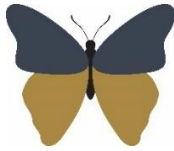


**Welshampton Church of England
Primary School**



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

**Newsletter
Friday 24th April 2026**

Message from the Head

It has been lovely to see some much-needed sunshine over the past few days, which has certainly been welcomed across the school. The children have enjoyed spending more time outdoors and it has been wonderful to see learning, play and smiles. There has also been some exciting news inside the building...

Welshampton FM – Coming Soon!

This week we shared some very exciting news with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils – we are launching our very own radio show on Welshampton FM!



Welshampton FM will be a 24-minute radio show, presented and produced entirely by the children of our school using professional equipment and software. The programme will be broadcast on InTune Radio - <https://intune-radio.co.uk/> - on a Saturday morning every month or so. Radio Club has now been launched, with children working in teams to plan, record and produce two shows before the next team takes over.



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Our first Welshampton FM team will be as follows:

Producers - Henry and Rosie
Presenters - Luke Dim and Kaden
Interviewers - Freddie and Evie
Reporters - Connie and Jack

Although this is a Year 5 and Year 6 project, the show will include voices and contributions from across the whole school. The project will be led by Miss Kerr and myself and we are incredibly excited about the opportunities this will give our children to develop confidence, teamwork and creativity.

Watch this space – more to follow!

A Huge Thank You to Friends of Welshampton

A big thank you to everyone involved in Friends of Welshampton for their continued generosity, enthusiasm and hard work. The recent Easter event raised an impressive £209 and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported it and helped make it such a success. Every pound raised makes a real difference to the experiences we are able to offer the children.

Earlier this week we held a very positive and productive meeting and it was wonderful to see just how committed everyone is to enriching school life for our children.

As well as continuing to fund much-loved initiatives such as waterproofs, the field shelter, the Christmas pantomime, Year 6 leavers' gifts and our whole-school seaside trip later this term, Friends have also agreed to invest in several exciting new additions. These include a new sound system and a school BBQ, both of which will be used across a range of school and community events.

To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, Friends will also be providing a Wi-Fi-enabled bird box for the school grounds, linking perfectly with our work on nature and sustainability.

Looking ahead, Friends are keen to launch 'Frozen Fridays', selling ice lollies and ice creams at the end of the school day and have already purchased two new card machines to make payments quicker and easier at events such as the school production and Sports Day.

We are incredibly thankful for their support and ambition on behalf of our children.

Thank You for Helping Tidy the Field

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and volunteers who gave up their time to help with our recent 'Tidy the Field' event. It was a wonderful team effort and the impact has been immediate - our field and outdoor areas are looking better than ever – and the children even got busy!



Thanks to your hard work, the children now have an even more inviting, safe and enjoyable space to play, explore and learn. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive school community and your help is truly appreciated. Thank you.

Welshampton 300 Club

Membership of the Welshampton 300 Club is incredibly important. Over the past year, the 300 Club raised £850, directly supporting our school and village community. It is a simple way to make a big difference and is well worth supporting. Thank you to everyone who takes part.

Ellesmere Girls Football



On Wednesday afternoon, our girls' football team travelled to Ellesmere and returned with a fantastic win. The team showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the match, representing the school brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of the girls for their hard work and positive attitude. Well done all.

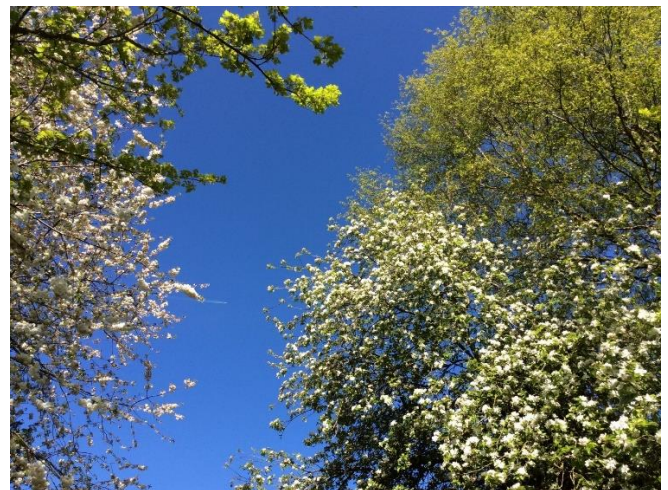
Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to attend Parents' Evening. We really appreciate the positive conversations, thoughtful questions and support you continue to show for your children and for the school. Working together is key to ensuring every child thrives and your engagement makes a huge difference.

Photography Club

Each week, Mrs Curzon runs Photography Club, where the children are given a theme, taught some key photography tips and encouraged to be creative and experiment with their ideas.

The children then select their favourite photograph, which is emailed to me anonymously. I choose a Photograph of the Week and write a very carefully considered review.



This winning photograph by Albie and Zac B captures Spring not as a single object, but as an experience. By framing the image upwards, the photographers invite us to look through a natural canopy of blossom and new leaves, allowing the vivid blue sky to act as a bold yet uncluttered backdrop. The contrast between the crisp white blossoms and the fresh green foliage gives the image both energy and balance, while the generous central space creates a sense of calm and openness.

What is particularly effective is the composition: nature itself forms the frame, guiding the eye gently around the edges before drawing it skywards. It feels spontaneous yet thoughtful, celebrating renewal, light and growth without excess. This is a confident and joyful response to the theme of *Spring*, showing a keen eye for perspective and a strong sense of atmosphere. Well done both!

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Internet Safety – Roblox and Minecraft

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we would like to remind families of the importance of online safety, particularly around gaming.

Popular games and apps such as Roblox and Minecraft have age ratings and safety settings for a reason. While many children enjoy these games, they can include chat functions, user-generated content and online interactions that are not always appropriate for younger users.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to:

- Check age ratings before allowing children to access games or apps
- Use parental controls and privacy settings
- Talk regularly with children about what they are playing and who they are interacting with online

Further advice and guidance specific to Roblox and Minecraft can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.



Weekly Attendance

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow...

Willow Class – 98% ★★★★★

Beech Class - 98% ★★★★★

Oak Class - 97% ★★★★★

Average – 98%

School target – 97%



Shining Stars of The Week!

Willow Class Nursery

Sophie C for showing great strength in her mark making.

Willow Class

Rowan for trying his absolute best this week.

Beech Class

Michael for working so hard in all his lessons.

Oak Class

Bella for her amazing Literacy work.



Values Awards

As chosen by our Values Ambassadors

Strength

Strength Jack for having a broken arm and not knowing for the last 2 weeks!

Love

Our girls football team for showing a love of football and each other to be victorious in Ellesmere.

Wisdom

Tom, Ethan, Ivy and Imy for their 3D River model.

Pen License Award

Congratulations to Imy for getting her Pen License this week.



Outside Achievements

Lily G for her super cheerleading skills.

Honey for passing her dance exam with flying colours

Theo for achieving his Grade 3 piano certificate

Tate for passing his Level 1 swimming.

Congratulations all!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,
Mr Crompton

Key School Dates

May

May 11th – 14th KS2 SATs Week

June

June 8th – 12th Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week

June 8th – 12th Year 4 Multiplication Check Week

June 19th Father's Day Event

June 26th Sports Day – 9:00am

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July

July 14th

July 17th

July 17th

Summer Performance

Leavers Service – 9:15am

Break Up for Summer

Calm & Curious

— STAY & PLAY —

A gentle, relaxed playgroup for babies & preschoolers.

- Calm play environment
- Thoughtfully chosen toys
- Optional stories & songs
- Simple craft activity

5 MINS FROM ELLESMERE & WHITCHURCH

NEW VENUE
Bettisfield Village Hall
 Bettisfield, SY12 0AP


TRIAL SESSIONS
 Friday 1st May
 Friday 8th May
 Friday 15th May

10:00 – 11:15am
 (1 hour 15 minutes)

£3 per child
 (4-week trial)

Limited spaces – I'm keeping numbers small (8–12 families) to keep it calm, so booking is recommended!

To book:
calmandcurious2026@outlook.com



welcome to

45 YEARS OF MARBURY MERRY DAYS

In aid of St. Michael & All Angels Church

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May 2026
 Gates open 12.30pm

A traditional Country Fair

MAIN ATTRACTION
THE SEALED KNOT
 Living history camp
 Saturday - Skirmishes and loud cannon and musket fire. Sunday - Children's army, marching and skirmish displays


AND PINXTON PUPPETS

PLUS Grand Draw, Plant Stall, Sweet Stall & Cake Stall, Tombola, Craft and Gift Fair, Bric-a-Brac & Book Stalls, Side Shows & Refreshments

