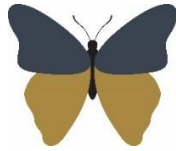


**Welshampton Church of England
Primary School**



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

**Newsletter
Friday 27th March 2026**

Message from the Head

As we come to the end of a very busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy Easter. This is a time of hope and new beginnings reminds us of the importance of rest, reflection and time spent with loved ones.

It has been wonderful to see our children growing in strength, love and wisdom over the past weeks, and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. We look forward to returning refreshed for the summer term and ready for more learning, more opportunities and more moments of joy together.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Easter.

A Message of Thanks to Reverend Gareth

Today we said a heartfelt thank you to Reverend Gareth, who will soon be moving on to serve in a new diocese after being with us for around two and a half years.

During his time with us, Rev Gareth has brought warmth, kindness and a genuine connection with our children. His worships, visits and support for the school have helped shape a calm, caring atmosphere where pupils feel valued and inspired. He has been a wonderful presence in our school life and both staff and children have greatly appreciated the time, thought and faith he has shared with us.

While we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him as he begins this new chapter in his ministry. We know he will continue to make a difference to the communities he serves, just as he has here.

We send Rev Gareth our warmest thanks and every blessing for the future - he will always be a cherished part of our school story.

Reverend Gareth, whilst we're here today
We want to thank you in our special way.
For two and a half years, you've helped us grow,
And now you're off where new winds blow.

We'll always remember your gentle smile,
Your calm, kind voice that stayed awhile.
You spoke so softly – a peaceful sound –
That made our busy world slow down.

We'll never forget how the water blessed,
Sprinkled on us as we stood, impressed!
Holy water drops upon our clothes and hair –
We giggled... but we loved your care.

And that day outside on Forest School field,
When you led our worship – you spoke, you healed!
Wind in your robes, leaves swirling around –
Still you made magic on muddy ground.

Your bobble hats – oh, what a sight!
Each colour bold, each shade so bright.
You taught us the church year, hat by hat –
No one else could've done it quite like that!

And when winter came, you'd always say
A little prayer for a *snow day*.
We joined you too – with hopeful cheer –
Though teachers weren't so sure, we hear!

So as you journey to somewhere new,
We know how lucky they are to have you.
We'll miss you lots, but we'll be glad
For all the fun and joy we've had.

So as you journey toward pastures new,
Please take our love and thanks with you.
We'll treasure the memories, every one –
Your gentle voice, your kindness, all you've done.

And we'll remember, with smiles so bright,
Your holy water - a shining light,
A blessing given, kind and true –
Reverend Gareth, our hearts have been blessed by
you.

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Little City – A Big Winner!

Our Nursery children ventured over to Newtown and had an amazing time during their Little City Adventure this week. From role-play to real-world problem-solving, they embraced every moment with enthusiasm and curiosity.

I think they have been the best behaved, polite and enthusiastic passengers the minibus has had!



Easter Garden Competition – Congratulations

Well done to all the children who created such beautiful Easter Gardens. The creativity thought and care that went into each one was evident and they looked wonderful displayed in church for everyone to enjoy.

A huge congratulations to everyone as every garden was something to be proud of.

Fabulous Flaxmill Maltings

At the start of this week, our Year 3, 4 and 5 children enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Flaxmill Maltings in Shrewsbury - a wonderful opportunity to step into the past and discover one of Shropshire's most iconic historical sites.

During the visit, the children learned about the fascinating story of the Flaxmill, often known as the grandparent of skyscrapers due to its pioneering iron-framed structure. They explored how the building had changed over time – from a flax mill to a maltings and now a beautifully restored heritage landmark.

Our children particularly enjoyed learning about the people who worked at the mill, discovering what daily life was like during the Industrial Revolution and making links to their history and local studies work back in the classroom. Staff at the Flaxmill commented on the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

Experiences like this help deepen our pupils' understanding of the world around them and strengthen their appreciation for local history.

Booka Bookshop Reward Visit

A small group of our children enjoyed a special reward visit to Booka Bookshop in Oswestry yesterday. This opportunity recognised their marvellous commitment to reading at home and their consistently positive attitude toward developing their reading skills.

As part of this new reading initiative, children who demonstrate strong, regular reading habits are celebrated for their enthusiasm and dedication. This visit is one way we aim to foster a lifelong love of reading.

The trip will take place at the end of each half term, with children travelling to and from Oswestry on the minibus.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging a love of reading at home – it is so, so important.

New School Lunch Menu Launching After Easter

We are pleased to share that our new Shire Services school lunch menus will be introduced when we return after the Easter break. The updated three-week menu cycle offers a wide range of freshly cooked, nutritious, and seasonal meals, designed to keep pupils energised and ready to learn.

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Shire Services provide all meals fresh at Newtown each day before being transported to Welshampton, with options that cater for different tastes and dietary needs – including familiar family favourites, vegetarian choices, jacket potatoes, seasonal vegetables, salads, and a daily selection of healthy desserts.

Across the term, pupils will continue to enjoy a variety of themed dishes and exciting menu days, helping to make lunchtimes both nutritious and enjoyable. You can find full details of the new menus, including the three-week rotation running from April 2026 to March 2027, in the documents attached to the newsletter and on our school website.

Allergies, Intolerances, and Dietary Needs

If your child has any allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements, Shire Services can arrange a meeting with parents to agree the most suitable menu options.

