



## Warmingham CE Primary School

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### *‘Let Your Light Shine’*

*Matthew 5:16*

#### Harvest Festival Celebration: A Joyful Reflection on Generosity

School Diary for the  
Week Beginning:  
**6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

#### **Monday**

Hedgehogs PE  
Dance Club

#### **Tuesday**

Squirrels & Badgers PE  
Ethos Club  
Eco Club

#### **Wednesday**

Chess Club

#### **Thursday**

Y3-5 Wider Op Music  
Lessons

Whole School – PE

Y1-6 Music with Mrs  
Henry

Multi-Skills Club  
Choir

#### **Friday**

This half term, our school has been exploring the Christian value of generosity, and it was the perfect theme for our joyful and heartfelt Harvest Festival.

We gathered together in celebration, giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy and reflecting on how important it is to share the gifts God has given us - especially with those in need. The festival was a vibrant expression of gratitude and community spirit.

Each class gave a wonderful performance:

Otters delighted us with their energetic *“Chop, Chop”* poem

Hedgehogs brought smiles with their rendition of *“Combine Harvester”*

Squirrels shared a thoughtful piece on water titled *“H2O”*

Badgers got everyone moving with the lively *“Harvest Samba”*

The service was beautifully led by our head pupils: Emily, Seb, Oscar, and Rogan who did a fantastic job, especially considering it was their first time leading a school service. Their confidence and warmth set the tone for a truly special event.

As a whole school, we sang *“Harvest Time”* and *“We’re So Thankful”*, filling the church with joyful voices and grateful hearts.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food items. These generous contributions will be delivered to St Paul’s Pantry in Crewe, where they will make a real difference to families in need. We know St Paul’s will be deeply grateful.

We also want to extend a special thank you to the parents who walked with us to and from the church. Your support is invaluable - we couldn’t do it without you.

Thank you to everyone who made this celebration so memorable. It was a powerful reminder of the joy that comes from giving – and the strength of our school family.

Thank you.

## Change to our Age Range

Last March we applied to the Department for Education to change our age range so we can welcome some nursery-aged children into Otters Class alongside our reception aged children. We are pleased to confirm that the Regional Director has approved this change for Warmingham CE Primary School. To complete the process, we now need to formalise the change through a Deed of Variation, which is being handled by CDAT's legal team.

Bringing nursery children into Otters Class will allow younger children to benefit from an early start with learning led by a qualified teacher. Our nursery children will develop confidence, language and social skills in a nurturing environment through planned, teacher-led activities that promote early literacy, numeracy and inquisitive play. The reception children will gain leadership opportunities and learn from their younger peers, deepening their own understanding as they model routines and cooperative behaviours. We believe this mixed-age approach supports strong social development and continuity of learning for all pupils and helps create a calm, consistent classroom culture.

Mrs Allen will be supported by another member of staff to help her ensure the needs of every child are met, with targeted small-group work and tailored support where needed. Having a qualified teacher at the heart of Otters Class means teaching is informed by professional assessment and curriculum expertise, ensuring early years practice is purposeful and closely aligned with what children need to be ready for school. This structured, expertise-led environment helps children settle more quickly, builds strong foundations for learning and smooths the transition into full-time Reception, with children arriving better prepared socially, emotionally and academically.

We will only be offering places to children who are rising three-year-olds. This means children may start in the September following their third birthday, so in effect they will turn four during their nursery school year. This arrangement gives children a full year of settled, age-appropriate early years provision before moving seamlessly into Reception, helping them grow in confidence and readiness for the next stage of their education.

We have also been awarded a grant to install two additional toilets to meet the needs of our youngest children. Over the coming weeks, I will be finalising our admissions procedures and completing the remaining legal steps. Our aim is to start offering places from January 2026, but it is more likely that admissions will begin over the spring term once everything has been completed. I will keep you updated on our progress.

We understand that change can feel unsettling, which is why we will take our time to ensure routines, staffing and the environment are right before we open to nursery-aged children. This careful approach will help us provide a safe, well-resourced setting for the youngest children and ensure a positive experience for the whole school community.

If your child was born between **1 September 2021 and 31 July 2022** (to join us this school year, when we open) or **1 September 2022 and 31 July 2023** (to start nursery in September 2026), and you would like to express an interest, please let Mrs Marsden know.



### Wellies Needed

As the winter months approach, every child needs either a pair of wellies or walking boots to keep in school so they can play safely in the woodland area, which gets extremely muddy. Wellies and walking boots will be stored on the outdoor racks overnight; please ensure they are named clearly so we can return items to the correct child. Thank you for helping us keep children warm, dry and able to enjoy the outdoors whatever the weather.

### Bread and Butter Thing

Bread and Butter Thing runs affordable, community food clubs that provide nutritious, low-cost food bags made from high-quality surplus items. Anyone can join without a referral or means test. Members typically pay a small weekly fee for several bags of food, making shopping far more affordable for families and individuals.



