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Sunday Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' enemies are plotting his downfall and try to trick him with a devious question about paying taxes.

If Jesus says they should pay, it means that he accepts the Roman Emperor, and not God, as his ultimate boss. If he says they shouldn't pay, he can be attacked for disloyal to the Roman Empire. But then Jesus follows up with a real clincher: 'Pay to the Emperor what is due to the Emperor and pay to God what is due to God!'

This Gospel story also asks us: 'What is due to God in our own lives?' Surely our gratitude would be a good answer to this question. Being grateful to God brings great joy. There are many blessings in life-let's not just take them for granted.

'Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."'

Matthew 22:21



The Tribute Money,
Etching by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606 - 1669),
Etched circa 1635

October-The Month of the Holy Rosary



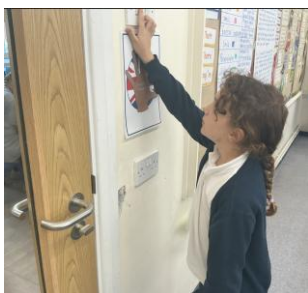
As we continue through the month of October, the month of the Holy Rosary, our children are taking part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge and praying one decade each day to reflect on the life of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother, Mary.

Aswell as praying a decade together in class, our Little Winnie's Prayer Leaders have been leading decades of the Rosary during their lunch-times. They also created these beautiful finger Rosaries to use to pray with.

We would love you to continue the Rosary Challenge with your children at home throughout the October half-term.

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Catholic Social Teaching in Action in Year 5



In our Religion Lessons this week Class 5M have been learning about Catholic Social Teaching in Action focusing especially on Stewardship and caring for our common home. We made a pledge of something we are going to do this year to help with Stewardship around our own school grounds.

Meet Friends and Family's new mascot!



A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends and Family group for organising the recent competition to name and design our new school mascot! We were delighted by the creativity, imagination and effort shown by all the children who took part. Friends and Family selected five pupils for a special mention, each receiving some fantastic treats as a reward for their hard work. Congratulations to Aoibheann, whose design was chosen as the overall winner! We are thrilled to introduce our new Friends and Family mascot, *Willow the Wolf*. Thank you to everyone who entered the competition and, in particular, to our incredible Friends and Family team for the time, care and enthusiasm they put into making this such a memorable experience for our pupils.

Our School Houses



On Friday morning, we gathered together for a very special whole-school assembly to launch our exciting new House System, which will officially begin after Half Term.

The children were introduced to our four houses, each named after an inspiring saint or role model of faith:

● **Saint Carlo Acutis House** - Carlo reminds us that holiness is possible in everyday life. Through his love of the Eucharist and his use of technology for good, he showed that young people can make a real difference in the world.

● **Pedro Ballester House** - Pedro was known for his joy, perseverance and deep faith despite facing serious illness. His example teaches us to live each day with courage, gratitude and trust in God.

● **Saint Josephine Bakhita House** - St Josephine's story is one of hope, forgiveness and resilience. Having overcome great hardship, she dedicated her life to serving others with kindness and love.

● **Saint Thérèse of Lisieux House** - Known as "The Little Flower", St Thérèse showed that even the smallest acts of love and kindness can have a powerful impact on those around us.

I explained how children can earn House Points through their achievements, effort, behaviour and by living out our school values of **Living in Gratitude, Rooted in Love, Growing in Wisdom and Building Community**. Every House Point earned will celebrate the many ways our children put these values into action each day.

There was a real buzz of excitement throughout the school as children discovered which house they had been allocated to. Conversations, predictions and friendly competition filled the corridors as everyone proudly found their new team.

We cannot wait to see each house working together, encouraging one another and striving to do their very best. The race for the House Trophy begins after Half Term... but the question remains: Who will be the first house to lift the trophy?



Rooted in Love



Growing in Wisdom



Living in Gratitude



Building Community

Thank you Mrs Hughes



This week, we say a very fond farewell to one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants, Mrs Hughes, who has been part of our school family since 1999.

Over so many years, Mrs Hughes has been a familiar and much-valued member of our school community, and this week we came together as a school family to show our gratitude and appreciation for everything she has given to our school and, most importantly, to our children.

We will be very sorry to see Mrs Hughes leave us, but we send her our love and very best wishes as she begins this new chapter. We hope she enjoys having more precious time to spend with her family and takes with her many happy memories of her years at St Winifred's.

Thank you, Mrs Hughes, for so many years of dedicated service. You will always be part of the St Winifred's family.

St Winifred's Got Talent



'Winnie's got Talent'
2026

Winnie's got Talent is our school talent competition. Children in Years 1 to 6 are invited to showcase their talents, whether it be singing, dancing, magic, the list is endless, they may do this on their own or within a group.

Some point, week commencing 2nd November, children in Years 1 to 6 will audition in front of their year group who will vote to who represents them. Teachers will communicate to pupils which day their audition will be.

The chosen acts from each Year group will perform in front of the full school on Monday 9th November for the chance to win – Winnie's got Talent 2026!

Good luck to all children! You are all superstars!



