



20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month:

Black History Month has been the inspiration for the past few weeks for great learning throughout the school with some fabulous history, geography and art being created. In addition to the classroom learning, we have also engaged with the local community and each other this month. Many parents, carers and staff have shared their family histories and shared stories with us.

Nursery and Reception had visitors and speakers from the local community linked to their topic of 'people who help us', Years 1 and 2 saw wonderful assemblies and participated in a gospel 'mash up' of African singing in the hall yesterday. Years 3 and 4 were treated to a visit from a parent and discussed diversity in all its forms and looked at story books with them discussing these themes. Year 5, were fortunate to have a visit from a parent who shared his family background and some old photographs. Finally, today, Year 6 had a visit from a parent who shared his migration story from Uganda.

Many thanks therefore to all our wonderful parents and carers who support this school. We are lucky to have such a wonderfully diverse community. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Killick who organised this fantastic month.

St Winifred's Day

It is our patron saint's day on Friday 5th November. We will be having a day of celebration. We are inviting all the children to come dressed for a party. Early Years and Years 1-3 will have class / year group parties and Years 4-6 will have a disco in the afternoon, during the school day. We ask that all the children bring £2 to school on the day.

Retirement:

On October the 31st, after half term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Newman, who works in the office. We thank her for her 37 years of service to the school. We wish her all the very best for her retirement. We were very lucky to have had Dina working at St Winifred's and we will very much miss her. We hope that St Winifred's will hold a special place in her heart.



23rd – 27th: Half Term

30th: INSET Day

31st : return to school

November

1st: Cauliflower Cards- return to office

2nd: Early Years Coffee Morning

3rd: St Winifred's Day

5th: Parish Concert

13th: Antibullying Week

15th: St Juan Diego (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery

20th: St Kateri (Yr 4) trip to British Museum

24th: St Martin (Yr4) trip to British Museum

December

5th: St Alphonsa (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery

5th: [EYs Nativity](#) – 2pm

6th: [EYs Nativity](#) – 10am

6th: Community Conversation 3:30pm

12th: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

13th: [KS1 Nativity](#) – 2pm

13th: Yr 4 & 5 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

13th : Upper KS2 Carol Concert 6/7pm tbc

14th : Yr 3 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

15th : Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

18th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

14th : Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

20th: Whole School Mass – 9:30am

21st December – 5th January: Christmas Holidays



Golden Achievers

Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated our first Golden Achiever assembly 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	Ayva Doyley-Martin	For being very kind and helpful
St Mary	Christina Castillo Balcha	For working very hard this term and being a great friend to have.
St Joseph	Clinton Braimah	For the warmth and welcome he brings to the class.
St Elizabeth	Hugo Hudson	For consistently following the St Winifred's Way from the start of his time in Year 1. He is polite, he listens to instructions and he has produced some amazing work in class. Well done Hugo!
St John B.	Sophia Ariza-Ferro	For showing a brilliant attitude towards her learning. She is always ready to listen and tries her best everyday.
St James	Mia Booker	For outstanding focus and progress in all areas of her learning.
St Veronica	Flavia Dascula	For outstanding focus and progress in all areas of her learning.
St Francis	Kaddu Commodore	For continuous enthusiasm in all his learning.
St Bernadette	Yohan Marcelene	For being a delightful pupil in our class, who positively takes on board feedback and has made improvements in his writing. He has made amazing progress this term.
St Kateri	Sherika Murray	For working hard and continually striving to do better.
St Martin	Oscar Shaw	For setting himself consistently high standards and being an excellent role model.
St Paul Miki	Latoya Powell	For superb focus on her work especially her maths and for being a supportive class mate.
St Josephine	Eloise Ghariani	For working really hard and showing great maturity.
St Juan Diego	Bernice Awoyale	For always giving 100% to all elements of the class work.
St Alphonsa	Jimoh Busari	For improved focus and trying his very hardest.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2023-24:

First Holy Communion: 8th and 9th June 2024.

If your child is baptized and in Year 3 or above, please collect registration forms and information from Fr Emeka at the end of any of our weekend Masses. Be kind enough to return completed forms no later than Sunday 22nd October 2023.

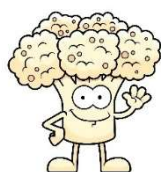
Note that the sessions will be held at 10.00am on Saturdays in the Church.



School Lunches:

When we return to school on Tuesday 31st October, children will no longer be able to change their lunch choice weekly. This will now be done on a half term basis, this means if your child is school dinners or packed lunch they will have to continue with this choice until the end of term.

