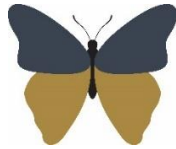


Welshampton Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Monday 9th December 2024**

Message from the Head

Following Storm Darragh this weekend, the school has today not been able to open because we have no power. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this has undoubtedly caused but we hope to be back open as normal tomorrow. If this is not the case, we will communicate this to you as soon as possible.

Pantomime Visit

On Friday afternoon we all visited Theatre Severn for the wonderful performance of Sleeping Beauty. The children – and staff – had a fantastic time and it was great to see the faces of the children as they absorbed everything that a pantomime has to offer!

It is a great opportunity for the children to experience a professional production of the quality on offer in Shrewsbury and it certainly got everyone into the Christmas spirit!

A big well done to Lily and Luke who were invited on to stage for a chat with...



Swimming Gala

A number of our Year 5 and 6 children attended the swimming gala at Ellesmere Primary last Wednesday where they competed against a number of other schools in the pool.

A huge well done to Robin, Oscar, Jack, Theo, Elise, Evelyn, Zoe and Rosie who swam with great speed and determination in all the races they competed in. They were a credit to the school, with Welshampton finishing 3rd overall.

Deva Roman Trip

Last week also saw our Year 3 and Year 4 children visit Chester and learn all about the Romans as part of the work they are doing in history this half term.

Visits such as this really enhance our curriculum offer and is why we are so keen to give the children every opportunity to be out of the classroom and learning by doing. We really appreciate parents financial support for such trips and truly believe in the educational value they bring.



Supporting Your Child at Home

Thank you to all those parents who spend time at home supporting the children's learning. It makes a big difference in school and helps children to progress quickly academically, improving confidence within the classroom.

As reminder, we ask that parents support their children with their homework including spellings, arithmetic skills and reading. This really does make a difference to the children's progress. Thank you.

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Safer Schools Visit

It was a pleasure to welcome Shropshire Safer Schools Lead, Ian Bartlett, to Welshampton where he met members of our School Parliament to discuss being safe in school.

Our children spoke well and were able to share their views, as well as those of the children they represent, with Ian. They came up with a couple of initiatives that they would like to introduce at Welshampton including Playground Buddy's to support children who may feel lonely at break times.

Rearranged Sporting Tournament

In the last couple of weeks, we had the hockey tournament postponed due to the weather.

Unfortunately, due to diary clashes before the end of term, we are unable to attend the on the new date given.

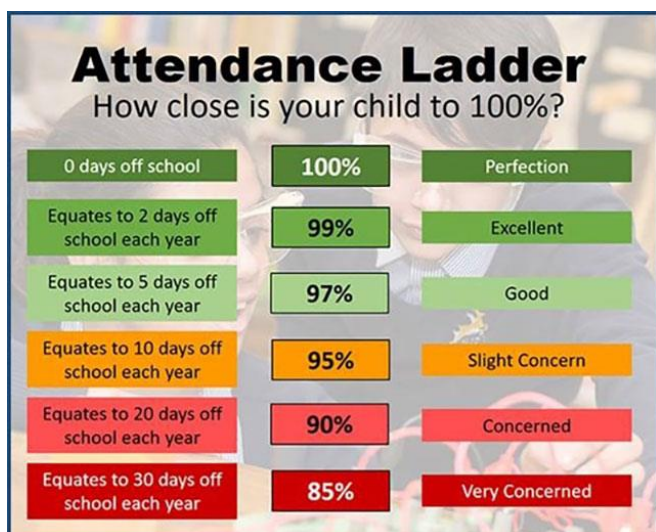
We hope there will be further opportunities for the children to compete in the new year.

Attendance

You may have seen in the media last week concerns regarding school attendance being raised by Ofsted.

The "alarming" level of children missing school has become a "stubborn and damaging issue", according to the chief inspector of Ofsted, England's schools regulator.

Of course, some absence is unavoidable, but please do all you can to bring your children to school. Thank you.



If you need with getting your child into school, please contact Mrs Hordern, our Pastoral Lead. Thank you.

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HAF Free Christmas Holiday Activity Days

The Christmas Holidays are fast approaching and we have great news! The Department of Education has funded places for the HAF programme. If you're eligible, you can book free of charge via the link below for The Embrace Group Holiday Club at Meole Brace C of E Primary School in Shrewsbury, Shifnal Primary School in Shifnal, and St Peter's CE Primary School in Wem.

Children aged 5-13 can participate in sports activities such as Dodgeball, Football, Tag Rugby, Basketball, Cricket, Rounders, Hockey, and fun wide games. All activities are planned and delivered by qualified sports coaches and teachers.

The Department of Education funds the HAF program for 4 hours, but The Embrace Group offers the opportunity for young people to extend sessions for longer at no additional cost.

Please click the link below for more information. Don't miss out!

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=755824695eb950260bd7444f9&id=10c935da41>

Christmas Dinner and Party Day

After Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, the children will enjoy a party afternoon in their classes. For that extra festive flavour, children are invited to come to school in their party outfits!

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday, children are invited to come to school in their Christmas jumpers. Children should wear their school uniform as normal, but instead of their school jumpers / cardigans, they can wear a Christmas Jumper!

After-School Club – Wednesday 18th December

As we have our Christmas Performance on the evening of Wednesday 18th December, children who are booked into after-school club until 5:30pm will be taken over to the church 4:50pm.

If your child is booked in until 4:30pm, please collect your child as normal at 4:30pm.

Welshampton C of E Primary School

STAY AND PLAY

Come and join us this term for our Stay and Play sessions:

Thursday 12th December 2-3pm (forest school)
All ages welcome!

Come and experience our 'little school' where big things happen!

Have a lovely week and let's pray for some good news on the electricity front!

Your sincerely,

Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

December

11th December
12th December
18th December

20th December

Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Performance
5:00pm Parents Welcome
Christmas Performance
9:15am Parents Welcome
(Please note: the Christmas performances on the 18th and 20th December are the same)

January

6th – 8th January

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
Robinwood

March

13th – 14th March

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip
Condover

May

12th – 15th May

Year 6 SATs Week

June

8th – 13th June

Phonics Screening Check Year
4 Multiplication

20th June

Sports Day from 9:30am

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Places available

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

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Christmas Crafts and Santa's Grotto




This Christmas, visit us for a Santa craft experience! Join Santa's elf to make a tree decoration, a puffy paint picture and more. Meet Santa in his grotto and receive a gift.



Saturday 14th December
Hourly slots available between 11am - 3pm
£10 per child
Booking essential on our website

info@shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk
01588 676060
School Road, Craven Arms SY7 9RS
Grow Cook Learn, a registered charity: 1158795

NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY FUN

Join us to celebrate 2025 in our New Year's Eve family activity.

Make a balloon animal, bake a new years treat, make a confetti popper plus more.

**Tuesday
31st Dec**
Drop in between
11am and 3pm



Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre
the home of Grow Cook Learn



£4.50 per child
Recommended age 4 - 11 years

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Adult - £6
Child - £4

Cinema snacks & themed crafts

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