Schools cost £2.60 per meal but are free to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Easter Fayre Success

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter events after school today. Thankfully the weather was on our side and didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Thank you to Tesco for donating – a lot of – Easter eggs and of course to our Fabulous Friends for organising and running it all! We look forward to sharing the amount raised after the holidays.

There were a couple of competitions too which I don't have names for but the fabulous winning cakes were as follows.



Colouring competition winners to be shared after the holidays.

Summer Performance – New Date

Please note that we have had to change the date of our summer performance. The new date will be Tuesday 14 July. This change is due to Lakelands Induction Day taking place on 7 July, which was our originally planned date.

SCHOOL FIELD SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday 18th April 2pm to 4pm

Please join us on the school field to tidy ready for Spring and Summer
e.g. raking leaves and twigs, trimming hedges, weeding etc

We'll provide:

- Biscuits and cakes

What to bring:

- Tools
- Comfortable clothes
- Water
- Friends and family!

Tools to bring (if you can)

- Brooms
- Rakes
- Shovels and spades
- Loppers/shears
- Gardening gloves
- Strimmer
- Chain Saw
- Leaf Blower
- Wheel barrow
- Any other useful items!

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End of Year Financial Year Approaching

As we approach the Financial Year End, please can parents make sure all outstanding dinner and club debts are paid in full before we break up for the Easter holiday.

Payment can be made online at: Eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney or we can take card payments over the telephone or in person.



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow Class – 96% ★
Beech Class - 99% ★★★★★
Oak Class - 99% ★★
Average – 98%

School target – 97%



Shining Stars of The Week!

Willow Nursery

Hagan for showing much interest and enthusiasm in his role play during trip to "Little City"

Willow Class

Ava for showing great wisdom during maths this week

Beech Class

The whole class for showing great Strength, Love and Wisdom on their trip to the Flaxmill Maltings

Oak Class

Henry for being an absolute superstar



Values Awards

As chosen by our Values Ambassadors

Strength

Kiera for showing great strength during the fire drill

Love

Felicity for showing love to everyone, always

Wisdom

Mrs Hordern for all she does – and her wise ways!



Outside Achievements

Elsie S on passing her first stage in Swimming

Luke Dar on gaining his Brown Belt in martial arts

Tate on gaining his White Belt in Taekondo

Class Dojo Champions

Nursery

Florence, Sophie C and Reid

Willow Class

Charlotte, Emile P and Poppy Dar

Beech Class

Adam, Lily and Teddy C

Oak Class

Bella, Luke Dim and Oskar

Super Readers

Well done to Arthur, Maisie Mabel, Mila, Teddy C and Theo L who thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Booka Bookshop as a reward for their fantastic efforts in reading.

Pen Licence

Well done to Luke P for getting his license after a few weeks of waiting!

Have a wonderful Easter Break!

Kind regards,
Mr Crompton

Key School Dates

April

April 13 th	Return to School
April 15 th	Year 6 London Trip
April 18 th	School Field Tidy 2pm – 4pm

May

May 11th – 14th KS2 SATs Week

June

June 8 th – 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week
June 8 th – 12 th	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
June 19 th	Father's Day Event
June 26 th	Sports Day – 9:00am

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July

July 14th

July 17th

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Summer Performance

Leavers Service – 9:15am

Break Up for Summer

'A terrific performer...she needs to be seen and heard wherever possible,'
MICHAEL ROSEN

JUDE SIMPSON

A NOISE ANNOYS

A FAMILY SHOW
FEATURING POETRY,
SONGS, AND SILLINESS

'Witty, engaging, fun'

'Loved how interactive it was'

'Great for all ages'

First presented at: CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION
Supported by:

Monday 30th March, 10.30am
Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, SY7 9RS
Tickets: Adults £5, Child £3
www.artsalive.co.uk
01588 676060



Pond Dipping

Easter Holiday Activity

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April
AND
Monday 6th - Friday 10th April

4-11
year
olds

This Easter holidays, explore a fascinating under water world as you dip our pond for mini beasts to identify. Draw or take photos of your favourites.

£5 per
child

2pm
-
3.30pm

Book
Online

www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk



TITANS LEARN TO SWIM

Swimming Lessons at Ellesmere Primary School Pool
Monday • Wednesday • Saturday (Term Time)

SMALL GROUPS | EXPERT COACHING | AGES 2+

TODDLER LESSONS (AGES 2-3)

- Parent & child classes introducing toddlers to the water.
- ✓ Maximum 6 toddlers per class
- ✓ Parent in the water
- ✓ Build water confidence through fun activities
- ✓ The perfect start to a child's swimming journey



LEARN TO SWIM (STAGES 1-6) – AGE 3+

- > Very small class ratios
- > 3:1 in shallow water
- > 4:1 in deep water

Children learn:

- > Water confidence,
- > Floating & breathing
- > All four swimming strokes
- > Diving & basic turns



ADVANCED SWIMMERS

- > Stage 7 – 1 hour sessions swimming lengths
- > Stage 8-10 – Pre-competition squad (up to 3 sessions per week)

SWIM FITNESS

- > Junior Swim Fit
- > Adult Swim Fit



Contact Details

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Why parents choose Titans

- ★ Very small class sizes
- ★ Structured pathway from toddler to advanced swimmer
- ★ Experienced instructors
- ★ Friendly supportive environment



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