Cauliflower Cards:



By today your child should have gone home with their Christmas Card design and order form. I emailed a letter last week, which explains the process fully and includes all the links you need. If you like the design and would like to have the artwork printed as a Christmas Card then you can follow the instructions on the order form and pay for it online on [Cauliflower Cards](#). There is no obligation to buy.

If you choose to order, please keep the artwork safe (flat, not crumpled) then return it and the order form to the office. It all must be returned by **Wednesday 1st November**. We will then send them off and the cards will be delivered to us at the beginning of December.

Parent / Carer Evenings:

Thank you to everyone who made time to attend an appointment with their child's class teacher. These are vital, therefore if you have not had a chance to meet, please book an appointment soon.

Nativities

Please find the invitation to all the nativities this year re-attached. Early Years, KS1 and Lower KS2 will have their nativity in school in the school hall. To attend these performances, you will need to click on the links above in the calendar or in the attachment for each phase group (underlined). We are offering two tickets per child. However, if you were to want more, we will put you on a waiting list and issue additional spaces nearer the time if available. You will not receive a physical ticket.



Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, will lead us in a Carol Concert in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the evening. As it is being held in the church in the evening, we hope that the whole family will be able to attend and there is no need to book.

Reception Coffee Morning

St Mary and St Joseph classes



On Thursday 2nd November, 8.45-9.30am, Reception's parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning in the main hall. Come and have a slice of cake and a chat with other parents. There will also be work on display and a slide show of photos so you can see some of the learning that takes place. We hope to see you there.



Donation request for Early Years

If anyone has any cushions, children's waterproof anoraks and trousers (aged 3,4, 5 and 6) or wellies they are not in need of, please could Early Years have them.

Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) 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 2024. 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
Wednesday 8th November	Monday 13th November	Thursday 2nd November
Monday 27th November	Thursday 7th December	Friday 24th November
Tuesday 9th January		Wednesday 13th December

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2024. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2023. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website.

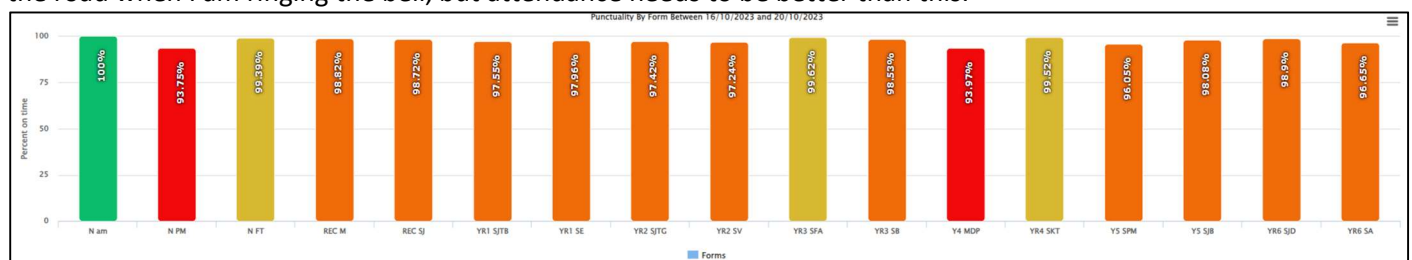
London Philanthropic Orchestra

There is going to be a fundraising concert by the London Philanthropic Orchestra, which will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 4.30 pm on 5th November. It is in aid of the Lewisham Foodbank and should be a great community event. It will be a short free concert of classical music and very much open to all (families very welcome), although we will be taking a collection to raise funds for the Foodbank. Donations are not obligatory and we also want people to come along and enjoy!

Punctuality and Attendance

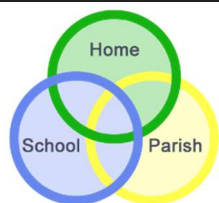
School attendance this year so far: 95.59% (DfE expects 95%)

The majority of school is above 97% (apart from a few)!!!! I do try and wait for those late arrivals that appear along the road when I am ringing the bell, but attendance needs to be better than this.



This week's winner are Nursery with 100%, followed by St Francis and St Kateri both 99%! St Martin you can do much better!

Class Assemblies and Mass:



You are all warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly in school or accompany your child's class to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Assemblies:

When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.



November		
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am
1 st : Year 6		2 nd : Year 2
8 th : St Josephine (Yr 5)	9 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	
	16 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)	23 rd Year 1
22nd St Paul Miki (Yr 5) Changed		

Mass:

In order to continue to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.

Parent App:

Please download if you haven't already! From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children and report absence. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



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.

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.

Have a very happy half term and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 31st October.

Claire Gillespie