



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

### **Message from the Head**

#### **It's Christmas!**

As we head into the Christmas break, it feels like the perfect moment to pause and reflect on what has been an incredibly busy, joyful and enriching half term. The energy across school has been fantastic, with children embracing every opportunity, challenge and celebration that has come their way.

The half term began with our Open Days, where we welcomed families into school to experience firsthand the warmth, ambition and sense of community that make our school such a special place. We have also been delighted to welcome several new families into our school community over the last few weeks, and it has been wonderful to see new children settling in so confidently.

Sporting opportunities came thick and fast, with the girls enjoying a football mini tournament alongside Newtown and St Peter's, and the boys later taking to our own pitch for their own tournament. Our KS2 swimmers represented the school brilliantly at the Oswestry gala, showing great determination and team spirit, and our Year 6 children took part in Bikeability, developing valuable confidence and safety skills on the road.

We marked Remembrance Day with thoughtful commemorations, giving children time to reflect on the importance of honouring those who served. Our Charity Ministers visited the Whitchurch Food Bank to see firsthand how our donations support families across our community.

EYFS enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Oteley Estate, full of outdoor exploration and discovery, shortly after, a visit to Whixall Christmas Tree Farm brought a little seasonal magic as children selected the perfect Christmas trees for school. Our older children also enjoyed a fantastic visit to Lakelands to watch their performance of Oliver.

Our Forest School Festive Day was another highlight, bringing the whole school together outdoors for a day of woodland activities that ended with everyone gathering around the Christmas tree for singing and warm mulled apple juice.

Christmas Jumper Day filled the school with colour and the Christmas Talent Show and the non-stop party that followed was brilliant fun, showcasing the creativity, confidence and humour of our children – before Father Christmas made a last-minute surprise appearance today to add even more festive sparkle.

Our children also enjoyed giving back to the community through singing at the Village Hall for local residents, and by taking part in our Hope House sponsored dance, throwing themselves into the challenge to support a charity close to many hearts

All of this built towards our Nativity celebrations. Our children shone in Tuesday night's performance, sharing the Nativity story with all the joy, energy and innocence that only they can bring. A special mention to the Welshampton Friends for running a very successful raffle and Guess the Name game too!

Grayson has won the cuddly reindeer in our Guess the reindeer name competition. He chose the name 'Bossy!' which was picked out of a hat at school this afternoon. Well done Grayson!

But none of the above would have been possible without the exceptional dedication of our staff. They continually go above and beyond to provide the children in our care with the richest experiences and the highest quality education. I want to offer a heartfelt thank you to every member of the team, and I hope they enjoy a truly well-deserved break with their own friends and families – a chance to rest, recharge and return refreshed for an exciting new term in January.

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## Santa Claus Is Comin' To Welshampton

We had a very special visitor to Welshampton earlier today as Father Christmas made a surprise visit to see the children and give them all a gift.

This brought great excitement to the school – and to Mrs Hordern - as he visited each class and took some questions from the children before having to dash back to the North Pole to get ready for next week... thank you Santa!



### First Week Back Reminder

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January is a PD Day for staff; therefore, the children will return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January we will venture to Mold to watch the Rock 'n' Roll Cinderella Pantomime. Please be reminded that this will remain a late return to school.

### School Lunch Price Rise Reminder

We have tried desperately to keep the price of school lunches to a minimum but unfortunately with the school significantly subsidising hot school meals each year, we are now in a situation where the price of school meals must go up. They will rise from £2.50 to £2.65 from January.

If your child doesn't currently have hot school dinners, and you would like them to, please do let us know as we try to reduce the financial cost to school.



### Weekly Attendance

#### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow - 98%

Beech - 94%

Oak - 99%

Weekly average: 97%



### Autumn Term Attendance

#### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow - 94%

Beech - 96%

Oak - 97%

Termly average: 96%



### Dojo Champions of The Year

#### Willow Class

Ava, Mabel and Tate

#### Beech Class

Albie, Tom and Zac

#### Oak Class

Connie, Luke P and Meghan



### Shining Stars of The Week

#### Willow Class

The whole of Willow class for being amazing superstars in our Nativity Show

#### Beech Class

Felicity for working so hard, settling in so well and being friend such a lovely friend always

#### Oak Class

Connie for working so hard with her maths this week.

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### Values Awards

as chosen by our values ambassadors  
Luke P, Connie and Martha.

#### Strength

Kaden for persevering with his maths this week.

#### Love

Meghan for showing such kindness on the playground

#### Wisdom

Autumn, Florence, Poppy R, Elsie and Honey for being very wise sheep!



### Outside Achievements

There was lots of things to celebrate today!

A huge well done to all of the following children for their hard work, dedication, and brilliant accomplishments...

In swimming, Poppy R has proudly gained her 5 metres badge, while Maise has reached an impressive 50 metres. Adam has gone even further still, achieving a remarkable 1500 metres badge. Both Oskar and Theo L have excelled in competitive swimming too, each earning several medals for Oswestry Otters.

Theo has also had a particularly busy and successful time beyond the pool – as well as his swimming medals, he has been awarded STORM of the Year in Tae Kwon Do and has earned several new badges in Scouts.

Freddie has shone on the rugby field, securing the title of Player of the Match for his team.

In gymnastics, Max performed brilliantly to take second place in a recent competition, and Elsie is also making great progress, having achieved her next stage award. Congratulations all!



### Headteacher's Award

There is no doubt that the lead up to Christmas is the most exhausting but rewarding half term of the year - not only for the children, but for staff and parents too.

Therefore, to see us come together as a school community to celebrate this festive season and create memories has been a joy to behold.

I sincerely wish you all a wonderful Christmas and happy and prosperous new year.

Kind regards,  
Mr Ben Crompton.

### Key School Dates

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> January

PD Day

6<sup>th</sup> January

Children return to school

8<sup>th</sup> January

Cinderella Pantomime

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