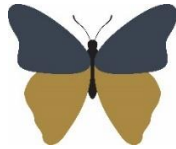


Welshampton Church of England Primary School



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

**Newsletter
Friday 10th January 2025**

Message from the Head

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back to you all after the Christmas break. I hope you had a restful break and spent some quality time with the children during what is such a wonderfully exciting time.

A huge thank you on behalf of the staff at the school for those who gave gifts. They are not in any way expected but are very much appreciated. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with your children every day and everyone appreciates the support that you give the children and school.

We now look forward to a very exciting Spring Term!

Swimming

This half term Willow Class will be swimming on a Friday afternoon. We ask for a payment of £3 per week to go towards the cost of the coach. This can be paid via the School Money App.

PE at Welshampton

PE lessons this term will take place on a Wednesday and a Friday for every class. Children should all wear their PE kit to school on these days. Any new PE kit can be purchased from School Shop Direct.

<https://schoolshopdirect.co.uk/product-category/schools/schools-welshampton-primary/>

Snow Closures

In the event of a snow closure, I will aim to contact parents between 7:30 and 7:45am via school email. A decision to close the school will be based on our risk assessments of the premises and staffing levels. If a number of staff are unable to attend school due to the weather conditions, we will close the school for safeguarding reasons.

Robinwood Residential

I have spent a significant amount of time this week with our Year 5 and 6 children who were at Robinwood Activity Centre for their residential. The children enjoyed 3 days of action-packed activities including caving, high-ropes, archery, giant swing and climbing.

I can't overstate how great it is to see the children challenge themselves and overcome real fears and develop personally on the duration of the course. These trips also give children a sense of independence as they spend time away from home – often for the first time – and sleep in a new place.

The behaviour and attitude of the children was exemplary and all the staff – both from school and the centre – were extremely impressed with everyone.

A huge thank you to the staff – Miss Jones and Mrs Curzon – for their enthusiasm and support they gave the children. Without staff being willing to spend time away from their own families, residential trips could not take place. Thank you.

Supporting Maths at Home

Arithmetic and Times Tables underpin all maths and at school we complete Arithmetic challenges every week. These challenges are stuck into Home School Journals so that parents can monitor attainment and progress of the children. It is also hoped that parents can support their child. The questions essentially stay the same every week, with just the numbers changing, so if a parent can pick a question that was answered incorrectly each week to work on, then the theory the children should get one more question correct every week!



Knowledge of times tables is also crucial to a child's and progress and attainment in maths. All children from Year 2 upwards should have access to Times Table Rockstars (if you don't have access or know the login details, please contact the class teacher). Children should access TTR at least once every week – using the programme has a real impact on how well children achieve in mathematics.

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Forest School

For the next four weeks, Oak Class will enjoy their Forest School sessions before it is the turn of Beech Class.

Please ensure that all children bring appropriate – warm and waterproof – clothing. Children will change into their Forest School clothes at lunchtime.

Parenting Support Available

Please see files attached to this email regarding support for parenting which is offered by Shropshire Council. The feedback I have received on these sessions, suggest they are really and useful and informative.

Role Model Awards

From next week, we will introduce a new weekly award as selected by our Values Ambassadors.

These are awards going to children, as selected by their peers, for demonstrating the values that we build our school upon.

There will be an award for each of our values: Strength, Love and Wisdom.

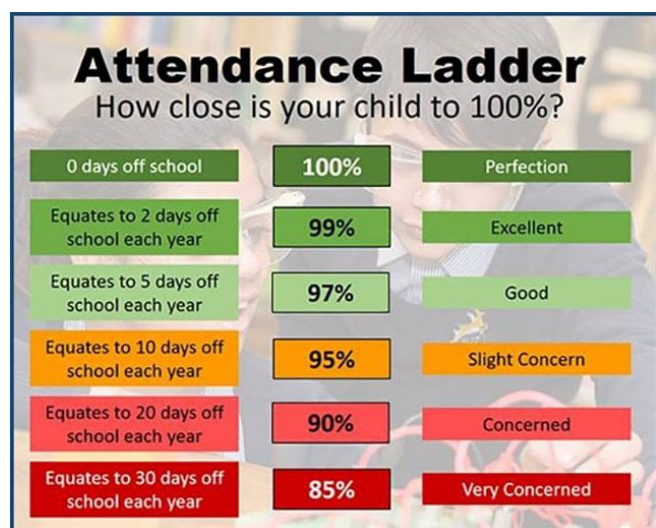
Attendance This Week

Willow Class 100% ★★★★★

Beech Class 99% ★★★★★

Oak Class 89% ★★★★★

Weekly average: 96%



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

Late Arrivals

School starts at 8:45am with doors open shortly after 8:30am. Unfortunately, if children arrive after 9:15am, we will be unable to provide a hot dinner as our kitchen in Newtown makes food to order and these orders must be received by 9:15am. Thank you.

Shining Stars of the Week

Willow Class

Jessica for her amazing writing!

Beech Class

Kiera for creating a super simile poem about 'Fox'.

Oak Class

Archie B for showing strength and determinations on his residential trip.

Outside Achievements

Kiera for gaining her Season Greetings badge and also her 8th birthday badge at Brownies!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

March

13th – 14th March Year 3 & 4 Residential Trip
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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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