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**WINIFRED'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Committed to Safeguarding**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Holy Week**

This year we will be in school for Holy Week. We will take time every day with the children to stop and reflect on the Lord's Passion in the most important time of our liturgical year. Each year group will present an assembly to their Key Stage as follows:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Penitential Service</b>	<b>Last Supper</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Reception & Year 3	Year 4	Year 1 and Year 5	Year 2 and Year 6

<b>March:</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> : Nursery trip to New Woodlands Farm
20 <sup>th</sup> : St Joseph's Transport Trip
21 <sup>st</sup> : Coffee Morning – Friends of St Winifred's
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> : Stations of the Cross 1:30-3:15pm
28 <sup>th</sup> : Last day of term
<b>April:</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> : Return to School

Unfortunately, we are not inviting parents to these assemblies due to space in the hall.

**The Way of the Cross**

Every class from Nursery to Year 6, has been allocated a station of the cross. Each class has been asked to explore this station and what it means. The children have been asked to represent the station creatively. The children can represent the station in any way they wish, for example through photography, natural materials or painting. They could also add words, phrases and prayers. There is no expected way to create the station, it is open to their interpretation, which means there will be 15 different ideas displayed in 15 distinctive ways.



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

The artwork has been displayed in designated communal areas of the school in preparation for next week. Each class will be given a time slot over during Holy Week, in which to walk the way of the cross, stopping and looking at each station and how the children across the school have depicted the stations.

Parents and carers are invited to come and walk the stations on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March between 1:30pm and 3:15pm**. The Year 6 children will guide you around the stations, this will take approximately 30 minutes. If you would like to join us, please use the booking form which will be sent via School Ping. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Doctor Bike**

On Friday, Dr Bike came in to service and make light repairs. In total 21 bikes were repaired, helping children to keep fit and healthy by riding into school.





### **St Winifred's Tree Fund**

The school council are raising funds to support the charity, who paid for and planted trees in the school grounds and on the pavement outside. Street Trees for Living aim to green London's streets so that people become closer to nature and benefit from a cleaner and greener city. They work with councils, residents, community groups and schools to make this happen.

This week, the school council gave an assembly about how trees help us. Next, they will become tree wardens; watering and keeping an eye on the new trees during the growing months. To help support the charity, each class has a large tree leaf. The aim is to cover each leaf in pound coins or fifty pences. Please consider donating.

### **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.

### **Friends of St Winifred's**

Please see the newsletter from the Friends of St Winifred's. Please join us at the coffee morning this coming Thursday.

### **Coffee Mornings:**



Yesterday, we spoke about Behaviour and Bullying. We spoke about the school's Behaviour Policy. We clarified questions on restorative justice and zones of regulations. 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. [Next Thursday: Friends of St Winifred's](#)

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

You are all warmly invited to our concert on today at 4pm in the main hall.



### **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.



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 8:50am: St Bernadette**

### **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 Kateri class – Year 4.

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](#))

### **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.

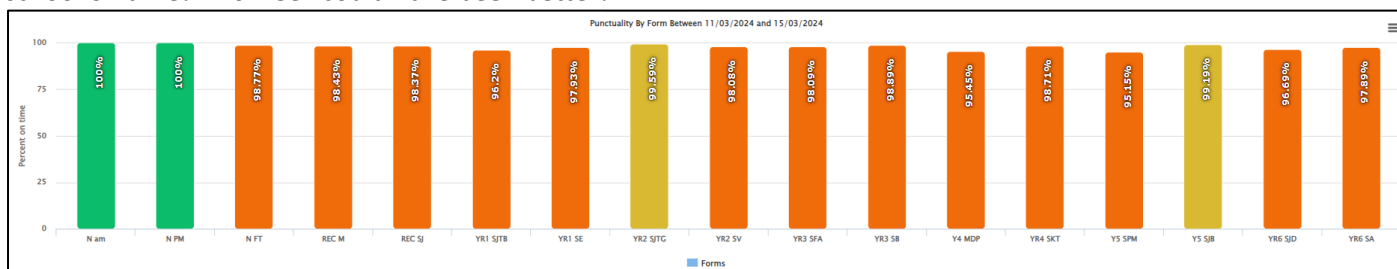
<b>During the School Day</b>	<b>After School</b>
<b>2pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>4pm – 4:45pm</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

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: 95.16% (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 & FT with 100%, followed by St James the Great and St Josephine both on 99%! Most others are above 96%! St Martin and St Paul Miki 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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**Please scroll on to read St Kateri's Book Reviews**

# TRAIN TO IMPOSSIBLE PLACES

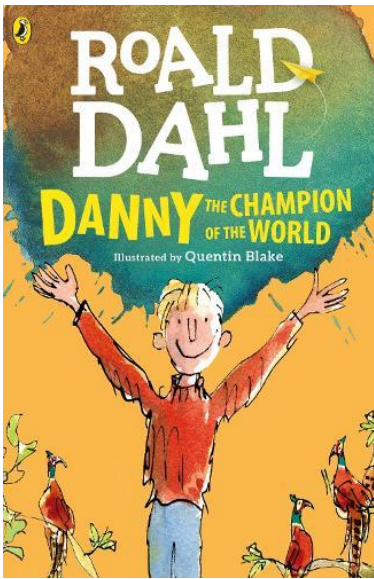


THE TRAIN TO IMPOSSIBLE  
PLACES IS A VERY  
ADVENTUROUS BOOK AND IT'S  
FUN. I THINK THIS BOOK IS  
GOOD FOR AGE 8 AND ABOVE.

READ THIS

BOOK PLEASE

BY BLESSING BALOGUN



*I rate : Danny the champion of the world*

*Written by Roald Dahl and illustrated by Quentin Blake*

5 stars, because this book is really interesting and inspiring.

I definitely recommend this book for all ages.

There was a happy ending, which is very positive.

There are some sad parts - but that's ok because they always fix problems together. Roald Dahl is one of my favourite authors.

This is one fact about Roald Dahl; Roald always used to write with his own hand with pencil on yellow paper.

How interesting!

In my opinion this book is full of fun, it has adventure, bravery, curiousness, imagination, it's creative. It's a great book and I really do recommend this book.

Faye Ubsdell, St. Kateri

# The Bad Guys!!!!

A great book for ages 5-9.

Especially If you like to dress up and like lots of cool stuff. My favroute bit is when MR. Shark wore a dress!

My favourite character is MR. Piranha.



If you like to sing a rap this guy's got it all day every day.

He sometimes let's out some gas!

A great ending and a great start!

The Bad Guys is great - I say you should read it.

By Hugo

# Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

## Esme's review

I really like the details in the star of Ishta and the mysterious things inside the book.

You will not know what's coming and the drama with Tamarind and Sufia when Tamarind goes to India.



## About the book

Tamarind is the main character and is from India. She lives in England/Bristol And Tamarind's mum died when she was very, very young. Tamarind is about 10 Years old and her dad took her to India to see relatives but she didn't know her dad was not coming with her. (He was only there to drop Tamarind off to India).



This is the author Jasbinder Bilan.

# BOOK REVIEW of

# BABY SITTER'S CLUB

## by Ann M. Martin

This book is recommended for children aged 6 plus. The characters are Kristy, Mary-Anne, Claudia and Stacy.

I really like this book because it is very interesting and it teaches you to treat children how they want to be treated.

What I don't understand about the book is why Kirsty doesn't like her mum's boyfriend!

In one part of the book Mary-Anne gets her friend grounded because they called her a cry baby and they did not eat lunch with her. On that same day she found a new friend- her name was Emma and she came to one of the baby sitters club meetings and Kristy the captain said that she was in the business.

There is a sad part at the end where there is a baby parade and the biological father of the baby said he would stop by, but at the last minute he said he would be late to her mum's house.

Eventually, Kristy realises that she has got a perfect father right here.

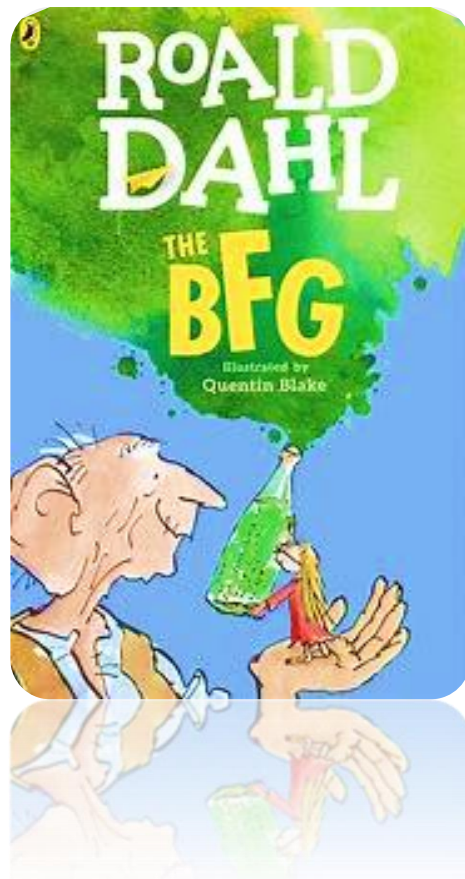
In other adventures in the book, the children go to summer camp.

At the camp there are art classes but some people could not afford them, so that is sad. Claudia does art lessons for people who can't afford the classes, so she's a bit of a hero for me.

I would really recommend this book to anyone who is creative. Try it, you'll love it!

***By Sarai Smith, St. Kateri***





**The BFG: have you ever woken up at night but nothing's there? In the BFG there is exciting adventures. It is not one adventure or two but three!**

**In the story my favourite character is the BFG he is like a scientist giant. The heads of the Army and the Air force have an**

exciting role. I can't wait to read about  
the Queen and the head of the Air force.

I recommend this story to whoever likes  
books - this is the one in my opinion!



*By Tsehai*



Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter and I wish you all a very **Happy St Patrick's Day!**

Claire Gillespie

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