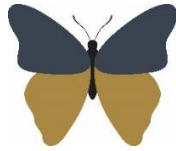


**Welshampton Church of England
Primary School**



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

**Newsletter
Friday 16th January 2026**

Message from the Head

As we begin this new year, it feels like a good time to remind ourselves of the vision that sits at the heart of our school family.

Our school vision – Growing together in strength, love and wisdom, we shine – is much more than a statement on a wall. It shapes who we are as a school, how we learn, how we care for one another, and how we encourage every child to be the best they can be.

As a church school, to help our children understand and live out this vision each day, we use the Bible and the stories that bring its values to life. The Good Samaritan teaches us love in action, Daniel in the Lions' Den shows us true strength and courage, and the Wise and Foolish Builders remind us of the importance of building our lives on wisdom and strong foundations.

All of this leads us to 'Let Your Light Shine' (Matthew 5:16) which is a message that inspires our pupils to recognise their unique gifts and share them with confidence.

As we start the year, may we continue to grow together so that, in strength, love and wisdom, we shine brightly.

I have attached a more detailed document to the newsletter which I encourage you to read.



Food Bank Thanks

In Autumn, as part of our Harvest Celebrations, you generously donated food which we, alongside of Charity Ministers, delivered to the food bank in Whitchurch.

This week they have sent us the following email of thanks.

We're delighted to share that we recently received a fantastic donation from Welshampton C of E Primary School at our Food Bank. The donation weighed an incredible 61 kg – wonderful!

THANK YOU so much. We truly appreciate your support for Whitchurch Food Bank. Please pass on our sincere thanks to all the pupils who supported your appeal, and of course to mums and dads too!

It doesn't seem long since we had such amazing support from schools, churches, and chapels following their Harvest celebrations, which helped to restock our emptying shelves. Sadly, donations from Whitchurch supermarkets – Tesco and Sainsbury's – dropped by 20% over the past year, as have donations from the general public. This suggests that many families are still struggling with the continuing rise in the cost of living, and as a result, donations have fallen. That's why we were so delighted by the generosity at Harvest – it truly was a time of giving!

Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were able to deliver food to 70 families (117 adults and 167 children) recommended to us by local schools over the festive period. This was only possible because of the kindness and generosity of people like you. We have so much to be thankful for!

Our motto at Foodbank is – "Never forget, that every item we receive makes a world of difference to someone in despair, and we cannot thank you enough for standing with us."

Once again, a huge THANK YOU for your support. We are truly grateful to you all!

Whitchurch Foodbank

**Helping local people
in crisis**

<https://whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk/>

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300 Club January Winners

Congratulations this month go to ...

£50 Nikki Stacey
£10 Ivor Pugh
£10 Colin Livermore
£10 Judith Tildsley

This was drawn on Monday at school after our morning worship.

The tickets are currently being printed for the new 2026/27 round of 300 Club draws and they will be on sale soon! Watch this space for more information!



Values Awards Strength

Jack and Oskar for helping build Miss Jones' new chair

Love

Sophia for being kind to all her friends

Wisdom

Kasan for doing really well in his maths work this week



Last Week's Shining Stars of The Week!

Willow Class Nursery

All of Nursery for being amazing from the start to finish at the pantomime

Willow Class

Tommy for showing strength, love and enthusiasm in all of his work!

Beech Class

Emma for trying hard to improve her cursive handwriting

Oak Class

Luke Dar for demonstrating wonderful dedication to learning



Shining Stars of The Week!

Willow Class Nursery

Poppy R for returning to school with amazing maturity and independence

Willow Class

Tate for showing strength and wisdom in maths during our addition

Beech Class

Esther for working to improve her handwriting and presentation.

Oak Class

Luke P for showing kindness and support towards his friends



Outside Achievements

Poppy Darby

Well done on gaining your 13 & 14 Proficiency Award in gymnastics

Ethan

Well done on gaining your 100m swimming medal

Have a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Crompton.

Key School Dates

February

February 13 th	Break Up for Half Term
February 23 rd	Return to School

March

March 27 th	Easter Service – 9:15am
March 27 th	Break Up for Easter Holiday

April

April 13 th	Return to School
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