



26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **St Winifred's Community WhatsApp Groups**



Through the conversations that have arisen in the coffee mornings, it was felt school news, on occasion, was not being received. Through discussions the parents decided to make a St Winifred's Whatsapp Community. The aim of these groups is to support communication with the school, to keep everyone informed and up to date. These groups are for parents and carers. The school will not have access to them.

A Whatsapp Community group has been made for each class and there are Class Representatives for each class. They will be able to post school- and class-specific news. The chat function on these groups has been disabled, which will mean that only information will be posted on the groups.

These Community groups are not meant to replace any class groups that may already exist. If you are not currently in a chat-enabled WhatsApp group and you would like to be, please contact your Class Rep.

I have emailed, via School Ping, each class separately with the link I have been given for each class group.

### **Year 5 & 6 Football League**

A message from Mr Dickerson:

*Having completed our first 4 matches in the Charlton Triangle Homes Football League, I am delighted to announce that we have collected a maximum of 12 points! Winning our first three matches 2-0 before capping off last week with a 3-0 victory. The team has been outstanding over the past four fixtures. Some highlights have included Jimoh's winding wonder goal, Mabel's one on one save and Conrad's hattrick! Unfortunately, we have a seven-week gap until our next game. I would also like to give a special mention to Valentina (the captain), she has carried herself with such class and shown such natural leadership skill, I've been blown away by her attitude!*



### **Thank You**

A message from Ms Murphy:

*A huge thank you to Layla in Year 5, St Josephine Class, for delivering a wonderful presentation about the moon, which she prepared herself, to St Mary's class. The children listened to lots of interesting facts about the different stages of the moon and were shown Layla's very special moon t-shirt.*



### **January:**

30<sup>th</sup>: Big Schools Climate Event

30<sup>th</sup>: SEND Bowling

### **February:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Coffee Morning: Housing

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>: Children's Mental Health Week

6<sup>th</sup>: Safer Internet Day

6<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening

6<sup>th</sup>: Art Exhibition – Main Hall

8<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning

8<sup>th</sup>: Parents' Evening

8<sup>th</sup>: Art Exhibition – Main Hall

### **Half term: 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

19<sup>th</sup>: Return to school

22<sup>nd</sup>: Coffee Morning

29<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning

### **March:**

4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>: St Kateri Swimming

4<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 trip to Hornimans

7<sup>th</sup>: World Book Day

7<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning

8<sup>th</sup>: Early Years Mothers' Day

### Parent / Carer Evenings:

Please be reminded that last week, on School Ping, an invitation to parents' evening was sent. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's attainment and progress.



**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

**St Mary & St Martin** : Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Book on School Ping.** You can sign up for your preferred time using the booking system on School Ping.

If parents need two separate appointments, please contact the office, as the system does not allow two bookings to be made for one child. I have fed this back to the company, as something which could be improved.

You can make an appointment for a 10-minute discussion with your child's teacher, in your child's classroom. You will also be able to spend time looking at your child's work before your appointment if you arrive a bit earlier. **In order to ensure you don't have to wait, teachers will use timers. It is really important that appointments do not overrun but if you need more time then you are welcome to arrange a follow up meeting.**

### Art Exhibition:



The children's art work is to be exhibited in the main hall after school during the parent evenings on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This year's theme is: Shape and Form. We are hoping that when you come to school to attend the meeting with your class teacher, that you take some time to go and see the children's art in the hall. Please feel free to drop into the hall after school on these days.

### Coffee Mornings:

Don't forget our weekly coffee mornings! All are welcome. These will be held every Thursday morning. On a Thursday, once you have dropped your child to school, come in to the small hall and have a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit with other parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended this week. This week we explored having themes for each Thursday, in order to discuss common issues being faced by parents. Some of the suggested themes were: screen-time / internet safety, SEND, housing etc. Next week's theme will be housing. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Class Assemblies

As always, you are invited to attend your child's class assembly. This term we are going to trial a new time for Early Years and KS1 assemblies. These assemblies will be at 2:45pm on Thursdays. The rationale behind this change is that we have observed that many of our younger children become very upset when saying goodbye to their parents/carers after the morning assembly. Our aim, by having it at the end of the day, is that they will not have to say goodbye, they will be able to go home with the adult who has come to watch.

Therefore, if you are coming to a KS2 assembly, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy after bringing your child to school in the morning. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start. If you are attending an assembly in the afternoon, you will come through the main reception and be escorted to the hall for the 2:45pm start.

January		March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm
31 <sup>st</sup> St Kateri		6 <sup>th</sup> : St Paul Miki	7 <sup>th</sup> : St John the Baptist
February		13 <sup>th</sup> : St Francis	14 <sup>th</sup> : St Joseph
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm	20 <sup>th</sup> : St Bernadette	
	1 <sup>st</sup> : St Veronica		
7 <sup>th</sup> : St Martin			
21 <sup>st</sup> : Year 6	22 <sup>nd</sup> : St Mary		
28 <sup>th</sup> : St Josephine	29 <sup>th</sup> : St Elizabeth		



### Admissions Policy 2025/26 Consultation

You should have received 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.

## Nursery Places for September 2024

If you have registered interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2024, you will be receiving an application pack soon. This will be for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. If you would like an application form and have not registered, please contact the school office.

We will be hosting a series of open days this term. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office. Please feel free to share this information with prospective parents you may know.

During the School Day		After School
9:30am – 10.15am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm – 4:45pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

All parents are entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision but some may qualify for the 30 hours free provision. If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours provision you should apply for an eligibility code at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>.

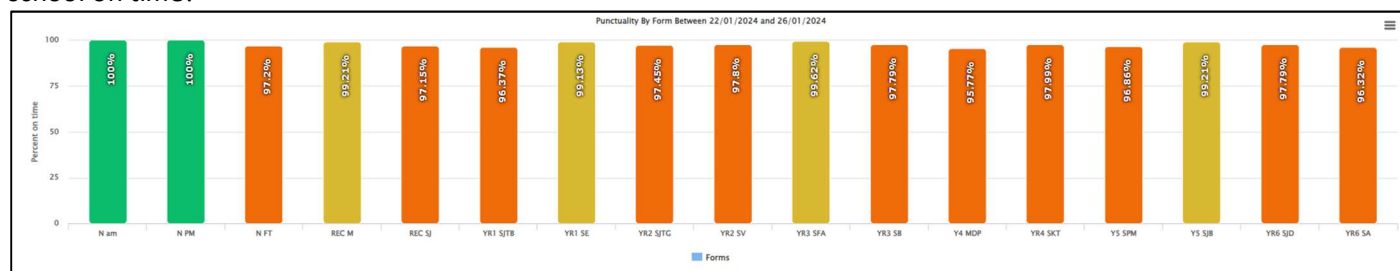
## Wednesday Word

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: 95.15% (DfE expects 95%)

Punctuality is ever so important, the aim is for 97% or above. Please continue to support us by getting the children to school on time!



This week's winners are Nursery a.m. and p.m with 100%, followed by St Mary, St Elizabeth, St Francis and St Josephine on 99%! Most others are above 96%! St Martin, I know you can do better! Let's try for everyone above 97% next week!

## School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 89% 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.

Claire Gillespie