- Old's Dance Troupe (Saturday)
- Morris Dancing (Saturday)
- Maypole Dancing (Saturday)
- World Pipe Band
- Pre-wedded Clothing & Hairwear
- Dog Show (Sunday) Entry on Friday
- Chopins Farm, Ice Cream
- Children's Activity Area
- Bouncy Castles
- Model Flying Display
- Floral Display in the Church
- Trade Stalls
- Classic Cars & Vintage Tractors
- Cygnets Bar
- Free Softplay (Saturday)

FREE Car Park - Adults £7.50 Under 16s £1 (free if with an adult)

Enquiries: 01948 663087 / 07778 604470
www.marburymerrydays.org
 Marbury (SY13 4LN) is 3 miles north-east of Whitchurch



Wem Tennis Club

YOU'RE INVITED!

TENNIS

TASTER SESSIONS



Turn up to try:
 Cardio Tennis
 Walking Tennis
 Tennis
 Pickleball

Sunday May 3rd, 2026
 10:00am - 12:00 pm

Wem Tennis Club
 Recreation Ground
 SY4 5DA

We'd love to see you on court!

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Minecraft Child Safety Settings

Minecraft itself doesn't have a big built-in "parental control" menu but depending on how your child plays (Java Edition, Bedrock/Windows, or console), you can manage what they can do through a mix of Microsoft account family settings, platform parental controls, and server/world settings.

Bedrock Edition (Windows, iOS, Android, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch)

Microsoft Family Safety

- o Log into your child's Microsoft account via family.microsoft.com.
- o You can set:
 - Screen time limits.
 - Spending limits (requires adult approval for purchases).
 - Restrictions on joining multiplayer/Realms.
 - Restrictions on adding friends.

Xbox/Console Parental Controls

- o Each console (Xbox, PlayStation, Switch) has its own parental settings that allow you to:
 - Restrict online play.
 - Control voice/text chat.
 - Block joining servers or Realms.
 - Limit age-rated content.

Java Edition (PC/Mac)

Java doesn't have built-in parental settings, so you'll need to manage through:

- **Server settings:** If your child plays on your own hosted server, you can whitelist who's allowed to join, disable chat, or use plugins/mods to filter messages.
- **Launcher account:** Java Edition is tied to a Microsoft account now, so you can still apply Microsoft Family Safety rules (e.g. screen time, purchase approval).
- **Chat reporting:** Mojang added reporting and chat filters—strong language and personal info can be filtered automatically if enabled in account settings.

General Safety Options

- **Mute Chat / Toggle Chat** (both editions): You can turn chat off in settings to stop interaction with strangers.
- **Realms vs Servers:** Realms are invite-only (safer). Public servers often have less control over content and players.
- **Resource Packs / Add-ons:** Keep an eye on downloads; use only trusted sources (Marketplace or well-known modding sites).
- **Play Together Locally:** On consoles or LAN, kids can play with just friends/family without internet strangers.

ROBLOX Child Safety Settings

To set up parental controls on Roblox and ensure your child has a safe and age-appropriate experience, follow these steps:

Step 1: Link Your Parent Account

1. Log into your child's Roblox account (Has to be a child's D.O.B).
2. Navigate to **Settings** (gear icon).
3. Select **Parental Controls**.
4. Click **Add Parent Account**.
5. Follow the prompts to create or link your parent account.

Step 2: Set Up Parental Controls

Once your parent account is linked, you can manage various settings:

1. Communication Settings

- Go to **Parental Controls > Communication**.
- Adjust who can chat with your child in experiences and via direct messages. Options include:
 - o **Everyone**
 - o **Friends**
 - o **No one**
- For users under 13, default settings are more restrictive.

2. Content Restrictions

- Navigate to **Parental Controls > Content Restrictions**.
- Set the **Content Maturity** level appropriate for your child:
 - o **Minimal**
 - o **Mild**
 - o **Moderate**
 - o **Restricted**
- You can also block specific experiences by adding them to the **Blocked Experiences** list.

3. Friends Management

- In **Parental Controls**, scroll to **Friends** and select **Manage**.
- View your child's friends list, and block or report users as necessary.

4. Spending Controls

- Under **Parental Controls**, go to **Spending Restrictions**.
- Set a monthly spending limit for Robux and subscriptions.
- Choose to receive notifications for every transaction or only for high spending thresholds.

5. Screen Time Management

- Access **Parental Controls > Screen Time**.
- Set daily time limits for your child's Roblox usage.
- View the top 20 experiences your child has played in the past week.

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