



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Housing Issues / Skills**

Today, St Winifred's, 10 other local schools, GPs and Community groups attended an assembly at Rushey Green Primary with two mayoral candidates Brenda Dacres and Michael Herron. All the schools and community organisations introduced themselves and explained why housing was such a priority for their community. Heaven-Leigh from Year 6 represented our school community and spoke to the whole assembly. During the assembly we asked the mayoral candidates to make promises for their term of office.



1. To declare a housing crisis in Lewisham.
2. To agree to work with Citizens UK and the organisations in attendance, within the first 30 days of their term.
3. To ensure all children in temporary accommodation had access to the internet.

After the assembly, we all marched to Lewisham Town Hall in Catford, displaying the posters the children had made for the campaign and making as much noise as possible. Once at the Council offices, we submitted our open letter, signed by 11 Lewisham Headteachers. You can read it here on the [Citizen's website](#).

**March:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>: St Kateri Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 trip to Hornimans Museum
- 7<sup>th</sup>: **World Book Day – Dress Up Day**
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Morning
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Early Years Mothers' Day
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>: STEM Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> : St Mary's Transport Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> : Spring Concert 4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> : Nursery trip to New Woodlands Farm
- 20<sup>th</sup> : St Joseph's Transport Trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> : Year 4 Trip to Greenwich Park
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> : Holy Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> : Bikeability Year 4
- 26<sup>th</sup> : Easter Egg Hunt
- 28<sup>th</sup> : Last day of term



**ScholarPack App**

We no longer subscribe to the ScholarPack App. Therefore, to report absence please ring the school office or email [admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) .

## World Book Day



On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating the World Book Day! The theme this year is '[Read Your Way This World Book Day!](#)' Read Your Way calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading. There will be lots of reading based activities on the day.

The children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. You do not need to buy a costume, there are plenty of characters that can be brought to life, with very little cost. Here are some ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Friends of St Winifred's have already started preparing for the annual Easter Egg hunt. If you are able, they are asking for donations of £1 or whatever you are able to contribute, as this will go towards them purchasing an egg for all the children. Donations can be given to class teachers or into the office.



## Spring Concert: 15<sup>th</sup> March

The first of our school concerts will be held on Friday 15th March at 4pm in the main hall. This will be for the following instrumentalists:

- Violins
- Clarinets and Flutes
- Trumpets
- The orchestra and the choir.



Children who are interested in taking part must speak to their instrumental teacher or Mr Howell to secure a place by the 8th March.

We will be holding a further concert in the summer term which will feature ukuleles, guitars, drums and piano.

## STEM Week: Leaders Award

If you have a background in engineering and could support the children, please contact Ms Gordon.

**IF YOU WERE AN  
ENGINEER  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

## Coffee Mornings:



Yesterday, we spoke about SEND. So many themes were raised. Ms Cullen and I will work on some of the action points and over the rest of the year share them with you. A SEND WhatsApp support group was formed and the link was sent to you all yesterday via School Ping. Do try to pop into the small hall once you have dropped your children to school and have a cup of tea / coffee. We look forward to seeing you there every Thursday.

## Drama for All Workshop

Today the Early Years and Year 1 children had a drama workshop by [Perform](#). The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [The Wonderful Wild West](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *The Wonderful Wild West*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *The Wonderful Wild West* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of St Winifred's Catholic Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 22nd March. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **WNFR220324** or book a Free Trial Session online at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Please see the attached flyer.

## Monthly book reviews!

Inspiring our children to Read for Pleasure! Each month we post book reviews from our book loving pupils, to promote reading for pleasure. This week the reviews are from St Paul Miki class – Year 5.


If you do read one of the recommended books, let us know or take a picture of you reading it! Reading for pleasure has been proven to be beneficial to children's health as well as their academic progress in all subjects and areas of life. For further information on the benefits of reading for pleasure see [reading for pleasure.pdf](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](http://publishing.service.gov.uk))

## 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.

## Class Assemblies

As always, you are invited to attend your child's class assembly. 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.

	<b>March</b>	
	<b>Wednesday 8:50am</b>	<b>Thursday 2:45pm</b>
	6 <sup>th</sup> : St Paul Miki	7 <sup>th</sup> : St John the Baptist
	13 <sup>th</sup> : St Francis	14 <sup>th</sup> : St Joseph
	20 <sup>th</sup> : St Bernadette	

## 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 have not received the application form pack, please contact the school office or find it on the [website](#).

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.

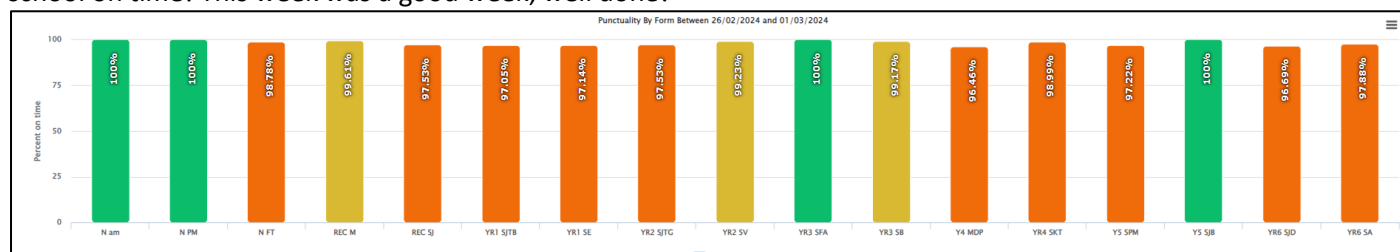
<b>During the School Day</b>		<b>After School</b>
<b>9:30am – 10.15am</b>	<b>2pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>4pm – 4:45pm</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

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>.

## Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.09% (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 was a good week, well done!



This week's winner are Nursery a.m & pm, St Francis and St Josephine all with 100%, followed by St Mary, St Veronica and St Bernadette all on 99%! All others are above 96%!

## School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 91% 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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@stwinifredslee

Scroll onto the next page for the book reviews from St Paul Miki class.

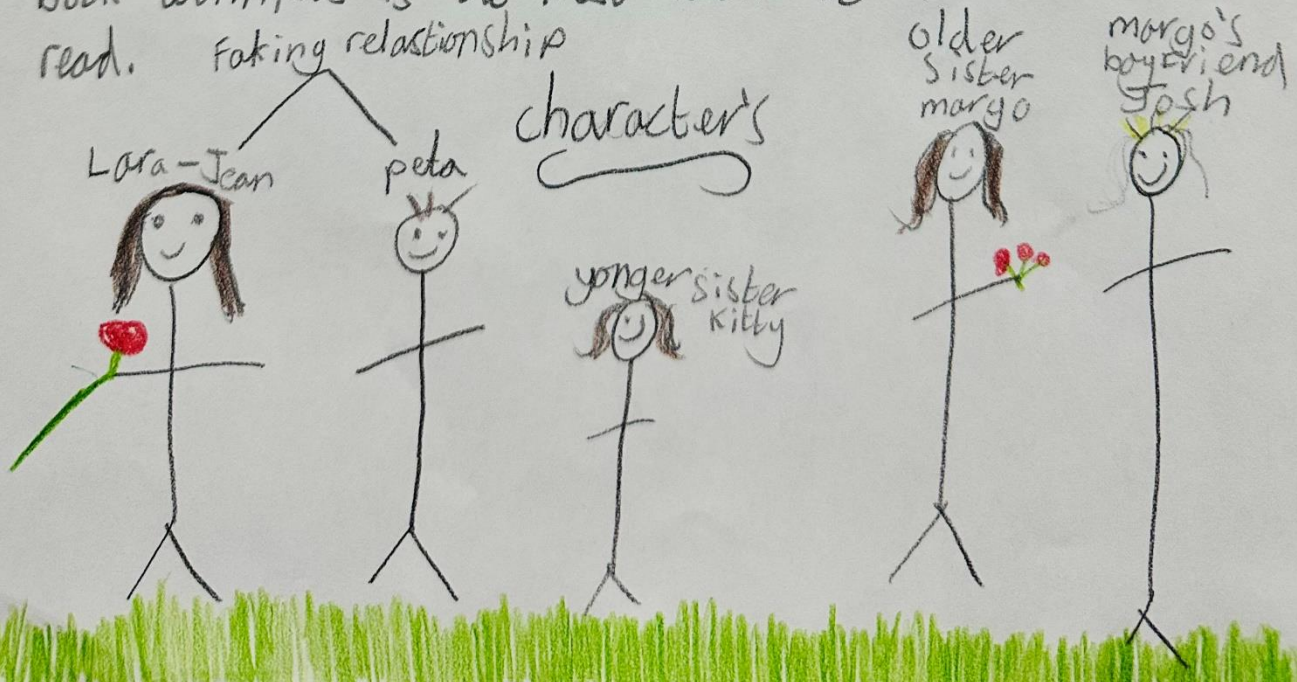
# Book Review



My book is called 'To all the boys I've loved before' by Jenny Han. The main character is called Lara-Jean. She writes a series of love letters but doesn't send them because she is so shy. Then one day she goes to her box and her letters are gone. Later on she finds out her younger sister Kitty sent them out.

A very funny read that always invites you to read more. Five stars I definitely recommend it. I think it's mostly aged for girls 9-12.

There are 3 books in the series. As a certified book worm, this is the best book I've ever read.



## Book Review The Deep End

The book is about 'Greg Heffley' and his family is going on camp but there's a giant storm and the bridge brakes. They can't go back to their house because of the bridge but his brother saves the day.

The main characters are Greg Heffley, Manny, Dad, Mum, Rodrick and Rowley.

The story is set at Greg's house and at camp.

I would recommend it because its very funny and very adictive.

I like it because my favorite character saves the day.

# Book Review

What is the book about?

The book Judy Moody is about a girl who has all type of moods. She has a little brother called Stink and lots of friends.

Who are the main characters?

The main characters are: Judy, Stink, mum, dad, Rocky, Frank and Amy.

Where is the story set?

The story is set in Virginia at the Moody house where Judy, Stink, mum and dad live.

Maya S

What happened in the story?

Judy and Stirk are trying to find bigfoot because Stirk is always talking about him and there has been some recent sightings on bigfoot.

Who is the Author and illustrator.

The author of Judy Moody is Megan McDonald and the illustrator is Peter H. Reynolds.

JUDY  
MOODY

by Mayas

# Book Review

## (EoGHeart)

### The main characters

There is a girl called Lily. Her dad is pronounced dead but he still could be alive. and there is a dot that's remote controlled

↓  
It's about.

It is about Her dad disappeared after the plane crash called dragon fly.

It is set

Its set in airship with a silver air ship following them.



# Book Review

## The Book

The story that I chose for my book review is called 'The School of Good and Evil'. It is written by Soman Chainani.

## Who are the main characters?

The main characters are two girls called Agatha and Sophie. They are two best friends from Gavalton. Agatha is known as the witch and Sophie is the princess.

## About the book

Every four years, two children are stolen away from Gavalton, never to return again. Most children fear being taken to the School of Good and Evil. But not Sophie; she waited all her life.

# Book review

What is the book about?

A Stunning Story about an unusual friend-ship a heart Stopping adventure, the power of kindness when faced with an alien invasion.

Where is the story set?

It is set on the beach where Caitlin finds an alien who can grow extra arms and legs and even change colour!

What I liked about it?

I liked how Caitlin loves animals and loves making friends. Caitlin loves adventures and going to the beach that's in the front of her house. Caitlin doesn't care if the animals dirty she just accepts it.

Why I recommend it?

perjee and me is interesting and a book that has lots of plot twists. if u believe in aliens u will love this book with all your heart.

# Book Review

## The Book

The book is called 'Diary of a wimpy kid The meltdown.' It is about a boy called Greg Heggley and his best friend Rowley. They go to school but his school get shut down due to snow. There are 2 parts to the street he lives on and both sides are not friends. They start to hate each other so much they start a snow war!

## The main characters

The main characters are: Greg Heggley, Rodrick Heggley, Manny Heggley, their parents and Rowley.

## Where the story is set

The story is set in a village where there is a street called 'Surrey Street'.

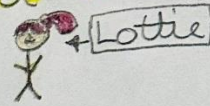
There are 2 parts to Surrey Street:  
Upper Surrey Street and Lower Surrey.  
Upper Surrey street is on a hill (when  
it snows they get to sledge down it).

What I liked about it

I liked the humour and the characters.  
There was alot of ridiculous jokes that  
were hilarious. There was alot of drama.

by Sofia

# extremely mega complicated crushes of Lottie Brooks



What the book about?

The book is about a young eleven or twelve years old girl. She eventually came over to this big crush, and his name is Daniel! There was also this time in the book when Lottie (the eleven year old girl) went to the shops with her family and surprisingly came across Daniel (her crush) and her brother shouted out and started embarrassing her. (I would be so embarrassed if that happened to me!)

What Lottie Brooks loves.


Lottie Brooks absolutely loves cheese Paninis. If you have read this book before, you probably see cheese Paninis mentioned a lot in this story! She also loves Daniel (I can't even believe I almost forgot that!)

## Part 2:

Why I recommend this book?

I recommend this book because, it's a very funny book with both sad and hilarious sense in it. There are also parts when she's in school having fun and planning hilarious moments in the story.

By Florence

★ My book review ★  Books are cool!  
Part 2:

I chose the Lion the witch and the wardrobe because I think it's a CS Lewis classic. It is a very good book, and it helps with grammar and verbal speech. It is also quite interesting and very enjoyable to read.

So this why I have  
chose the book  
by uchenna

By Uchenna

## The Story twist

She had dreamt all her life of being a princess and believes the school was her chance. Her best friend Agatha has other ideas. Sophie dreams doesn't go to plan, because sometimes, the princess and the witch don't look like they do in fairy tales.

## Why I recommend this book.

I really recommend this book because it shows don't judge a book or a person by their cover.

The School of Good  
and Evil

By Sarah Baldean

By Sarah

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie