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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy end of term! We made it to the end of the academic year! At this time of the year we are able to reflect on the year that's been and look ahead to the next. In schools particularly, as Father said at Mass yesterday, this time of year is one of mixed emotions. We are incredibly happy for our leavers, yet sad to see them go, as we cannot imagine school life without them.

September

4th & 5th: INSET DAYS

6th: School Starts Yrs 1-6

Year 6 Leavers

This week, we have had a series of leavers events. On Monday, they hosted their enterprise sale after school. Thank you to all the school community for supporting the event and buying their goods. The money raised was split, half going to a charity of the children's choice and to fund their last lunch at school.

We were treated to their production of Oliver on Tuesday. The children performed to all the children in the school and to their parents, in 3 different performances. Those of us who were lucky enough to see it, were treated to an excellent show! The Year 6's worked incredibly hard to put on such a fantastic production. Thank you to Ms Fitzgerald, Ms Falconer, Mrs Blisset, Mrs O'Malley, Mr Howell and Ms Sandy, who worked incredibly hard to get the children ready for show day!

On Wednesday, we had our leavers family BBQ. It was such a wonderful opportunity for all the children and parents to spend some time together, eating, drinking and dancing. Again, a huge thank you to all the staff who stayed after to school to work the event. We really would not have been able to host all of the Year 6s without them!

On Thursday we celebrated mass with Father Emeka and the whole school community. The children read beautifully and led a fantastic mass in which we celebrated and prayed for all of our leavers. Mrs & Mrs Mizen from the Mizen Foundation, also attended to present the Sparkle Award. This award is given yearly to a Year 6 member, who just sparkles, who always tries their best, is a friend to all. All the children and staff voted and this year's winner was Shakeeran!

Yesterday, we presented the children with their leavers gift, a mug with their class photo. A little something for them to take with them and remember their friends and their time at St Winifred's. Today, the Year 6 children spent the morning in the park and returned to school for a special lunch.

We wish all of our Year 6 leavers all the very best in their new schools. We know that they will all do very well and we hope that they remember their time at St Winifred's fondly.



Staff Leavers

Today, we say goodbye to some of our staff members: Mrs Abbs, Mrs Underwood, Mrs Dickerson and Mrs Sandy and Ms Hunt. Yesterday, we celebrated their contribution and service to the school by presenting them with cards and gifts from the staff and children. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. We were very lucky to have them work at St Winifred's and we will very much miss them next year. We hope that St Winifred's will hold special place in their hearts.



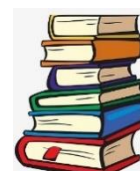
Golden Achievers

Today, we celebrated the Golden Achiever of this half term and the end of the year. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

Class	Name	Reason
St Peter	Sarah Onogwu	For always showing a positive attitude to her learning, willing to give new things a try!
St Mary	Daithi Carty	For gaining confidence when reading. You never give up. I love your attitude.
St Joseph	Liam Mooney	For his enthusiasm in his learning and his kindness to others.
St Elizabeth	Jaiteh Kabba	For outstanding progress in all areas of his learning.
St John B.	Temitope Sofowote	For his amazing progress and effort in his learning this year. He has also shown resilience and impressive communication skills. Well done, Temitope.
St James	Maryam Mahmood	For making great progress this year and behaviour.
St Veronica	Mary Onogwu	Showing courage and working hard.
St Francis	Shubi Martins	Shubi has shown great resilience and determination in his learning and his behaviour throughout this year. Well done Shubi!
St Bernadette	Oscar Shaw	For having a fantastic resilient attitude towards his learning all year round and has risen to every challenge set in the class. He has particularly made impressive progress in writing. Well done Oscar!
St Kateri	C J Akusoba	For trying her hardest at all times, and always being kind
St Martin	Shauddae Shan	For consistent excellence, resilience and maturity all year.
St Paul M	Naomi Okelola	For being a hard worker, showing lots of resilience and being a kind and thoughtful class mate. It has been a pleasure to teach you and this is well - deserved.
St Josephine	Antoni Danilczuk	For outstanding achievement in all areas this year. you have been a pleasure to teach.
St Juan D	Mia Mitchell	For being an outstanding student all year.
St Alphonsa	Florence Wade	For all round excellence in your learning and impressive leadership skills.

