22 <sup>nd</sup> : St Bernadette (Yr 3)	
1 <sup>st</sup> : St Martin (Yr 4)	2 <sup>nd</sup> : St James (Yr 2)		
8 <sup>th</sup> : St Kateri (Yr 4)	9 <sup>th</sup> : St Veronica (Yr 2)		
	23 <sup>rd</sup> : St John the Baptist (Yr 1)		



### Swimming:



Being able to swim is a vital life skill and due to this, it is on the curriculum. This opportunity stopped during the pandemic. This year we have managed to booking into the Glass Mill in Lewisham. Before the pandemic these were weekly lessons, across a term. The pools have now decided that intensive blocks are more effective in being able to teach the children to swim. These blocks consist of 10 consecutive hourly lessons, over two weeks. The children in Years 5 and 6 will go swimming this term in the afternoon. Parents/carers will receive letters regarding their child's swimming lessons a few weeks before their block of lessons commence.

Spring 1: Year 6	Spring 2: Year 5
16 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> January: St Juan Diego	6 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> March: St Paul Miki
30 <sup>th</sup> January – 10 <sup>th</sup> February: St Alphonsa	20 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March: St Josephine

### First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2022-23: 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023



**Registration:** If you would like your child to join the preparation programme for our First Holy Communion, kindly collect the registration form from Fr Emeka after any of our Masses this weekend. Be kind enough to return the completed form no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The meeting (introductory) for Parents/Guardians is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

*Apology: We published the date as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January and this date was changed whilst we were on Christmas holidays. I am ever so sorry to those who were inconvenienced by this yesterday.*

The sessions will be held in St Winifred's Catholic Primary school on Thursdays at 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

### Term Dates 2023-2024

Please find the term dates for the next academic year attached to this newsletter.

### Art Week:

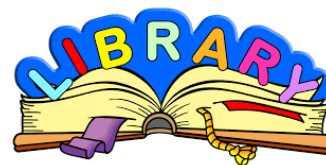
St Winifred's Art Week will take place during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January across the whole school and a number of activities around *still life* will take place. We are looking for any parents/carers who have art expertise to volunteer their services and support small groups of children at an activity. It would be really great to be able to involve our school community! Please email Mrs Anthony, our Art Lead at [janthony@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:janthony@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) if you can help in any way.

### Lewisham Library Service:

On Wednesday, we welcomed Emily from Lewisham Libraries to school. At the morning assemblies she presented some of our children with certificates for completing the summer reading challenge. She also spoke to the children about the local libraries and how they could use them.

Emily asked for this message to be sent home to parents/carers:

*"Lewisham Libraries welcome St Winifred's pupils and their families to our libraries and our online library services. You can go to our new website at [libraries.lewisham.gov.uk](http://libraries.lewisham.gov.uk) to reserve books, borrow eBooks and audiobooks for all ages, see what free events and activities are happening in the libraries, use Encyclopaedia Britannica for homework help... and much, much more!"*



### Reception 2023:

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

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	After School: 4pm
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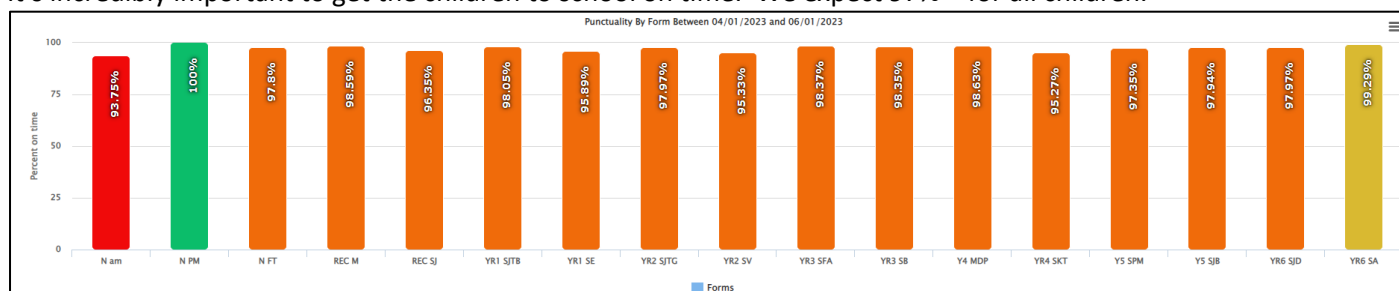
[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2023 can now be made on line.

### 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](mailto: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.

### **Punctuality:**

It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winner is St Juan Diego, with 99.29%! Well done.

### **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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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter,

Claire Gillespie