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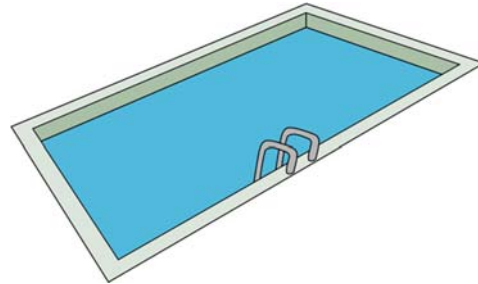
The Mustard Seed

In this week's Gospel Jesus tells us how a tiny mustard seed holds enough faith to command a mulberry tree to take itself to the sea. This reminds us that the tallest plants grow from the smallest seeds, indeed on one of our trips to the Floating Classroom at Carpenters Lock, many children were collecting acorns, which as you know grow into massive oak trees. At St Winefride's we see it as our vocation to take the children and nurture them like mustard seeds or acorns and watch them grow into tall plants or oak trees.



Swimming Lessons

Once again Classes 6 & 7 are having swimming lessons at the Aquatic Centre at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. A huge thank you to all the parents for getting their children into school by 8:05am. This is an earlier start than in the previous years due, in the main, to the high number of road works in the local area. The children are progressing well and having great fun too!

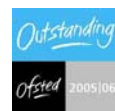


Before School Clubs

As Mr Savin is accompanying Class 6 & 7 to their swimming lessons there will not be any Before School clubs until Monday 17th October. This does not affect tennis or the Breakfast Club which will go ahead as normal.

PE Lessons

Just a quick reminder about PE lessons; PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and at St Winefride's we try our hardest to ensure that every PE lesson is an enjoyable and educationally worthwhile session. For example every child from Year 1 to Year 6 will have tennis lessons from Lawn Tennis Association qualified coaches; they will also have PE lessons taught by a Football Association qualified coach, who is also a multisport coach. Furthermore, many of the staff at St Winefride's have attended training sessions in areas such as basketball, gymnastics, dance and many more. However to take full advantage of all these wonderful opportunities the children must bring their PE kit to school so that they may take part in the lessons. To help you out we have printed overleaf a full time table showing when each class has their PE lessons.



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PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 4	EYFS	Class 3	Class 3	Class 6
Class 7	Class 3	Class 5	Class 4	Class 8
	Class 4	Class 6	Class 5	
	Class 5	Class 7	Class 9	
	Class 10	Class 8	Class 11	
		Class 9		
		Class 10		
		Class 11		

Big Coffee Morning

Last Friday saw our biggest ever Macmillan Coffee Morning! Thank you so much to all the parents who brought in food and drinks to help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Miss Khanom is still counting up the contributions but so far we are delighted to announce that we have collected over £445 in donations, thank you very much!



Book Bags

School Book Bags are now available online at the usual address:

<http://www.tesco.com/direct/st-winefride-s-rc-primary-school/6657.school>

Bishop Alan's Visit

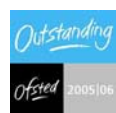


Bishop Alan Williams will be visiting the school on Friday 4th November. This is a happy coincidence as it is also the day we celebrate St Winefride's Day at our weekly assembly in church. Did you know that although St Winefride's Day is celebrated by the church on November 3rd, this commemorates her death which actually occurred on November 2nd; however that being All Soul's Day her feast was moved to the next available date!

Parkrun

Getting back to running we are happy to let you know that the number of Parkruns racked up by members of the St Winefride's community is rising steadily. If you take part in a Parkrun, or indeed any other sporting activity let Mr Savin know, via the main office, and you too may feature in our newsletter.

