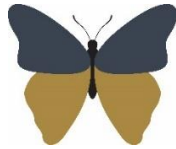


Welshampton Church of England Primary School



**Growing together
in strength, love and wisdom,
we shine.**

**Newsletter
Friday 23rd February 2024**

Message from the Head

Welcome back to everyone after the half term break.

Yesterday, it was my pleasure to join our school choir on their annual Young Voices trip. This year we ventured to Birmingham NEC where we joined thousands of other children to form the country's biggest choir!

After an afternoon of rehearsals, the huge choir performed in front of thousands of parents in the arena. It was a spectacular site as the children got to perform the songs and choreography they had spent weeks and weeks practicing at school. Behaviour was exemplary as all children and staff had a wonderful time.

Thank you to both Mrs Curzon and Miss Evans for accompanying the children on the trip and making it possible to go.

Thank you also to the parents who travelled to support the children in Birmingham. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the staff and the children did!



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Nursery Update

As you are aware the school has now been offering provision for nursery aged children since January. This offer is available from 7:45am to 5:30pm every day of the week. This will continue to be, the case regardless of any developments to the currently empty building in the field opposite, previously owned by Caterpillars Nursery.

The current arrangements within our EYFS and KS1 is that children register together and are under the overall leadership of Miss Hannaby and Miss Truswell over the course of the week. However, whilst there may be links, our KS1 children follow a separate to curriculum the children in Reception and Nursery. Those children follow an Early Years Curriculum and usually work and play separately to our KS1 children.

Initial plans for September 2024 are that the provision for our reception and Nursery children will be separate to the children in KS1. Our youngest children will be working within the current EYFS classroom / setting, whilst the current 'middle area' will become a more formalised Year 1 & 2 classroom.

We are currently working with the local authority for additional funding to complete any work required to do this, in addition to turning the old Caterpillars Nursery demountable building into what would essentially be our school hall. This would be used for Daily Worship, indoor PE lessons and school lunches, in addition to other events such as coffee mornings and Christmas Fayres etc.

We are also working on plans to turn the outdoor area by the demountable building in to an EYFS / school garden, which would further enhance the environment at Welshampton.

It is an exciting time to be a Welshampton and we are looking forward to further enhancing our school by welcoming younger children.

To this end, going forward we are offering Stay & Play sessions for Nursery-aged children and their parents.

These sessions will be for both children already at Welshampton and any interested in joining us.

The first Stay & Play session will be at the end of the day on Friday 1st March from 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all those who have already filled in the Parent Questionnaire that was circulated before the half term break. It has been fantastic to read some really positive feedback. If however, you feel that you 'strongly disagree' about any element, please arrange a meeting so that we can discuss it further.

If you haven't, please take the time to complete as feedback is really important to us as we always look to move the school forward with your support.

Church Services Mother's Day

Parents are welcome to join us at church on Friday 8th March at 2:15pm to join our Mother's Day Service. During this service each class will perform once as we celebrate and give thanks. The service will finish with our weekly Celebration Worship.

Easter Service

Parents are also welcome to join us at church on Friday 22nd March at 2:15pm to share with us our Easter celebrations. This service will be a more traditional church service which will be led by our older children. The service will finish with our weekly Celebration Worship.

Reception Places 2024

The deadline for applications for child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closed on Monday 15 January 2024.

If you have not made an application yet, please do so as soon as possible via Shropshire Council's - Synergy - Homepage (shropshire.gov.uk)

There is more information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Welshampton Pantomime

A huge well done to all of those children and adults from our Welshampton school community who took part and contributed to the Making Waves pantomime during half term.

There have been absolute rave reviews about all performances and you gave all audience members a wonderful night of entertainment. Next stop, the West End!

Year 6 Bikeability

A reminder for our Year 6 children to bring your bike to school next week on Friday 1st March as you will taking part in this year's Bikeability training.

Diamond Dodgeballers

Our amazing Year 3 and 4 team attended the North Shropshire Schools Finals at Thomas Adams. They had great fun and worked wonderfully well as a team.

They came 6th out of a total of 55 teams which is fantastic achievement! Congratulations all!



Attendance

Willow - 92% ★
Beech - 99% ★★ ★★
Oak - 93% ★★

Average = 94%

Shining Stars of the Week Strength

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'
Joshua 1:9

Willow Class

Bridgette working so hard during our English sessions this week.

Beech Class

Will for fantastic work in maths.

Oak Class

Ava for demonstrating amazing determination and bravery this week.

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Class Dojo Weekly Champions

Beech Class Theo L, Luke Dar and Jack L
Oak Class Annie and George
Willow Class Keira

Outside Achievements

In what I believe to be a first at school, Zain gained a certificate in Minecraft Building!

Adam earned Man of the Match playing rugby.

Following football trials, Luke P has been selected to play for Shrewsbury Up & Comer Hawks.

When representing North Shropshire, Mia came 2nd in hurdles and 1st in long jump.

William also shared fantastic car which he made out of Lego and Ivy shared her beautiful fish model!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Ben Crompton



Welshampton CE Primary School
Nursery Now Open
Places available from 3 Years

Contact us to arrange a visit T: 01948 710325
E: admin@welshampton.shropshire.sch.uk
W: welshamptonprimary.co.uk

7-8.5am to 3-3.30pm
Let Your Light SHINE

Key School Dates

March

1st March

7th March

8th March

12th March

13th March

15th March

March

22nd March

April

8th April

Beech Class Inspire

2:15pm Parents Welcome

World Book Day *(Details TBC)*

Mother's Day Service

2:15pm – Parents Welcome

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Comic Relief *(Details TBC)*

Oak Class Inspire

2.00pm Parents Welcome

Easter Service

9:15am – Parents Welcome

Break up from school

Return to school



CLOSURE NOTICE

from Shropshire Beam and Shropshire Wellbeing Zones Services

Shropshire Beam has been operating with the BeeU partnership in the area since 2017 and over the years we have supported many fantastic children, young people & parents. Unfortunately, our funding will come to an end in April 2024 and as a result both the Beam and Wellbeing Zone service will close.

Within the past year The Children's Society have had the privilege to work with 1578 young people for individual support and 4607 young people in therapeutic workshops. We recognise the impact this will have in the area once our service closes and are terribly disappointed by the news the funding will not continue.

Our staff have started to notify our children, young people and their families of the closure, with further details to be shared on wider TCS social media accounts. We have also provided links to our website which has a range of resources which will support children, young people and parents whilst identifying other great services across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin.

There is so much for us to be proud of and we greatly appreciate all Shropshire Beam and Wellbeing Zone teams and would like to thank you for your support over these fabulous years.

The Children's Society Beam & Wellbeing Zone Teams  @ShropshireBeam

Should you wish to address this closure with comment please do send an email to The Service Manager at shropshirebeam@childrenssociety.org.uk

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 IMPORTANT!

Application to Reception Class September 2024

The deadline for applications for child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closed on **Monday 15 January 2024**. If you have not made an application yet, please do so as soon as possible via Shropshire Council's - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place. Attendance at a nursery does not mean a place in Reception will be available.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

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