Reception

This week in reception we have looked at mixing colours to make new ones. As part of our learning about Harvest, we painted munchkin pumpkins.

In maths, we have finished our work on patterns and describing patterns. We have started to look at the numbers 1,2 and 3.



Our Welcome Assembly

This week, we were delighted to hold our Welcome Assembly for our new Reception children, joined by their parents and grandparents for this very special occasion.

Our Reception children were 'officially' welcomed into the St Winifred's family as their special Year 6 friends proudly walked them through our welcome arch. It was a lovely moment and a wonderful reminder of the friendships and sense of family that make our school community so special.

We were incredibly proud of our youngest children. They were a real credit to their families, behaving beautifully and speaking and singing with such confidence. Well done, Reception! We are so happy to have you as part of our St Winifred's family.



Science in Year 4

This week in science, Year 4 have been learning to classify plants based on the shape and colour of their leaves. They enjoyed collecting leaves from the school grounds and discussing how best to order them.



Hot Seating in Year 5

In Class 5K, we have been thinking about how the main character of our book, Ahmet, felt during the journey from Syria to England. We did some hot seating to find out! This week we will be writing descriptive pieces about this journey, using similes, personification and metaphors. Mrs Kendry cannot wait to read them.



Art in Year Three

In their Art unit of work, children learnt about the artist Banksy before being inspired by their History topic and the original graffiti artists to create Stone Age style cave drawings. Children have explored line and tone and experimented drawing animals before completing their final pieces which look incredible!



Affordable swimming this Autumn



Life Leisure is offering free swimming holiday courses to children eligible for free school meals in Stockport this autumn. The course is at Life Leisure Grand Central from Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th October, with a choice of 1.30pm or 2.30pm.

On the holiday courses, the children swim daily, helping them build confidence quickly, improve their ability in school swimming lessons, and increase their chances of meeting the

National Curriculum requirements.

This course is free as it's a teacher training course. The course will be overseen by a qualified swimming teacher and the course tutor, so children will still be getting the same level of expert care and guidance, while helping a trainee gain experience. To book, please email Emma at swimming.mastertrainer@lifeleisure.net. Spaces are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

If you can't make the above dates or times, we're still offering discounted swimming holiday courses at all five of our pools in Stockport during the following periods:

- October half term 2026
- February half term (2027)

We offer courses from beginner to improver level, ensuring every swimmer has the opportunity to progress.

To book, simply:

1. Visit: [Course Pro](#)
2. Press 'Book class' and search for the pool and course dates you'd like
3. Use the voucher code **SWIM26** at checkout to reduce the cost of the holiday course to just £15.00 for the full week.

Both of these offers are available to children who receive free school meals and are not currently on a swimming lesson membership with Life Leisure. We're doing this because we're passionate about providing accessible, affordable swimming lessons for all children in Stockport.

New Parenting Course

Please find below details of a new parenting programme which is starting soon

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC), will begin in November.

Morning Course

- Starts Tuesday 3rd November
- 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Offerton Hub, Half Moon Lane
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Evening Course

- Starts Wednesday 4th November
- 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- Garners Lane

Secondary School Open Evenings

Bramhall High School	24th September 5-7.30pm
Cheadle Hulme High School	22nd October 6-8.30pm
Harrytown School	1st October 4.00-6.30pm
Hazel Grove High School	22nd October 5.00-8.00pm
Laurus Cheadle Hulme School	21st October 5.00-7.00pm
Priestnall High School	22nd October 5-7.30pm
Reddish Vale High School	15th October 4-7pm
Stockport Academy	7th October 4.30-7pm
Stockport School	8th October 5-8pm
St Anne's Voluntary Academy	8th October 5-8pm
The Kingsway School	1st October 5-7.30pm
Werneth School	24th September 4.30-7.30pm

Holiday Club Details








OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP

ST WINIFRED'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, SK4 3JH

MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

FOOTBALL, MULTI-SPORTS, DANCE & CRAFTS

HAF FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE

EARLY BIRD DISCONT: NAR421

FULL DETAILS BELOW! @SPORTFIRSTCOACHING

Upcoming dates

*Saturday 31st October - 10.30am, Cross Country for Year 3 – 6

*Monday 2nd November - 8.40am, School re-opens to pupils for Autumn 2

*Tuesday 3rd November - St Winifred's Feast Day (all parents, grandparents, parishioners welcome from 8:50am-9:30am in our School Hall for tea, coffee and cake) - Whole school Mass for pupils at 1:45pm and a day of celebration for St Winifred

*Friday 6th November - Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

Pupil Attendance

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for last week. Our school target is 97% pupil attendance. Please remember that school begins at 8:40am, with the gates being open from 8:40am-8:50am. Below are the attendance figures for each class for last week:

Student Group	Present R/C
	Marks (%)
Year 1	98.75%
Year 2	98.78%
Year 3	95.33%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98.18%
Year 6	98.67%
Year R	99.29%

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Please note that your first point of contact is always your class teacher.

In addition, Mrs Bird (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Gibb (Early Years), Mr Hanvey (Lower Key Stage Two), Mrs Kendry (Upper Key Stage Two) and I are always available to work in to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Duffy
Headteacher

