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The Work of John the Baptist

At this time of Advent we should remember the words of John the Baptist - *"Change your hearts and lives because the kingdom of heaven is coming soon."* These words remind us about the coming of God's Son and his birth in a lowly stable in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. Please keep Jesus at the front of your minds during the festive season.



Christmas Dates

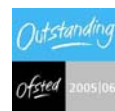
Please make a note of these special dates in the lead up to Christmas:

- 🌲 **Thursday 15th Dec.** Christmas Jumper Day (Wear Festive clothes and bring a £1.00 doanion).
- 🌲 **Thursday 15th Dec.** Children's Christmas Dinner.
- 🌲 **Friday 16th Dec.** Christmas Nativity Concert, begins at 1:30pm in St Stephen's Church.
- 🌲 **Monday 19th Dec.** Christmas Carol Service, begins at 3:30pm in St Stephens Church.
- 🌲 **Tuesday 20th Dec.** School closes at **1:30pm** for Christmas Holidays.
- 🌲 **Tuesday 3rd January 2017** School begins at **8:55am**.

More details below!

Nativity Costumes

If you are being kind enough to provide a costume for the Christmas Nativity, may we ask that you send it in to school as soon as possible as we have a dress rehearsal very early next week. It will be of great help as Mrs Rider may then work out how many costumes she has to make or find before the big day next Friday!



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Applications for Reception Places

Applications for places in our Reception Classes next year are now open! We now have 60 places available for children to start at St Winefride's in September 2017.

The children must be born between:

01/09/2012 and 31/08/2103

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2017. You may apply at any time before this date, please don't leave it too late!

Please call in at the Main Office for more details.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

The children will be having their annual Christmas dinner on Thursday 15th December, we will also be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on this date. Everyone, including the staff, are being asked to wear a Christmas Jumper or festive clothing, and to donate £1.00 which will go to Save the Children. We look forward to seeing everyone looking Christmassy!

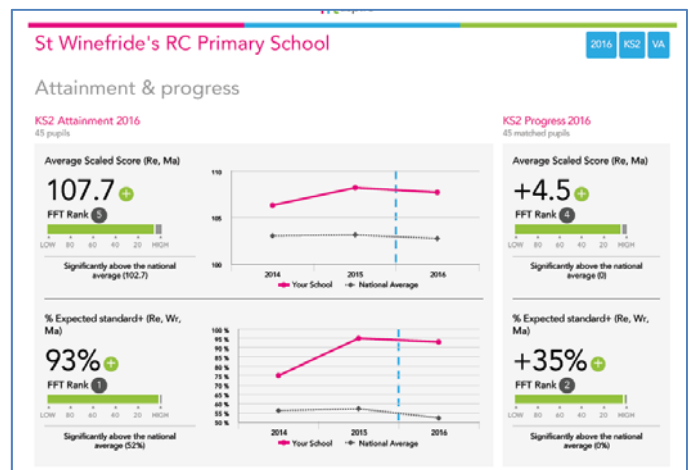


Football Shirts for Christmas

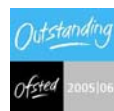
If you would like to buy your children a football shirt for Christmas please see Mrs Baladas in the Main Office, as she is able to obtain them for the great price of £25 per Shirt or £30 for Shirts and Shorts!

Data from the Fischer Family Trust

This week's FFT figures show how the children at St Winefride's attainment and progress matches up to other schools nationally. As you can see, we are significantly above the national average in every measure, indeed the figure in the bottom left of the chart shows that for Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined scores we are in the top 1% of schools in the country!



We are very proud of how well the children at St Winefride's perform in the end of Year examinations and it is a testament to not only the hard work of the children but also



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to the wonderful teachers and support staff we have here, who always make that extra effort to help the children enjoy their learning and of course to the way the parents and carers help to support their children and the school while they are here, thank you very much!

Pupil Premium Registration

One thing that parents and carers could do that would greatly benefit the school is to log on to the following website pps.lgfl.org.uk and register for Pupil Premium this year. For every child that is registered on this website the school receives extra funding that may only be spent on children on this register. It is of great help to both the children and to the school so please take the time to register.

Before and After School Clubs

Next week is the last week of both before and after school clubs for this term. The new clubs will begin on Monday 9th January 2017. There may be some changes to the rota as the Year 6 Booster Classes will be starting in January, more details will follow in the new year.

Dates for your Diary

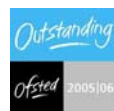
Here is the latest assembly list, as you can see the assembly that Class 3 had to cancel has been moved to Friday 13th January 2017. Also thank you to the Reception parents who spotted that the Reception assembly was due to take place on the same day as the Pantomime trip! Reception's assembly is now due to take place on Friday 20th January 2017.

Fri 2/12/16 Class 6 Assembly	Fri 9/12/16 Reception Assembly CANCELLED due to panto trip	Fri 16/12/16 Christmas Concert 1:30pm
Mon 19/12/16 Carol Service	Tue 20/12/16 Governors Assembly	Tue 20/12/16 last day of school before Christmas Break. School Closes at 1:30pm
Fri 13/1/17 Class 3 Assembly	Fri 20/1/17 Reception Assembly	

School Closes at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2016

Christmas Carol Service

This year's Christmas Carol Service will be held on Monday 19th December at 3:30pm in St Stephen's Church. The service will be led by the staff of St Winefride's and we would ask as many of you as possible to attend to start the week leading up to Christmas in a truly Holy and peaceful way. We look forward to seeing you there.



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The Association for Physical Education

The Association for Physical Education have produced a leaflet detailing the benefits of Physical Education, which we at St Winefride's wholeheartedly agree with. If you would like a copy they are available in the main office reception area.



Tennis Before School Club

James the tennis coach is sorry for being late on Thursday, this is due to Tower Bridge being closed until the New Year. To make up for it he would like to hold an extra session next Tuesday, he will be contacting parents directly to arrange this.

Don't Forget, School Finishes at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2016!

This Week's Prayer

This week please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Heavenly Father,

As we see the many stars in the decorations of this season may we be reminded that Jesus is the "Bright Morning Star" and that when we put our hope and trust in him, our future is secure. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



*God Bless You,
Mr Underwood*

