Welshampton Church of England Primary School

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

Newsletter
Friday 6th February 2026

Message from the Head

We are pleased to share how spirituality continues to grow at Welshampton Church of England Primary School. Rooted in our vision Growing together in strength, love and wisdom, we shine, spirituality shapes how we learn, live and support one another.

Spirituality at Welshampton is for everyone – children, staff, families and our wider community. It is the deepening of our relationships with ourselves, others, the world and something greater than ourselves. To make this meaningful for pupils, we will use a simple shared language: In, Out, Up.

What It Means

IN – Looking Inward

Helping children understand who they are - their thoughts and feelings – which builds inner strength, confidence, reflection and emotional awareness.

OUT – Looking Outward

Focusing on relationships and our place in the world which develops empathy, kindness, respect for diversity and responsibility for community and creation.

UP – Looking Upward and Beyond

Encouraging awe, wonder and exploration of bigger questions which includes our Christian values and openness to faith and mystery.

This shared language helps all pupils recognise and express spiritual moments in age-appropriate ways.

Why Spirituality Matters

Through this approach, children grow in resilience, wisdom, empathy, creativity and joy – helping every child shine.

How This Looks in School Life

Teachers plan for awe, wonder and big questions in all subjects - from ethical discussions and debate to creativity in the arts and curiosity in science.

Our In, Out, Up model guides daily worship, reflecting on Christian values, hearing Bible stories and exploring life's joys and challenges.

Spirituality is lived out through kindness, restorative approaches, celebrations of uniqueness and valuing each person.

Classrooms include reflection areas, with wider school displays encouraging prayer, stillness and spiritual exploration.

A Spirituality That Helps Everyone Flourish

Our approach supports the wellbeing and growth of the whole school community. By embedding In, Out, Up in all aspects of school life, Welshampton continues to be a place where everyone feels valued, supported and inspired to grow in strength, love and wisdom.

D-I-S-C-O

Tickets available before and after school next week – siblings very welcome!

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School Holidays in Term Time

I would like to remind all families about the rules surrounding term-time holidays and the responsibilities that schools have in enforcing government attendance guidance.

As a school, we fully understand that family time is important and that holiday costs can rise significantly outside of term dates. Taking a break is something we all value. However, government legislation is very clear that headteachers may only authorise term-time leave in *exceptional circumstances*. Family holidays, for whatever reason, do not meet this threshold.

Because of this, any unauthorised holiday taken during term time may result in a fixed penalty notice issued to parents or carers. This is not something we want to do, but it *is* something the school is legally required to enforce.

Each term, our school is visited by the Education Welfare Officer, who carefully monitors attendance and checks that we are following national guidance. As part of this process, attendance patterns and unauthorised absences are reviewed. Where persistent or significant unauthorised absence is identified, the school must take action.

We would much rather work with families to avoid these situations. Excellent attendance ensures that your child does not miss valuable learning and helps them to feel settled and confident in school. If you are experiencing difficulties that may affect your child's attendance, please speak with us as early as possible so we can help.

School Term Dates for This Year and Next

Current School Year 2025 - 2026

Remaining School PD Days 2025-2026

- Monday 20th July

School Year 2026 - 2027

School PD Days - Children not in 2026-2027

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027
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Forest School Day - Monday

Next Monday - 9th February - will be a whole school Forest School Day! Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes – no uniforms or book bags needed. Please ensure your child has:

A pair of wellies, indoor shoes for lunchtimes and warm, suitable clothing that you don't mind getting muddy!

Our day will be themed around Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day, including our annual pancake race, cooking pancakes on the fire, and a range of activities focused on one of our core values: **love.**

🏆 February 300 Club Winners! 🏆

£50 Frank Davies
£10 Ann Boskett
£10 Peter Thompson
£10 Silvia Staripavlova

This was the final draw of the 25/26 cycle. You still have 1 more week to pay for your NEW 300 tickets to be in with a chance to win in the next 12 draws. Please bring your ticket stub / payment into school (or pay via BACS) ASAP. Deadline: 13th February.

If you have any questions, have lost your tickets or if you would like some extras 😍 then please let either Karen Darbey, Carolyn Lipson, Julie Bridges or the office know.

Thank you so much for your support – The 300 Club Team

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Valentines Friendship Café

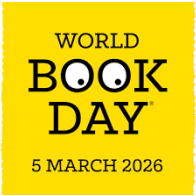
Next Friday, to celebrate the final day of this half term, we will be hosting a special Friendship Café for all children as part of our focus on friendship and our *love* value.

At 2.30pm, Oak Class will be setting up a lovely selection of cakes and fruit kebabs to serve to the children.

Our House Captains are also preparing a range of activities to help the children celebrate friendship together, including poem writing, heart-themed crafts, and other thoughtful, creative tasks.

Earlier in the day, Nursery will be making friendship snacks, and Cooking Club will be baking cupcakes ready for the café.

It promises to be a warm, joyful afternoon of sharing, kindness, and community.



World Book Day Is Coming!

For World Book Day this year - 5th March - we will be celebrating with a Vocabulary Parade!

Instead of dressing as book characters, children choose an interesting or powerful word and wear a simple costume, prop, or badge to show what their word means.

Examples:

- If your word is magical, you might come as a *fairy* or *wizard*.
- If your word is brave, you could wear a *cape* or *shield*.
- If your word is sparkly, you might add *glittery accessories*.
- If your word is sleepy, pyjamas work perfectly!

This is a fun and creative way to build vocabulary while avoiding pressure to buy costumes.

Missing Socks

The school has bought about 20 pairs of green football socks for sporting events so that we look nice and smart for tournament that we enter… we are down to our final two!

Can we ask that we have a green sock amnesty – no questions asked – next week please. Thank you.

One-Way System

A quick reminder that we have an unofficial *one-way system* in place during drop-off and pick-up times.
If you're unfamiliar with this:

Parents should access the car park by driving past the school on your left from the main road.

When leaving, please use the lane directly opposite the car park. Taking the first right down that lane will bring you back out onto the main road near the village hall.

Following this route really helps to reduce congestion and, more importantly, keeps everyone walking to school safe. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow…

Willow Class – 97% ⭐
Beech Class - 99% ⭐⭐⭐
Oak Class - 98% ⭐⭐

Average – 98%

School target – 97%

Great work everyone!

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Shining Stars of The Week!

Willow Nursery
Sophia A for showing a love of mark making

Willow Class
Bradley for his love for learning in writing

Beech Class
Adam for showing love in his learning always

Oak Class
Jack for being wonderfully honest in school

Values Awards

Strength
The whole school Tag Rugby Team for their fabulous victories against Ellesmere College and Newtown.

Love
Amelia E for showing great Love to her friends

Wisdom
Martha for demonstrating amazing wisdom in science

Outside Achievements
Zac on gaining his 100 metres and Stage 5 certificates in swimming

Mila on moving on to the Gold Book in her piano lessons.

Headteacher's Award
Martha and Meghan for being such great Worship Assistants.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Mr Crompton

Key School Dates

February

February 9th	Whole School Forest Day
February 13th	Break Up for Half Term
February 23rd	Return to School

March

March 5th	World Book Day
March 18th	Inspire Morning with Mr Kitcher
March 23rd	Year 3,4,5 Flaxmill Maltings Trip
March 27th	Easter Service – 9:15am
March 27th	Break Up for Easter Holiday

April

April 13th	Return to School
April 15th	Year 6 Trip to London

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Shrewsbury Town Foundation
February
Holiday Clubs
at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
For children aged 5 to 11, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities with a focus on fun and sports! Groups of mixed age and ability.
16th to 20th February at The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST
Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18
foundationstfc.co.uk/fun
Get in touch
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CALLING ALL JUNIOR HEROES
BRIGHT SPARKS
Presents FREE
HALF TERM HOLIDAY FUN
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN
GAMES
CRAFT
BIBLE STORIES
QUIZ
DATE:
Wednesday 18 February
TIME
2pm- 4.30 pm
VENUE:
Ellesmere Town Hall
Scan here to sign up or collect a registration from
More Than a Sundae, Cross street
Hosted by
The Cellar Church