# Welshampton Church of England Primary School



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

Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

# Message from the Head

I want to express how proud we are of our year 6's this week! Their hard work and dedication in preparing for their SATs has been great and it's been wonderful to support them in their opportunity to complete their first formal tests and to see them shine regardless of outcome. The children were rewarded for their hard work and achievements this week with a water fight — and a very unfair ambush on Miss Jones and I — and an ice-cream van visit! What a way to end the week!





A special thank you to all the staff for helping at this week including for SATs breakfast, for moving timetables around and for all the encouraging words and for helping to create a calm atmosphere around school. A great example of encouraging one another and building each other up from everyone! Well done all!

# **School Garden Under Development**

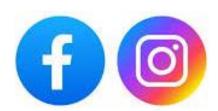
We would like to thank Clare and Ian Manwaring for allowing us to use the land behind the demountable building. As you can see, we have already started strimming and tidying up the area to make it accessible for our children. We plan to install a gate from the playground to this space, and we will be building raised beds and other exciting things so that the children can grow their own plants and learn how to care for their environment.



# **Spreading The Word & Social Media**

We have got so much to shout about at Welshampton and to ensure that both current and prospective parents know about it, we are making an increasing effort to be active on social media most notably on Facebook and Instagram.

If you have accounts, please do give us a follow and share content for everyone to see to ensure that everything we are currently offer can be sustained and improved still further. As funding is linked to the number of children on roll, it is important that the number of families choosing Welshampton is high so we need spread the word!



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# **Online Safety**

Increasingly primary schools across the country are having to deal with more issues relating to communication outside of school via social media and other messaging apps. Our school is not exempt from this.

While activities outside of school are ultimately beyond our control, the repercussions of these interactions are often seen within the school environment detracting from our primary focus on teaching and learning and also negatively effecting mental health of the children.

It is not my role to dictate parenting decisions, but I urge you to consider whether your child is mature enough for unsupervised access of devices / mobile phones. For your reference, the age restrictions for apps such as Snapchat, WhatsApp and Xooloo is 13. These age restrictions are there for a reason.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that secondary schools are implementing bans on mobile phones, and I foresee that the implications of mobile device usage and online interactions will continue to raise concerns about the impact on children's health and wellbeing.

I kindly ask that should you choose to allow your child access to technology at home, you engage in meaningful conversations with them about the responsible use of technology and appropriate communication.

There is an increasing amount of research on the impact of mobile phones on children and there is more media content available including TV programmes. Although primarily about secondary aged children, both Channel 4s 'Swiped: The School That Banned Mobile Phones' and 'Adolescence' on Netflix are worth watching.

# **Eco Warriors**

There are two local events to make you aware of...

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 10-1pm there is a Repair Cafe in Wem Library and on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10-1pm, in Jubilee Square as part of Great Big Green Week. There are a set of workshops to make a difference for nature and Welcome Wildlife. It promises to be a lovely event for children with lots of stuff to make and take home!



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# **Shining Stars of the Week**

#### Strength

'Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.'

Joshua 1:9

# **Willow Class**

Tate for showing great strength and determination in all his work

# **Beech Class**

Zac for showing great strength and stamina in his Big Write.

#### Oak Class

All Year 6 for their amazing determination and effort during SATs.



# **Outside Achievements**

Charlotte for winning a trophy for a colouring competition

Zac gained his Stage 4 and her Stage 5 awards in swimming

# Weekly Attendance Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow Class – 94% \*
Beech Class- 97% \*
Oak Class- 98% \*

Weekly average: 96%



Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Crompton.

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Year 4 Multiplication

**Key School Dates** 

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

23<sup>rd</sup> May Break up for half term

June

2<sup>nd</sup> June Return to school

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