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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week this week. Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the British Museum, as part of their topic on ancient Greece.

St Kateri class and Mr Toynton, led our very first class assembly to KS2. They led us in prayer and shared what they had been learning in class. They showed us the beautiful portraits they had created of the Tudors. Next week St Francis Class and St James the Great class will be leading the assemblies to their respective key stages. Next term, when the children become more confident in leading these assemblies, we will invite parents to attend.

October: Black History Month

6th: National Poetry Day
10th: World Mental Health Day
11th: Nursery trip- Manor House
12th: St Elizabeth trip – Pizza express
14th: Harvest Festival
18th & 20th: Parents' Evening Meetings
20th: Yr 2 trip – St Paul's Cathedral
21st: Last day of the half term
31st: Autumn 2 Term Starts



Diocesan Mass:

Today, Shauna McQuilkin, one of our school governors, accompanied me and 10 of our children to the Southwark Diocese Welcome Mass at St George's Cathedral. The children represented the school beautifully, it was a pleasure to take them.

The St Winifred's Way

As you know, we have been working hard on embedding The St Winifred's way with the children. 'We are: Ready, Respectful, Safe'. When dealing with any behavioural issues, we will always refer back to the St Winifred's Way. I know teachers spoke about the behaviour policy at the meet the

teacher meetings and explained the positive reinforcements and sanctions being used. I sent the draft behaviour policy at the beginning of term, I reattach it today. It will be presented to governors for ratification this term. I ask you all to please support the school with this approach, by talking to the children about the St Winifred Way.

Monthly book reviews!

Inspiring our children to Read for Pleasure! We'll be posting a book review in the newsletter each month from one of our book loving pupils, to promote reading for pleasure. This week the reviews are from St Juan Diego class – Year 6.

We can't wait to read all of the upcoming book reviews! 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 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



Schools Street

After half term, Newstead Road will become a School Street. The School Street will restrict vehicles without an exemption from entering Newstead Road from its junction with Parkcroft Road to Birch Grove and whole length of Birch Grove.

The timed restriction will be in place from 8:15-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm and will restrict access to all vehicles, except those with an exemption permit, during the times of enforcement. Enforcement is carried out Monday to Friday, term time only.

Reception 2023:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2023 (born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2023. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Monday 10 th October	Thursday 6 th October	Wednesday 2 nd November
Wednesday 19 th October	Tuesday 8 th November	Thursday 17 th November
Tuesday 22 nd November	Thursday 1 st December	Wednesday 7 th December
Thursday 15 th December	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 9 th January

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2023 can now be made on line.

SEND Support for Parents

Please find attached a flyer which provides information about a range of Drop In Sessions to be held at Kaleidoscope over the coming months.

Volunteers:

Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

Black History Month: Migration Stories

This year, Ms Killick would like to link our learning in Black History Month to the 'Moving Stories' theme at the Lewisham Migration Museum. [The Migration Museum](#) is situated in Lewisham Shopping Centre and celebrates positive stories around migration to Britain.

'Moving Stories': She would like to find parents/ grandparents/friends and carers, who would be happy to come in and share a migration story with the children in the classrooms during the month of October. Your 'story' could be a photo, which you could explain, an artefact, a favourite recipe or even some music or a national costume, which is personal to you. We also plan to share our work in school in an exhibition in the week before Half Term. If you feel you could contribute to this project, please get in touch with Ms Killick. Find her at the end of the day in the playground with Year 5, or email skillick@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk and let her have your ideas:

Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2023. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2022. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website and [sign up to receive weekly emails about applying for a secondary school place](#).

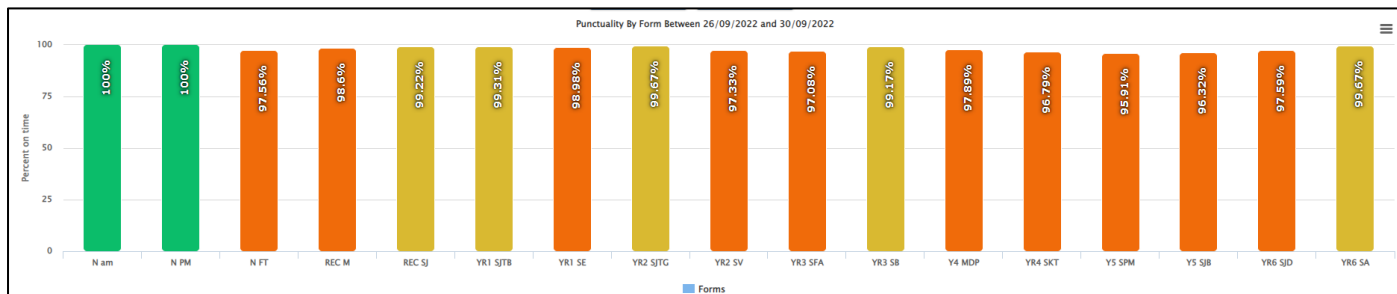
Many of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting secondary schools and sitting tests during the coming weeks. **Please ensure that you inform the office if your child is going to visit a school** or needs time to sit a test. In order to minimise disruption to their learning in class, please ensure that they are only absent for part of the school day on which the exam or visit takes place. Open Days / evenings for secondary schools have started. Please look at the secondary schools' websites for date. The dates for all Lewisham schools can be found [here](#).

Uniforms/ Lost Property

Under the canopy on the main playground is all the lost property from this year! When we find jumpers / cardigans and coats at the end of play and lunch, we always look for names in order to return it to the child. However, we cannot if names are not in the clothes. **PLEASE** write your child's name in all of their clothing.

Punctuality:

Well done to Saint Joseph, Saint John the Baptist, St James the Great, St Bernadette and Saint Alphonsa, who all had 99% punctuality! It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. Saint Paul Miki, I am sure you can do better next week!



This week's winners are Saint James the Great and Saint Alphonsa, both with 99.67%!

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:

We use the email we sent to all the parents who have not downloaded the ScholarPack App to help with the setup. Within the email is the code needed to access your child's information on the app. From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



St Winifred's Catholic Primary School



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@stwinifredslee

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.
Claire Gillespie

Book Reviews: St Juan Diego Class – Year 6



One night an extremely large bag of money dropped mysteriously out of the sky.



When their mom died, Anthony and Damian moved to a new house near a railway line. Damian used the cardboard boxes from the move to build a garret - a hermitage near the tracks.

One night when Damian couldn't sleep he crept down the stairs and went to the den until a train came by. A sack of money dropped in front of him. Unfortunately he only had seventeen days to spend it because -



Britain is going to join the Euro and the sack is full of pounds. And spend did before the crooks who stole it find them.

What would you spend it on?

Rick Riordan - Magnus Chase - Sword of Summer

This book is about a sword that kills Magnus and Frey's enemies by... singing pop songs!

Magnus dies at the start of the book, killed by a fire giant and finds out the Norse gods are real. He ends up in a paradise for the dead heroes in a place called Asgard.

Magnus has to escape after a giant evil squirrel called Ratatosk enters his room. He escapes paradise via a rubbish chute!

In a dream he is told that he must rebirth a certain wolf and find a particular sword.... the sword that likes to sing pop songs and is called Jack. Although the sword's real name is Sumarbrander.

I love this book because it's intertwined with one of my favourite series of books about Percy Jackson.

Fans of Percy Jackson would love this book



The GIRL of INK & STARS

Kiran Millwood Hargrave

This is my favorite book because the girl in the book is extremely brave and smart.

I would recommend this book to people who like suspense and adventure books.

I'd rate this book a ★★★★★

