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Mary, Mother of God



This week's Gospel told us how the shepherds came to Bethlehem to visit Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. They were amazed that everything the angel had told them was true. This tells us that we should take great comfort in the purity and grace of Mary and pray to her in times of need.

Hannah Falvey

It is with great sadness that we pass on the news of the death of Hannah Falvey on Christmas day. Hannah was a governor of the school during our most difficult days when we were working to improve from the situation of being in 'Special Measures'. Hannah stayed on the Governing Body until we were graded at 'Outstanding' an achievement of which she was very proud. Hannah had a deep devotion to Mary and it is very poignant that the Gospel this week was the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. She was also a popular and prominent member of the parish community and had a special place in her heart for St Joseph's Hospice. Hannah, herself, asked that rather than send flowers she would prefer that donations be made to St Joseph's. This may be done via the following website:

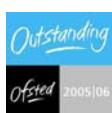


www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hannah-falvey

We are sure you will include her in your prayers.

Communion Classes

The First Holy Communion Classes for the children will be beginning soon. Fr Sean will be providing details in the Parish Newsletter about the exact start date so keep an eye out!



Allergy Badges

We have introduced bright yellow 'Allergy Badges' for children going on school trips etc. This is to make sure that children are not inadvertently given food or put in a situation where an allergic reaction may occur. If you notice your child has a badge on when they get home please return them to school the next day, thank you.

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.

Did you know that if you apply online you are automatically entered into a draw to win money to go towards the purchase of your child's school uniform!

Fr Sean will be placing sheets in the porch of the church with appointment times on them. Please make your appointment as soon as possible as the completed Certificate of Practice needs to be in by 15th January 2017.

Christmas Jumper Day



We are delighted to announce that we raised the tremendous sum of £258.63 for Save The Children on Christmas Jumper Day! The day was an enormous success with all the children and staff greatly enjoying the wide variety of Christmas

Jumpers. Mr McGinty's jumper (he was channeling his inner Elf) was a particular favourite among both the children and staff!

Lost Scooter

A scooter was left behind in the church after the Carol concert. If it is yours please call in at the office to collect it.

Collecting Children

There has been a sharp increase in children being collected late. Please pick up your children promptly.



Data from the Department for Education

This week's data from the Department for Education shows how our key Stage 2 results compare with schools that had similar results at Key Stage 1. We come out rather well if we do say so ourselves!

Similar schools for St Winefride's RC Primary School

This table shows how this school's performance compares with schools whose pupils had similar achievement at key stage 1.

[View comparison list \(0\)](#)

- ◆ St Winefride's RC Primary School
- School within 75 miles that performs better than St Winefride's RC Primary School
- Indicates similar percentage of disadvantaged pupils in the cohort

School name and type	Local authority	% of pupils meeting the expected standard	School position within group	Progress score, description and confidence interval			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
				Reading	Writing	Maths			
Higham-on-the-Hill Church of England Primary School (Academy)	Leicestershire	100%	1	4.5 Well above national average (0.2 to 8.8)	6.5 Well above national average (2.1 to 10.9)	4.2 Well above national average (0.5 to 7.9)	25%	108	108
St Winefride's RC Primary School (Maintained School) ◆	Newham	93%	2	6.5 Well above national average (4.7 to 8.3)	4 Well above national average (2.2 to 5.8)	2.2 Above national average (0.6 to 3.8)	20%	110	106
Albury Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School (Maintained School)	Hertfordshire	90%	3	7.1 Well above national average (3 to 11.2)	4.1 Well above national average (0 to 8.2)	1.7 Average (-1.8 to 5.2)	10%	111	106

There isn't a school within 75 miles of St Winefride's that does anywhere as well as your children. For the full table please follow this link:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/similar/102774?phase=ks2>

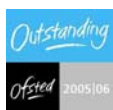
Parent Surveys

You should have received a Parent Survey earlier in the week. Please take the time to fill it in and return it to the school.



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

With this newsletter is a Sport Update that includes a table of the Before and After School Clubs available for the children. If your children have been attending a club that is still running they should continue to do so. For any new clubs please ask them to see Mr Savin for a permission letter.

Year 6 Booster Classes

The Year 6 Booster Classes will begin on Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12th January. They will take place on Wednesday and Thursday until the Easter Holiday.

Science News

If you look up in the sky early this evening and see a very bright star it is in fact the planet Venus. Even better if you look up to the left at approximately 45° you should be able to see a pink dot which is actually the planet Mars so you get two planets for the price of one!

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 Reception's assembly is now due to take place on Friday 20th January 2017.

Fri 13/1/17 Class 3 Assembly	Fri 20/1/17 Reception Assembly	Fri 27/1/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 3/2/17 Class 9 Assembly	Fri 10/2/17 INSET DAY Children not in school	

Half Term Break Return to school Monday 20th February 2017

Fri 24/2/17 Class 4 Assembly	Fri 3/3/17 Class 8 Assembly <i>and World Book Day</i>	W/c 6/3/17 Cycle Confident level 1 & 2 Training
Fri 10/3/17 Class 7 Assembly	Fri 17/3/17 Class 6 Assembly	Fri 24/3/17 Class 5 Assembly
Fri 31/3/17 Music Assembly	Fri 7/4/17 Governor's Assembly	

This Week's Prayer

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

Dear Father,

We thank you for the joy that Jesus brings. Help us to share that joy with everyone we meet. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

God Bless You,

Mr Underwood ¹¹⁴