Name	Number of Runs	PB
Mr McAteer	74	00:20:07
Mr Savin	44	00:25:35
Mrs Baladas	14	00:25:26
Mr Underwood	9	00:29:48
Mrs Britton	8	00:32:37
Miss Khanom	6	00:30:21



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This Week's Prize Winners

Class of the Week:	C11	Lunchtime Class of the Week:	C5
Infant Champions:	C3	Junior Champions:	C10
Attendance:	Reception	Punctuality:	Reception
House Point Champions:		St David	

Commonwealth Youth Orchestra

The Commonwealth Youth Orchestra workshops, began again this Wednesday, check the link on our website - Commonwealth Music - to see what the latest news may be! There are lots of pictures of our children meeting lots of important people!

Black History Month

If any parents would like to come into the school and share their experiences and stories, please contact Mr McGinty, via the main office and he will be delighted to organise the visit for you. The children were given a chance to choose a special Black History Month meal and the winner after a huge vote was the 'Nelson Mandela Spicy African Chicken with Jelloff Rice'.

Volunteer Readers

If you would like to volunteer to help listen to the children read, please leave message for Mrs Britton at the office.

Parking and Things Related

Just a little reminder about parking around the school.

- The Car Park on the forecourt at the front of St Stephen's is reserved for staff and visitors to the school during school hours. Please do not park or stop on the forecourt when you drop and/or pick up your children.
- While it is lovely that so many parents are waiting to see off their children for their swimming lessons please be aware that cars will be pulling up all the while you are waiting for the coach to leave.
- Similarly we have had reports from staff who are trying to park their cars that children are running in and out of the parked cars. We do not have to tell you how dangerous this is, please remind your children that the car park is not a playground but is actually a very dangerous place!
- Finally please remember that the yellow Zig Zag lines denote an area that SHOULD NOT be parked on. Parents have received parking tickets in the past for stopping on the Zig Zags. The Zig Zag lines are there to protect the children, please do not put the children in danger by stopping on them!

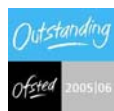
This Week's Prayer

Father, we don't ask you to give us more faith. We simply ask that you help us to use the faith that we have and trust you to do the rest. In Jesus' name we pray.

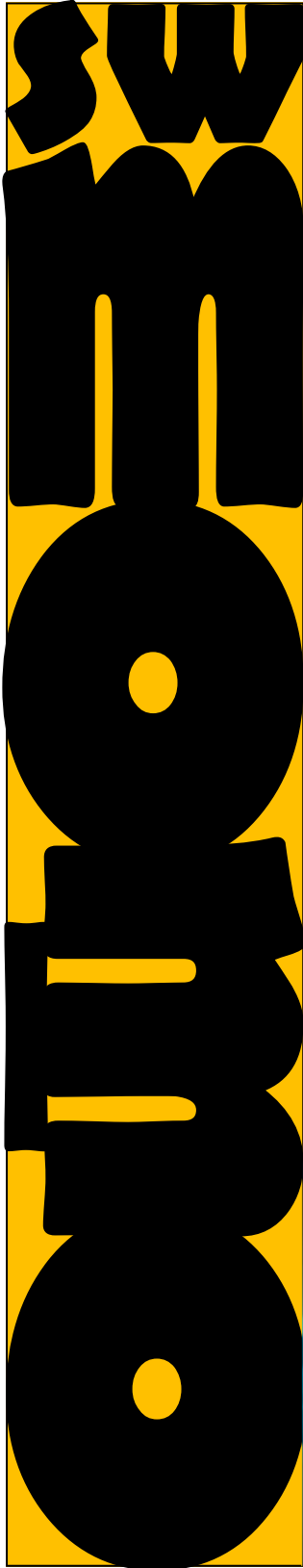
Amen.

God Bless You

Mr Underwood













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St Winefride MOBO Awards

The categories for this year's St Winefride's MOBO Awards are:

-  Best African Song
-  Best Gospel Song
-  Best Hip Hop Song
-  Best International Act
-  Best Newcomer
-  Best Reggae Performance
-  Best R'n'B/Soul Performance
-  Best Song
-  Best Retro/Classic Performance
-  Lifetime Achievement Award

Plus special guest appearances by invited guests!