School Library Books

If your child has borrowed a book from the school library, please could you ensure that they return it after Summer. Many are overdue!



Young Explorers Holiday Club:

Please see the flyer attached from Young Explorers Club regarding their holiday club. The programme includes daily arts & crafts, cookery, sewing & sports activities plus more!

Football Fun in the sun

Please see the flyer attached.

CoCo Collective Summer Events

CoCo gardening sessions and sessions for children in the school holidays every Friday in August. These fun and interactive workshops will introduce children and young people to gardening, where they'll get creative in upcycling plant pots. The theme is based on Heritage, using multimedia- seashells, beads, child- friendly glitter, paint and pens. All materials supplied. Please book before arriving.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-holiday-fun-in-nature-tickets-667419598987?aff=oddtcreator>

Wild Cat Wilderness Wild Nature Club Events All Summer

WCW are hosting 10 events over the summer as part of their Wild Nature Club including: campfire cooking, minibeast hunt, fruit picking, wild cooking, meet the bees, creative in nature, build a big hotel, wild music plus open mornings and afternoons for wild play.

We welcome everyone to our wild community space. Their project doesn't currently have any funding so they are charging for events, and for some we just ask for a donation. Prices range from £3 up to £12 but for most events siblings come at half price and we offer free places if you are on a low/no income so everyone can take part.

To book visit our Eventbrite page visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/wild-cat-wilderness-37391842433>

<https://wildcatwilderness.org/>

Cycling Courses:

Lewisham Council is providing child cycling courses from age 7+ at 4 venues within the borough during the summer holiday.

- Learn to ride
- Bikeability Level 1
- Bikeability Level 2.
- Instructor led family rides
- Adult only rides

Booking and details at <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/>

Football on the Green:

In partnership with Clarion Futures, we are running a FREE mixed football project, on Saturdays in August and first Saturday in September. Flyer and booking form attached. Numbers are limited so strictly first come first served.

Pupil Premium:

Please check on the [link to see if you are entitled to 'Pupil Premium Free School Meals'](#), this gives you more benefits i.e. free trips, free music lessons etc.

Wednesday Word:

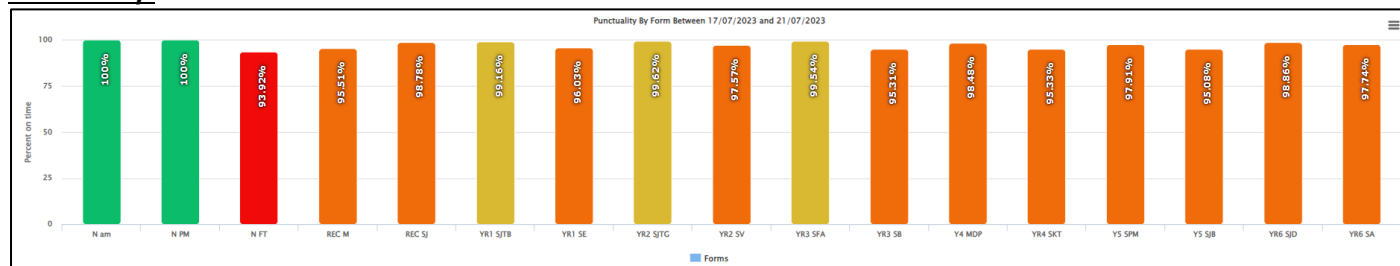
Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

Parent App:

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.



Punctuality:



It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.

This week's winners are St John the Baptist, St James the Great and St Francis class all with 99%!

Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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Thank you!

I just wanted to say a personal thank you to all of you for the support you have provided me this year. It has been a very busy year, with its many different challenges. I thank all of you who have given me or the staff gifts, we feel overwhelmed by your generosity. You really do not need to buy us anything, however, it is very much appreciated.

I also want to say thank you to all the staff, they work tirelessly all year for the children. I am very lucky to work alongside them on a daily basis. I have very much relied on their support and generosity of spirit this year. I wish them all a very well-deserved summer holiday.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, I wish you all a very happy summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards

Claire Gillespie