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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas!

Yet again, a very busy few days and the end of a very busy term! Today, we gathered as a school for mass at church. It was a fantastic opportunity to unite as a school community and celebrate Christmas and the end of term. Thank you to Fr Emeka for such a lovely mass.

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. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year, however you choose to celebrate. Here's to an even better 2024!

Lower KS2 Nativity

On Monday and Tuesday afternoon we were treated to the Year 3 & 4 nativity. What a performance! Thank you to all the children who performed so beautifully. A thank you to the whole Lower KS2 team who thoroughly prepared the children. As always thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, your support is always very much appreciated.

Coffee Mornings

A few parents have asked for the school to facilitate a weekly coffee morning. These will be starting after Christmas on Thursday 11th January. I attach a flyer, please share them on your class WhatsApp groups. I look forward to seeing you there after the Christmas holidays.

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 a School Ping with a survey form attached. 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.



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

During the School Day
9:15am – 10am
Tuesday 9th January

<u>December</u>
21st December – 5th January: Christmas Holidays
<u>January</u>
8 th : INSET Day
9 th : Children return to school.
10 th : Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check – School Nurse
11 th : Coffee Morning
15 th – 26 th : St Martin Swimming

Swimming:



Being able to swim is a vital life skill and due to this, it is on the curriculum. This year we have managed to book into the Glass Mill in Lewisham. Like last year, the lessons will be delivered in intensive blocks, as they are more effective. Last year we really saw our non-swimmers swimming by the end of the 2 weeks. These blocks consist of 10 consecutive hourly lessons, over two weeks. The children in Year 4 will go swimming in the spring term and Year 5 will go in the summer 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 4	Spring 2: Year 4
15 th – 26 th January: St Martin	4 th – 15 th March: St Kateri

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 31st January. Please contact us if you have any comments regarding the proposal.

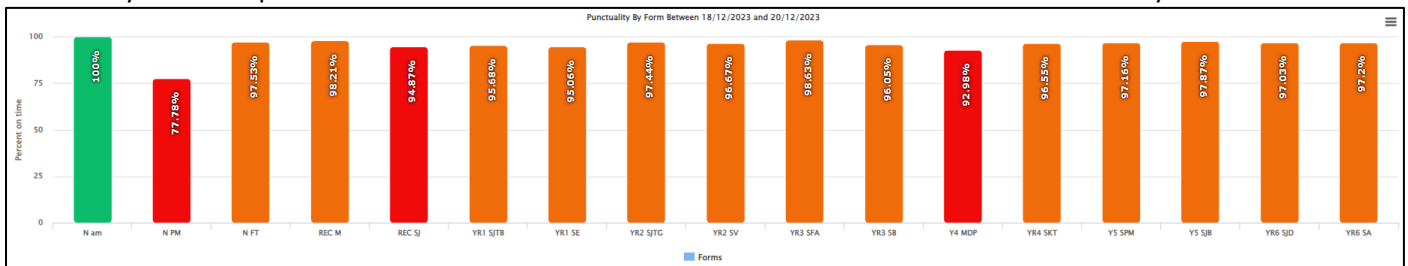
Wednesday Word

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: 95.37% (DfE expects 95%)

Punctuality has been poor this week! I'm sure it'll be better when we're all refreshed in the new year!



School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 85% 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, please remember to turn on your notifications. 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.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 9th January 2024!

Claire Gillespie