The project also works with local partners and volunteers to reduce food waste - <https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/>

### Staff Update: Deputy Wombles Manager

Miss Wilkinson has made the difficult decision to resign from her post as Deputy Wombles Manager. Although she has not been with us long, she has already built warm relationships with the children and will be missed by all. We wish her every success for the future and hope she keeps in touch.



We will begin the recruitment process this week. In the meantime, Mrs Charlesworth and Mrs Brookes will cover the role until half term, by which time we hope to have appointed a new manager.  
Thank you for your support during this transition.

### Mobile Phones on School Premises

A polite reminder that mobile phones **must not be used** while on school grounds. This helps us maintain a safe, focused, and respectful environment for all children and staff.

Please ensure that anyone who picks up your child is also aware of this policy to avoid any awkward conversations at the gate.



### Nut-Free School Reminder

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**. This is not just a policy - it's a vital safety measure. We have both a child and an adult in school with nut allergies, and even trace amounts can cause serious reactions.

We kindly ask all families to ensure that **no nuts or nut-containing products** are brought onto school premises, including in packed lunches and snacks. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school safe for everyone.



## **Thank you to Olivia's Grandad**

A huge thank you to Olivia's grandad for arranging £486.50 in match funding from Barclays. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to our school.

### **What is match funding?**

Match funding is when an employer agrees to match the money raised by an employee for a good cause, often pound for pound. It can apply to fundraising you do on behalf of the school - such as cake sales, raffles or time spent volunteering at events - so the amount you raise can be doubled with minimal extra work.

### **How it helps and how to check ...**

Match funding is a simple way to boost our fundraising and stretch every pound further for the children. If you think your workplace might offer match funding, please check with your HR department or line manager to find out their process and any eligibility requirements. If you need a letter or details from the school to support an application, contact the office and we will help.



### **PTA Annual General Meeting**

We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us for the **PTA AGM** on:



 **Date:** Wednesday 15th October

 **Time:** 6:30 PM 

**Venue:** Bears' Paw

Come along, meet the team, and find out how you can get involved in supporting our school community. Whether you're curious, keen to help, or just want to learn more - your presence makes a difference! We'd love to see you there.



### **Autumn 2025**

- 13<sup>th</sup> October Squirrels Trip to Anderton Boat Lift
- 15<sup>th</sup> October CDAT Rugby Y5/6 @ Brereton CE Primary 9.15-12.15pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> October PTA AGM 6:30pm @ Bears' Paw
- 15<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October TT Rockstar Battle
- 20<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> October Parents Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October TT Rockstar Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October RCSAT Celebration @ St Boniface's Church, Bunbury
- 24<sup>th</sup> October PTA Own Clothes £1
- 4<sup>th</sup> November Badgers Class trip to Shrewsbury Prison
- 6<sup>th</sup> November MCP Tag Rugby Y5/6 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Service @ 10:30am
- 21<sup>st</sup> November PTA Lights Disco
- 28<sup>th</sup> November Own Clothes – Chocolate for the Christmas Fair
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisations
- 1<sup>st</sup> December Messy church (morning)
- 1<sup>st</sup> December Christingle Service @ 1:30pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> December PTA Film Night
- 5<sup>th</sup> December Whole School Theatre Trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> December Own Clothes – Bottles for the Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> December MCP Y5/6 Dodgeball after school @ Middlewich High School
- 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Nativity Service @ 1:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation
- 17<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair

### **Spring 2026**

- 13<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> March Year 4-6 Swimming at Sandbach Leisure Centre
- 5<sup>th</sup> February MCP Indoor Hockey Y5/6 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 10<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> February Parents Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> February PTA Own Clothes £1
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March Hedgehogs Residential
- 4<sup>th</sup> March CDAT Tag Rugby Y3/4 @ Brereton CE Primary 9.15-12.15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> March MCP Netball Y3/4 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 18<sup>th</sup> March Own Clothes – Easter Eggs for the PTA Bingo
- 19<sup>th</sup> March MCP Netball Y5/6 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 20<sup>th</sup> March PTA Music Bingo
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Easter Service @ 10am

### **Summer 2026**

- 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April Squirrels and Badgers Residential
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May Warmingham Wakes
- 7<sup>th</sup> May MCP Football Y5/6 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 20<sup>th</sup> May CDAT Y5/6 Hockey @ Brereton CE Primary 9.15-12.15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> May MHS Football Y3/4 after school @ Middlewich High School
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May PTA Own Clothes £1
- 11<sup>th</sup> June MCP Rounders Y5/6 after school @ Middlewich Primary
- 15<sup>th</sup> June CDAY Y3/4 Hockey @ Brereton CE Primary 9.15-12.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> June MCP Town Sports Y3-6 after school @ Middlewich Primary
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Reserve Sports Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> June PTA Family Quiz
- 10<sup>th</sup> July Children's end of Year Reports
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Break the Rules Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Prom (Y5 welcome)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Celebration Service @ 10am

### **TERM Dates & INSET Days**

**New dates or changes to previously advertised dates are shown in bold**