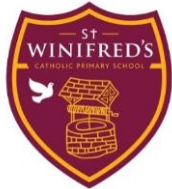


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8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



**World Book Day**

What a phenomenal World Book Day! It was practically perfect in every way! The children and staff looked amazing. I truly hope that the children went home yesterday having had an excellent day and enthused to read more.

We chose 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckmann

as our whole school shared book for the day, as it covers a range of themes that could be explored by the children, including inclusion, climate change and 'being kind'.

Year groups were paired up and during the day, the children spent time working collaboratively with children from a different year group on the book. Together, they have created junk modelling, fantastic art work and writing all inspired by this beautiful book. More importantly, the children spent the day talking about their love of books.

Just before lunch, the teachers carouselled around the school and read to the children in each class. Ask your child which teachers came and shared a book with them during the day.

At the end of the day, St John the Baptist class treated us to a wonderful assembly on World Book Day. They performed the [World Book Day song](#) and celebrated all their favourite books!

Thank you to you all for sending the children to school in their costumes. Also, a huge thank you to all the staff for their tremendous efforts to make this day such a success, particularly Ms Foster, our Reading Leader, who planned this day.

**Farewell to Mrs Pin**

Today, we said farewell to Mrs Pin with a whole school assembly. Mrs Pin is moving on to a new school. Mrs Pin first came to St Winifred's Infant school seventeen years ago. Mrs Pin has worked with many of our SEND children over the years. She is incredibly skilled, patient and championed the children. We know her new school is incredibly lucky to have her. We will miss her tremendously. We thank Mrs Pin for everything she has done for the school.



**Mother's Day**



This afternoon, Early Years invited their mothers to a celebration. The children spoke about what makes their mummies great. They also sang them a song. The children then enjoyed some food and participated in some activities with their mums. We thank all the mothers, who were able to attend. Thank you to all the Early Years staff, led by Ms Murphy for hosting such a wonderful event. We wish all the Mothers, Grandmothers and special women in our school community a very happy Mother's Day.

### Sweets, snacks and cosmetics

Since returning from half term we have seen a growing number of children having items on them in school, which are not allowed.

Confectionary: Many children have been caught eating and sharing sweets / treats in school. Not only is it bad for their teeth and health, we have many children with allergies in school and cannot risk them coming into contact with anything they are allergic too. If they would like a piece of fruit for break, they may bring that in.

Cosmetics: Some children are bringing in tinted / sparkly lip-gloss, aerosols, perfumes. There is no need for these items in school. If a child has chapped lips, they may leave a lipsil/Vaseline in the school office.



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If a child is found to have any of the listed contraband, we will confiscate it and return it to their parent/carer via the school office.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm in the main hall. This will be for the following instrumentalists:

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



We will be holding a further concert in the summer term which will feature ukuleles, guitars, drums and piano. Please come and join us on Friday after school for what will be a very enjoyable event.

### Coffee Mornings:



Yesterday, we continued to speak about SEND. Ms Cullen, as requested, shared information about pathways to access different services. Please see the attached. Do try to pop into the small hall once you have dropped you children to school and have a cup of tea / coffee. We look forward to seeing you there every Thursday.

### 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.



March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm
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.

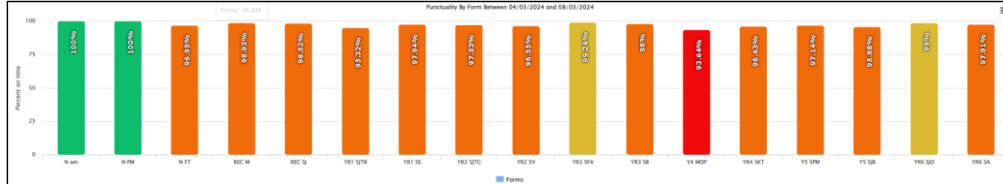
During the School Day	After School
2pm – 2:45pm	4pm – 4:45pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

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: 95.15% (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 could have been better!



This week's winner are Nursery a.m & pm with 100%, followed by St Francis, and St Juan Diego both on 99%! Most others are above 96%! St Martin, you can do better.

### **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.

### **School Ping**

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 92% 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:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie