

St WINIFRED'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Armistice Day

Today, we commemorated the signing of the Armistice, which brought an end to the First World War and we remembered all those who gave their lives in service to their country since 1914. Our assemblies focused on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday and why we stop to take time to remember. Thank you to everyone who donated to the British legion's appeal, by buying a poppy. The children have also conducted their own research, made art work, their own poppies and prayers. At 11am, the school community fell silent and respected the two-minute silence. Mr Howell also played 'The Last Post' on the trumpet.



School Ping



Yesterday, 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. 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 does not have the same functionality. Please make sure the school has your current email address.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are so excited to be hosting a book fair in school. There will be hundreds of books to choose from, with prices starting from just £2.99. The book fair will be in the main hall from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on 24th November to 29th November. Children will also get to browse the books during school time. The school, we earn free books when you purchase. Come along and support our school!

Anti-Bullying Week 2023: 13th-17th November

November

- 11th : Quiz Night – OLOL
- 13th: Antibullying Week
- 13th : Odd Sock Day – 50p
- 17th : Friendship Fun Day
- 15th: St Juan Diego (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery
- 20th: St Kateri (Yr 4) trip to British Museum
- 24th -29th: Scholastic Book Fair
- 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



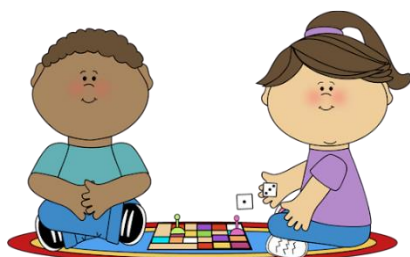


Next week we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week 2023. The year’s theme is **‘Make a Noise About Bullying’**. A theme that empowers the children to do something positive, to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. This week is essential to reiterate the behaviour messages we are constantly re-enforcing with the children. This is a Catholic school, underpinned by Gospel Values, we are always striving for the children to follow the ‘St Winifred’s Way’. We ask that all our children be ‘Ready, Respectful and Safe’. It is our job to support the children in this learning. Children need to be taught how to be able to manage their feelings and emotions; how to seek help when they need to and to be empathetic to the feelings of their peers. It is vital that we as a school are united with the parents and carers, as we all want the children to be happy and thrive at our school. Merits next week will focus on those who have reached out for others.

In class, the children will be learning about forming and nurturing friendships; how to be a good friend and how to resolve disagreements. They will also be learning about what bullying is, why it is not acceptable and what impact that has on a victim of bullying. Bullying is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. I attach a parent/carers flyer on anti-bullying week for your information.

Odd Sock Day: Monday 13th

Odd Socks Day is the launch of Anti-Bullying week. It is designed to be fun! It’s an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! If you have spare odd socks you would like to donate to the school, for children who do not have them, please leave them in the office, we ask that the children bring a 50p donation to school on Monday. With the money we raise, we will buy equipment to encourage positive play on the playground. The School Council will be told the amount raised and will be asked to decide on what the children would like to buy.



Friendship Friday: Friday 17th

As it is the last day of Anti-Bullying week, we want to ensure that the children have an opportunity to continue to develop their positive relationships with their class. We invite all the children to bring in one toy or game to school. On arrival to school, the children will hand their toy/game to the class teacher, who will keep a record of what has been brought in and will keep it safe. On Friday afternoon the children will be allowed to play with their toy/game with their friends.

Yes	No
<p>The toy/game they choose needs to be one that encourages collaborative play indoors and that they are happy to share.</p> <p>This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cards / Dominoes • Board Games • Dolls / Teddies • Bingo • Construction: Duplo / Lego 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No toys that are expensive or have sentimental value. Accidents do happen • No electronic devices: DS, PS, Switch etc • No throwing and catching games <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">If a toy or game is brought in which is not suitable, the class teacher will return it at the end of the day.</p>

“Make a noise about bullying, as a theme, empowers teachers and children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.”

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

For more information and support please visit:

- <https://www.childnet.com/resources> and use the filter for “bullying”
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/online-bullying>

London Philanthropic Orchestra

A very big thank to all those families who attended the London Philanthropic Orchestra concert in aid of the Lewisham Foodbank last Sunday. It was really lovely to see so many children there. We are now very close to raising £3000 from the event. An amazing concert with such strong community support.

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.

Kitchen Garden

Children from the School Council rolled up their sleeves this week to clear up the kitchen garden. Located behind the shelter, next to the playground, fourteen raised beds had produced a harvest of kale, squash, courgettes, butter beans, tomatoes, chard



and radishes over the season. The children's task was to clear the beds, put away the bean poles and tidy the area ready for winter. They also learnt how composting works, filling a second bin in the process. The last of the courgettes were harvested and the children tasted nasturtium leaves, which they thought were very peppery.



The kitchen garden was built by parents three years ago, with funding from School Food Matters. It has been used by classes to learn about how to grow vegetables and some have had cookery lessons too. The next step is to continue growing vegetables in the spring to donate to a foodbank for local refugee charity, AFRIL.

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
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.

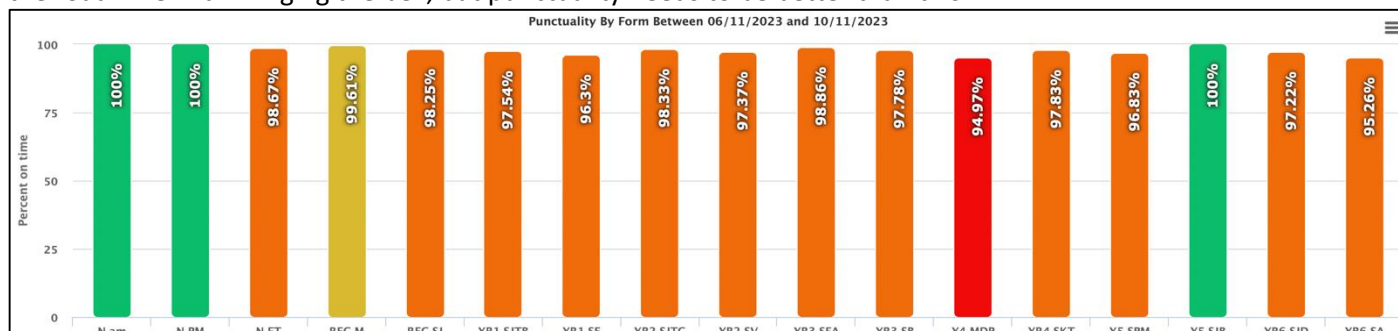
Quiz Night

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 punctuality needs to be better than this.



This week's winners are Nursery a.m. & p.m and St Josephine with 100%, followed by St Mary 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
	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.

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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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie