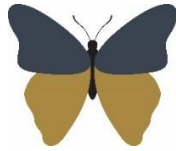


**Welshampton Church of England  
Primary School**



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

**Newsletter  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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**Message from the Head**

This week we enjoyed a wonderfully action-packed day in Forest School, bringing together the themes of Shrove Tuesday and Children's Mental Health Week. The children spent the whole day outdoors, embracing creativity, teamwork, and plenty of fresh air as they built dens, climbed trees, and warmed themselves with hot chocolate.

They cooked and flipped pancakes, dug mud pits that quickly turned into mud-pie kitchens, and crafted everything from friendship bracelets to magic wands.

Branches were shaped into a large heart, and "bug museums" appeared as children explored the natural world around them.

There was laughter as they rolled in barrels, moments of calm as they relaxed in tyres, and a wonderful sense of togetherness as they supported and encouraged one another throughout the day.

The video on Class Dojo captures the spirit of the day perfectly. Kind, caring children supporting one another, sharing ideas, celebrating achievements, and enjoying each other's company.

Days like that remind us how special our school community truly is!

**School Disco**

It was disco time yesterday – and a great success it was! Thank you to our Friends for organising the event and Tinsley's Mobile Disco and Games for keeping the children on their feet and entertained!

It has been really brilliant to see so many parents want to get involved and join our Friends team to support the children.

On the subject of our Wonderful Friends...

**Potential Pond Revamp**

Mr Lander has been in touch Shropshire Wildlife Trust regarding the school pond and its restoration to become a resource that the children could use.

With the possibility of newts present, we have a limited window to carry out any essential work. So, to move things forward, we'd like to organise a weekend pond work party.

Mr Lander has kindly offered to don waders and begin clearing some of the rushes to reopen areas of water, but we'll need a small team of volunteers to help with removing and hauling out the vegetation. The rushes can be left around the pond to drain and will be cleared or composted later.

The Friends will still be holding their usual spring clean-up later in the year, when we can tackle tasks like hedge-cutting and inspecting the decking. But, for now, the priority is the in-pond work.

We're still finalising a date, but if you might be able to spare a little time one weekend soon, please let us know. Even a couple of extra pairs of hands would make a big difference.



**Valentines Friendship Cafe**

Earlier today, we hosted our Friendship Cafe to mark the final day of this half term. Children from across the school took part in a range of activities linked to friendship and our school value of love.

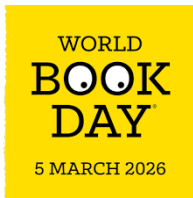
Oak Class prepared and served cakes and fruit kebabs, creating a simple cafe-style setup for everyone to enjoy. Our House Captains led several activities, including friendship poetry, heart-themed crafts, and other tasks that encouraged pupils to think about what friendship means to them.

Earlier in the day, Nursery children made friendship snacks, and Cooking Club baked cupcakes ready for the afternoon.

It was a great way to end the half term! Happy Valentines all!

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### World Book Day Is Coming!

For World Book Day this year - 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### Missing Sock Amnesty



Thank you to those children who have returned school socks – no questions asked!

The amnesty is still – and will always be – open so please drop off if you have any. Thank you.



### Weekly Attendance Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow Class – 100% ★  
Beech Class - 96% ★★ ★  
Oak Class - 90% ★★

Average – 95.3%

School target – 97%

### ★ Shining Stars of The Week!

#### Willow Nursery

Hagan showing great confidence within his learning

#### Willow Class

Henry for showing love, strength and wisdom during his first week

#### Beech Class

Lily and Teddy C for showing great strength during their first week at Welshampton

#### Oak Class

Evie for always being so wonderful in Oak Class



### Values Awards

#### Strength

Luke Dar for being brave when cut his head open

#### Love

Elara for showing love to her friends

#### Wisdom

Theo for always being ready and prepared to work hard



### Headteacher's Award

Miss Hannaby and Miss Edge for being Fabulously Faithful and weeding out all the traitors as they won the staff version of The Traitors which concluded with the children on Wednesday.

Have a wonderful half term break!

Kind regards,  
Mr Crompton

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## Key School Dates

### February

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Return to School

### March

March 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
March 16<sup>th</sup> Federation Journey Day @ Newtown  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Inspire Morning with Mr Kitcher  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 3,4,5 Flaxmill Maltings Trip  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Service – 9:15am  
March 27<sup>th</sup> Break Up for Easter Holiday

### April

April 13<sup>th</sup> Return to School  
April 15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Trip to London

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