Saint Winifred's R.C. Primary School

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Sunday Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel brings us the parable of the talents. We often tell it as a simple lesson about using the things we're good at. However, Jesus is saying something much deeper.

God has given each of us unique ways to bring joy, peace and love into the lives of others. These gifts aren't meant to be tucked away like a present left unopened in the cupboard. They're meant to be seen. The servant who buried his talent kept it safe, but he never let it shine.

Let us remember to live our lives using the amazing gifts that God has given us and give them away with joy.

Remembrance





On Remembrance Day, all classes paused at 11:00am to observe the two-minute silence and honour the brave servicemen and women who have given their lives in service to our country. Pupils showed great respect and maturity as they paused to reflect on the sacrifices made by others, helping to keep alive the spirit of remembrance and gratitude. Lest we forget.





On Remembrance Day, Class 5K spent time learning about the importance of remembering those who served in wars and conflicts. The children discussed the meaning of the poppy and why Remembrance Day is observed each year. They took part in a two-minute silence to show respect and reflection and completed thoughtful poppy-themed activities in class. Throughout the day, the pupils showed great maturity and respect as they remembered the sacrifices made by others.

Welcome meeting



It was a real joy to welcome our prospective families for September 2027 to St Winifred's this week. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout and to have the opportunity to share what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

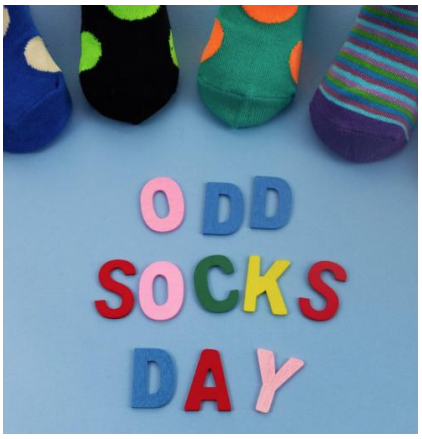
A particular thank you goes to our wonderful Year 6 Pupil Leaders, who did an incredible job leading tours and speaking with parents. They confidently shared their experiences of school life and demonstrated the pride they have in being part of the St Winifred's family. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, and we are very proud of them.

We look forward to welcoming many of these families back again soon!

Odd Socks Day-Monday 16th November

On Monday 16th November, we will be launching Anti-Bullying Week by taking part in Odd Socks Day. We invite all children to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind us that our differences should be valued and respected.

There is no cost to take part and school uniform should be worn as usual, apart from the odd socks! We look forward to seeing lots of colourful and creative combinations as we begin an important week focused on kindness, respect and inclusion.



St Winifred's Got Talent









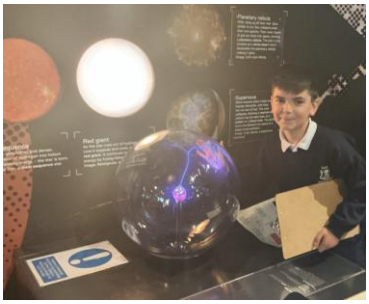
Monday's St Winifred's Got Talent was a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of the many talents within our school community. Pupils wowed the audience with an incredible range of performances, including comedy acts, Irish dancing, singing and even some amazing magic tricks! It was fantastic to see so many children confidently sharing their gifts and talents with others. A huge thank you to our dedicated Caritas Team for their hard work in helping to organise the event, and a special thank you to Mrs Laverty for coordinating such an enjoyable and memorable afternoon. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 5 at Jodrell Bank

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Jodrell Bank, where they enjoyed an exciting and educational journey into the world of space and science. The children explored interactive exhibits, learned about the solar system, and discovered how scientists use powerful telescopes to study the universe. A highlight of the visit was seeing the iconic Lovell Telescope and finding out how it has helped make important discoveries in space exploration. The pupils asked insightful questions, demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the day, and represented our school wonderfully. The trip provided a memorable opportunity to bring their science learning to life and inspired many future astronomers!





Reception

This week we have learnt about Diwali and Remembrance Day. We have made clay Diya lamps and painted poppies. We have also improved our fine motor skills by doing fingerprint poppies. We are started to look at how to sound out cvc words. We have also made bread for the little red hen in play dough. In religion we have been learning the story of the Annunciation. To consolidate our learning in maths we made angels from circles and triangles.








Tag Rugby in Year Five

Today, Class 5K enjoyed a tag rugby lesson where they practised their passing, dodging, and teamwork skills. The children worked hard to move the ball quickly, support their teammates, and begin to follow the rules of the game. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and determination during the activities. It was wonderful to see pupils encouraging one another and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the lesson. Class 5K had lots of fun while developing their confidence and understanding of tag rugby.





Upcoming dates

*Monday 16th - 20th November - Anti Bullying week (please can children wear Odd Socks on Monday!)

*Tuesday 17th November- Year 5 Trip - Poetry Together

Pupil Attendance

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for the final week of last half ter,m. 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	99.75%
Year 2	92.68%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	99.33%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	97.33%
Year R	100%

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