

St WINIFRED'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

St Winifred's Day

Today was our patron's feast day. The children all came in their party clothes to celebrate the special day. Early Years and Years 1-3 had their own class / year group parties. Years 4-6 had a disco in the hall. We really hope the children enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone who donated money for the event, so far we have raised £467.60.

St Nicholas Class

You may have noticed a few changes this week when collecting your children. As some of you may know, when Alex, our former premises manager retired, he moved out of the premises officer's house. The diocese then gave the school permission to utilise it, as the house is within our grounds. This house is to your left, as you enter the school after the bike/ scooter park.

Over half term, we finally finished all the work to it and moved in. This space is solely for the use of adults, children will not be allowed to enter. Our staffroom is downstairs and upstairs we have an office for staff to use when they have non-contact / PPA time and we also have a meeting room.

The former staffroom and PPA room has now been redesigned for the children to use. The Friends of St Winifred's kindly gave us £2,000 to put towards furnishing the room. We have been able to create a beautiful space for children across the school to use, with tables for small group work and a lovely book area. We chose to name the room after Saint Nicholas, as he is the patron saint of children and students.



The Month of the Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls where we remember all those who have died. Your child will have a slip in their book bag for you to share names of anyone you would like us to pray for during their class prayer time, everyday, throughout the month of November. The form is also attached to the newsletter if you would like spare copies.

November

- 5th: Parish Concert - OLOL
- 11th : Quiz Night – OLOL
- 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

The Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion's annual appeal every day next week, before and after school.



New trees



Over half term, new trees were planted in the school grounds and on the pavement outside. These were planted as part of the school's efforts to offset the ongoing problems of climate change. The street trees will eventually provide shade for the buildings in the height of hotter summers, while the school trees will help the children to keep cool during lunch and break times. Planning started for this at the beginning of the year, when the school council met with Lewisham's tree officer and the director of a tree planting charity, called Street Trees for Living. Together, they looked at where the trees could go and the children learned about the benefits of street trees. The school council are now responsible for watering the trees to help them get established.

Recruitment:

Would you like to work at St Winifred's? We currently have two adverts out. One is for a daily midday meals supervisor, working 11:30-13:30. The other is as a 4 day a week maternity cover Teaching Assistant. If you would like further information, please look on the [school website](#).

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 Alphonsa class – Year 6.

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](#))

Cauliflower Cards:

Thank you to everyone who has returned their artwork. If you still want to participate please return your child's design by Monday morning at the **very** latest.



Nativities



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

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception coffee morning. We hope that you found it beneficial to get to know the other parents and the Early Years staff.



Donation request for Early Years

Thank you to all the parents who have donated toys to the Early Years, it has been gratefully received and has been put to good use.

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 27th November Tuesday 9th January	Monday 13th November Thursday 7th December	Friday 24th November Wednesday 13th December

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

London Philanthropic Orchestra

Please do come and join us on Sunday at 4.30 pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the London Philanthropic concert, in aid of the Lewisham Foodbank. It is a great community event here on our doorstep. You may think that you don't know anything about classical music. However, it is used all around you in films, tv shows, adverts and video games, because of the way in which it moves people. Multiple studies have also shown that listening to music is very positive for your mental health. So please do come along, sit back, relax and enjoy! The concert is short and suitable for children and there will be a colour-in booklet available. Admission is free but a collection for the Lewisham Foodbank will be taken.

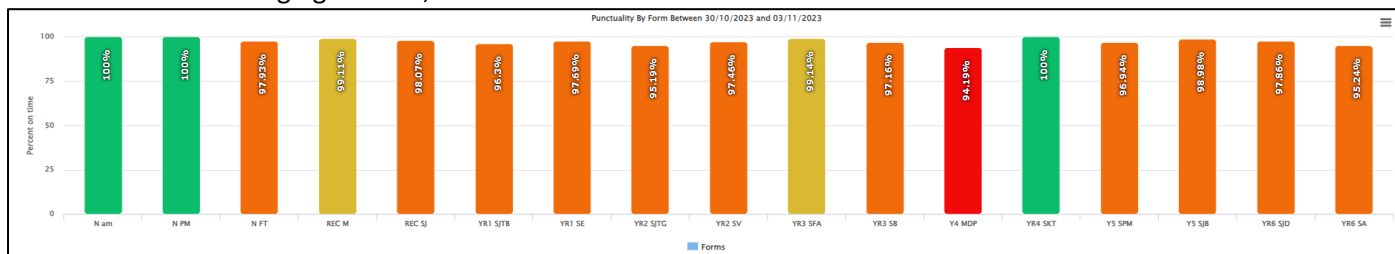
Quiz Night

On Saturday 11th November, a curry and quiz night is being held at Our Lady of Lourdes church. A great opportunity for parents to get together for the evening, where there will be experienced quiz masters, snacks, home-made curry and fruit desserts on hand. Organised by the St Vincent de Paul society, teams of up to 8 are invited, at £15 a head. This is a fund-raising event for the SVP, who have helped families at the school over the years. To book a team, email SVPSE12@gmail.com. A flyer is attached.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.6% (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 winners are Nursery a.m. & p.m and St Kateri with 100%, followed by St Mary and St Francis both on 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
8 th : St Josephine (Yr 5)	9 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	
	16 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)	23 rd Year 1
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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

Scroll onto the next page for the book reviews from St Alphonsa class.

Book Review about Why the Whales Came

This book is about a girl called Grace Jenkins and a boy called Daniel Pender who with the supposedly mad Birdman to redeem the curse that was put on Samson, one of the Isles of Scilly, some thirty years later.

Likes:

My favourite character was Daniel Pender because he is brave has some handy skills, is adventurous and social. But he is afraid of the dark. The character felt realistic seeing as the children are up to some mischief. The story kept me guessing because there are good plot twists. I didn't have a favourite part of the book because I loved every single bit. Mysterious, sad, tense and angry scenes were especially written well. This story made me want to turn the pages.

Dislikes:

I personally didn't like the cliffhanger at the end because it might be just me but, personally I

always find cliffhangers frustrating. The only other thing is that it does talk about war and fighting which isn't really my ideal type of story.

Summary:

In general, I would recommend this for Year 5+ because of the references of war but fans of drama and mystery who are younger could also enjoy this. This book has some similarities with 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' which is set at roughly the same time and on the same island. I do also recommend 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' for people who read this book or vice versa.

Book Review

Title: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Author: J.K. Rowling

This book is the first of the captivating Harry Potter series and even though it has been around for nearly 30 years it is now worldwide as - movies, bags, toys and so much more!

What I love most about this book is that it dares readers to prove themselves to know that whoever you are, wherever you are, there is just something magical around the corner.

If I had to choose one thing I didn't like about this book it is the cliffhanger as instead of something exciting, it ends with, "I'm going to have fun with Dudley this summer." I thought she would use something more keyed up.

All in all, I loved this book and recommend it to any child who loves fantasy and exploring, or maybe someone who wants to try something new.

I give this book a $\frac{5}{5}$ star rating.

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by Emmanuela

Lord of the rings

The 'lord of the rings' is a fantasy book set in middle Earth where a hobbit has to destroy an evil ring. I liked how in the book there was action, battles and adventure. There are also quite a few funny parts.

I didn't like the songs in the book because I found them boring.

I would recommend the book to any one who likes action, for there is plenty of it.

I would give the 'Lord of the rings' a 8/10

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By Cormac

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

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