## Welshampton Church of England Primary School



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

## Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Message from the Head

This week we have continued to roll out the Accelerated Reader programme for most children from Year 2 to Year 6. The programme is designed to better match a child's reading and comprehension ability to the books that the children read and therefore improve engagement and enjoyment of reading.

This week we have also invested a further £1000+ in new books for the children to give them more choice and look forward to seeing further development of our reading resources in the coming months.

## What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is used as part of our comprehensive reading programme. While we continue to teach the skills of reading in class through shared texts, the AR books chosen by your child will provide them with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have developed. Pupils using AR are encouraged to progress at their own pace and they have personalised targets based on their reading ability. The aim of AR is for all children to succeed in achieving their targets.

## Why are we using Accelerated Reader?

- Accelerated Reader helps all children become better readers from pupils with special needs to those who are avid and confident readers.
- Accelerated Reader encourages children to read for at least thirty minutes each day and rewards effort and achievement.
- When children read books at their appropriate level they experience success and grow in confidence and reading stamina.

• The teachers work with children to set appropriate targets based on each child's current reading ability or attainment.

As with all new approaches, it will take a bit of time to ensure that the assessments are accurate and the children are best matched to the books that they read.

Further information has been circulated and is attached to this email.

## **Tag Rugby Competition**

Unfortunately, the competition which was due to take place earlier today was postponed due to the weather. We are hopeful that we will have a rearranged date in the near future.

### **Year 6 London Trip**

We are excited that our Year 6 children will once again be visiting London. This year the children will be taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament before enjoying a trip to the West End to watch Matilda the Musical! Further details have been sent out to Year 6 parents.

#### **Newtown Cook Wanted**



## **JOIN OUR TEAM!**

## **WE'RE HIRING**

# **Cook in Charge Vacancy**

## at Newtown Primary School

Monday - Friday (between 9am - 2pm) Term Time Only (plus 3 additional cleaning days)

**Duties include:** Food preparation, stock management, management of kitchen team, food presentation and service set up. Compliance and allergen management

INTERESTED? scan for more information
Website: https://www.shireservices.co.uk/



Job Reference Number: \$\$25/005 Closing Date: 26/01/2025

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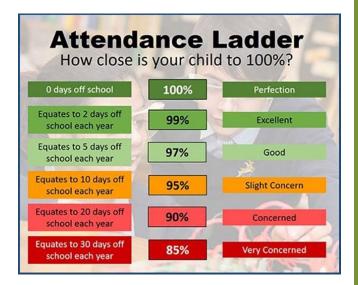




#### **Attendance This Week**

Willow Class 96% ★
Beech Class 99% ★
Oak Class 98% ★

Weekly average: 97%



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

# Shining Stars of the Week Willow Class

Charlotte for her amazing literacy.

## **Beech Class**

Elara for settling back into school so well.

#### **Oak Class**

Elise for her brilliant efforts in maths.

## **Outside Achievements**

Many congratulations to Emma who has gained her Stage 4 award in swimming!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your sincerely, Mr Crompton.

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**Key School Dates** 

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip

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28<sup>th</sup> March Mother's Day Service

March

2:15pm All Welcome

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pm

June

May

 $12^{th} - 15^{th}$  May

8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June Phonics Screening Check Year

4 Multiplication

Year 6 SATs Week

**April** 20<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day from 9:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> April Year 6 London Trip



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