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Jesus is not sent to the Jews only

This week's Gospel tells us how Jesus told the people that a prophet is never accepted in his home town and that a prophet will often tell the people things they do not want to hear. This does not mean that the prophet is wrong, merely that his message is sometimes unpalatable to those hearing it!



New Assembly Time!

Please be aware that we have a new assembly time. From this Friday, 22nd February, assembly will begin at 10am. This is to give the parishioners time to finish their prayers after the Friday Mass. Please be respectful and wait until the parishioners have left before entering the church.

Snacks and Treats

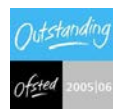
Just a little reminder that all treats and snacks should be 'healthy and nutritious' so please don't send in sweets, chocolates, crisps etc. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Coffee morning will be at its usual time and this week Miss Khanom has Class 3 performing their song from last week's assembly.

Mary's Meals – Mini Vinnies

We are delighted to announce that our Mini Vinnies will be holding a pre-Valentine's Biscuit sale on Thursday 11th February 2016. The Mini Vinnies would like to ask for donations of biscuits to sell on the day, these may be brought in to the School Office or dropped in directly to Class 9 where Mrs Herron will look after them until the day! All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals the charity chosen by the Mini Vinnies to be their charity of the year. Mary's Meals aims to provide chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty in later life. For more information check their website www.marysmeals.org



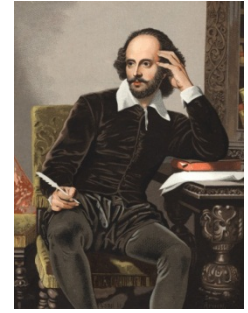
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Inspired Thinking


(Quotes from plays by William Shakespeare)

*"Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end."*

From Sonnet LX (60).



Parkrun Scores

	Name	Runs
	Mr McAteer	45
	Mr Savin	12
	Mr Whitehorn	7
	Mrs Baladas	1

Nursery News

Please remember that the Nursery Parents Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 9th February and Thursday 11th February 2016. The appointments are between 11:30am and 3:15pm. Please check with the Nursery staff if you are unsure of when your appointment is.

Parking: Please be aware that it is illegal to park on the yellow zig-zag lines during school hours. The lines are there to protect the children. Please take this into account when you are dropping off and collecting your children.

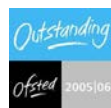
This is, sadly, the last academic year that we will be operating the Nursery. Due to declining numbers and rising costs it is no longer viable for us to offer Nursery places. There are however many local nurseries who will be able to accommodate any children who require Nursery provision from September.

Survey Results

May we thank all the parents who took the time to complete the recent Parent and Carers Survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive and we are delighted that you are happy with the way the school is performing. Some highlights include 100% of parents agreed/strongly agreed that their children were making good progress at school. 100% of parents agree/strongly agree that their children are well taught at St. Winefride's and 100% of parents receive valuable information about their child's progress. However while just over 3% felt that the school could deal with bullying more effectively so we shall investigate this thoroughly and ensure that this is one of our priorities for the coming year. It must be stated that the overall results of the survey were the best we have ever received and we are thankful to you all for taking part.

Dr Bike

The Bicycle mechanics came and repaired/serviced over 50 bicycles last week so they should all be in tip top condition for the cycle training that begins in March. They were unable to repair a few bikes but left notes informing the parents of what was required!



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Upcoming Assemblies and Events

5/2/16 – Class 4

4/3/16 – Class 6

25/3/16 – Governors Assembly

12/2/16 – Class 8

11/3/16 – Class 1&2

26/2/16 – Class 7

18/3/16 – Music Assembly

24/6/16 – Summer Fete



Ash Wednesday

Please remember that next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. As usual we will be having a whole school mass along with the parish which will include the anointing with ashes. If you are able to, please come along to join in this Holy Day of Obligation.

The Pod

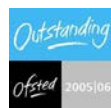
As we are sure you have noticed the Pod is up and running! We are currently showing the past three week's assemblies and also the children practising their times tables.

Times Tables

Speaking of times tables, the new curriculum requires Year 4 children to know all their times tables up to 12. Years 5 & 6 need to also know all the related division facts too! It would be a great help to your children if you would help them practise. This week we are concentrating on the three times table. Class 5 are shown reciting it on the Pod so keep an eye out for their video. Below is a copy of the three times table to help out the children.

$1 \times 3 = 3$
 $2 \times 3 = 6$
 $3 \times 3 = 9$
 $4 \times 3 = 12$
 $5 \times 3 = 15$
 $6 \times 3 = 18$
 $7 \times 3 = 21$
 $8 \times 3 = 24$
 $9 \times 3 = 27$
 $10 \times 3 = 30$
 $11 \times 3 = 33$
 $12 \times 3 = 36$

$3 \div 3 = 1$
 $6 \div 3 = 2$
 $9 \div 3 = 3$
 $12 \div 3 = 4$
 $15 \div 3 = 5$
 $18 \div 3 = 6$
 $21 \div 3 = 7$
 $24 \div 3 = 8$
 $27 \div 3 = 9$
 $30 \div 3 = 10$
 $33 \div 3 = 11$
 $36 \div 3 = 12$



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Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

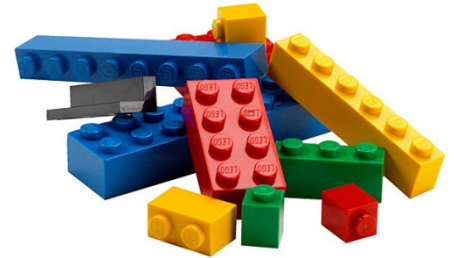


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It's that time of year again, when we ask you to start collecting the Sainsbury's vouchers. Last year we collected over 7000 vouchers and were able to order lots of sports equipment and were also able to order many valuable items to enable us to teach cooking and baking as part of the new curriculum. Please help us to collect even more vouchers this time. We will be creating a wish list and posting it on the Sainsbury's Active Kids website soon so that you may see what we are collecting the vouchers for!

Lego

Miss Nazar in Class 5 would like to create a Lego resource in her class room and is asking for donations of Lego. If you have any Lego cluttering up your home and would like to donate it to the school, please send it in and all donations will be warmly received.



Admin Type Notices

Finally this week we would like to remind all parents that you must contact the school as soon as your child is going to be absent from school. You may have heard of the government's Prevent Programme, part of this requires us to inform the authorities immediately if a child is 'missing' from school. Therefore a simple phone call to the office will make all our lives easier. Please tell the office why your child is away from school and how long you expect them to be off for, thank you.

If you have still to return any of the following; Generic Permission Slip, Medical Information Slip, Online Safety Form, please return them to the office as soon as possible, thank you. If you require a new slip etc. please send a note in for the attention of Mr Savin and he will reissue the required form to your child to take home.

This Week's Prayer

Every week we put a prayer in the newsletter, related to the week's Gospel. Please say the prayer with your children.

Heavenly Father,

Even when others refuse to believe that Jesus has the power to heal and forgive, help us to remain faithful and true.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

God bless you,

Mr Underwood

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