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Sunday Gospel

The great season of Advent is upon us!

When someone we love is coming to visit, we tidy the house and set the table. Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas. But it is about more than that. It's also about preparing our hearts for the day we'll meet Jesus face to face.

Advent begins with a call to watchfulness. It is a time to stay awake and be attentive to the promises of God. In a world so often marked by uncertainty, suffering and longing, the prophet Isaiah cries out to God: " Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" (Isaiah 64:1)

We await with the sure expectation of fulfilment. We await the God who has already drawn near to us in Jesus Christ and who promises to come again.

Advent reminds us to remain awake, attentive to the signs of His presence among us, and to renew our trust in God that, in hope, we will not be disappointed.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake." Mark 13:34



Advent Stay and Pray

This week, Year 3 welcomed the parents for a Stay and Pray, gently leading us into this season of watchful waiting as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.
The children helped to guide our reflection with hearts full of hope. A special time to come together in prayer and to pause to think about the true meaning of Christmas, giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world.









Upcoming walk for CAFOD

Two of our Year 5 pupils have created a brilliant poster ahead of our Advent walk for KS2, you can donate on https://www.justgiving.com/page/stwinifredsrc?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



Caritas Team

The KS2 Caritas Team met today to have their training for the relaunch of St Winnie's Eco Refill Station! The stall will be open on Thursday 3rd December on the playground after school. Please don't forget to bring along an empty bottle, so that you can purchase some beautifully scented hand soap and washing up liquid from us!





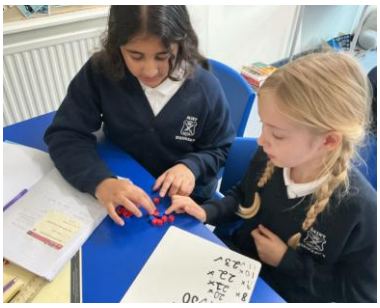
Art in Year Six

This week in 6P, the children have completed their final piece for their topic on painting with reference to South America. Mr. Pardoe is so impressed with all of them!



Maths in Year 5

In Class 5K, we have been working on prime numbers, and we investigated which numbers only had two factors using cubes. Mrs Kendry was so impressed with how the children using the practical apparatus to support their learning and how eloquently they could explain their findings!







Yee-Haw Year Three!





Yesterday afternoon, parents and carers were treated to a fantastic performance from our Year 3 pupils, who wowed the audience with their line dancing to *Cotton Eyed Joe*. Wearing cowboy hats and fully embracing the Wild West theme, the children performed with great enthusiasm, confidence and energy, looking every bit the part!

We are incredibly proud of the pupils for their hard work and commitment in learning the routine, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying every moment of their performance.

A huge thank you goes to the Year 3 staff team and to Mrs Gwane from Stockport Shapes for their support, encouragement and expertise in helping the children put on such a memorable show. The smiles on the faces of both the performers and the audience said it all! Well done, Year 3!

Christmas Fair

A week to go until our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December - you'll see our wonderful Friends & Family outside of school this week starting the festivities and selling raffle tickets!



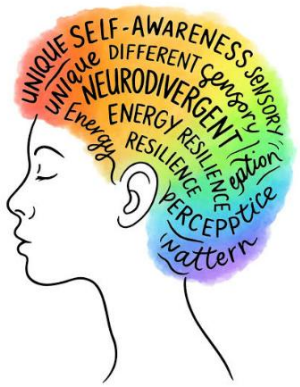


Parent Drop In

We are pleased to be hosting a Parent Drop-In Session with the Neuro Diversity Team on 9 December from 2:30pm to 3:10pm in school**.** This informal session will provide an

opportunity for parents and carers to speak with experienced practitioners who can offer advice and support around areas such as regulation, routines, and any barriers that children or families may be experiencing. No diagnosis or formal referral is required to attend.

If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Haynes to confirm your place so that we can book slots in advance. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers for what promises to be a helpful and supportive session.



Upcoming dates

* Monday 30th November - Advent Retreats for all Classes

*Tuesday 1st December - 9am, Year 4 Stay and Pray, families are warmly invited to join us in the school hall as Year 4 leads us into the second week of Advent.

*Friday 4th December - Advent walk in school - please sponsor us on: https://www.justgiving.com/page/stwinifredsrc?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

*Saturday 5th December - School Christmas Fair!

*Sunday 6th December - 6pm Service of 9 Lessons in Carols at St Winifred's Church with our School Choir

Pupil Attendance

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for the final week of last half term. 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	93%
Year 2	96.34%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	97.56%
Year 5	92.22%
Year 6	97.5%
Year R	98.21%

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