

WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



End of Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the 2024/2025 school year (almost – last day tomorrow). I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and grandparents for your support this year. Thank you for your help with homework, for attending the events that have been offered (we have had some great feedback on these) and for working with us to provide the happy learning environment which we have. Thank you to everyone - children, families, staff, governors, volunteers - for making this year so special. Together, we care, learn and thrive.

One of our highlights of each school year is our summer production, not only is this a fantastic opportunity for the children, but also an incredible gift for the audiences. *Matilda* Jnr was brilliant. The quality of singing, acting, scenery changing, everyone being on the stage at the right time with the correct props, the tech being so precise, the confidence of showing our audience to their seats (and the list goes on...) was second to none. Thank you Year 6 (and supported by Year 5) for evenings of pure joy and the memories you have created within our school community.

It is the time to now wish our Year 6 children every success and happiness as they move on to their secondary schools. They will always have a place in the heart of our school. We are so proud of all that each and every one of the Year 6 children has achieved whilst being at Welton St Mary's and how they have grown into confident young people ready to take the next step in life's journey. *Matilda* emphasised the importance of individuality, having self-belief and standing up for what you know is right. We hope that each year 6 continues to embrace their unique qualities, gifts and talents and goes out into the world to make a positive difference.

We are incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Williamson (year 6 teacher), a truly valued member of our school community. We have celebrated with Mr Williamson and shared our memories of his time at Welton St Mary's. He is the most caring, nurturing teacher, with high expectations, always getting the best from the children. He will be missed by us all. We wish him every happiness as he leaves our school and begins a new adventure.

I hope you all get a well-earned and restful summer, returning refreshed and ready to go on Thursday 4th September.

Kind regards

Mrs Gough



Staff members leaving Welton St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Thankyou for all you have done to support our school community this year.

We wish Mrs Grant (foundation stage teacher) every success in her new teaching role.

Thank you to Mrs Smithurst and Mrs Taylor for your care over lunchtimes.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Fenwick who is getting married this summer.

Congratulations to Miss Taylor-Wright who successfully completed her Level 3 Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with a distinction. To Miss Askam and Miss Goff for successfully completing their ECT years to a very high standard.

School Website

We have been having some difficulties with our website recently. This is being rectified over the summer break. Our website is still available by clicking the following link: [Home - Welton St Mary's Academy](http://www.weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk) (www.weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk)

Welton St Mary's is in the Guinness Book of Records

Message from Jamie Oliver:

WOW — what a fantastic achievement! Together, we smashed the Guinness World Records™ title for the largest cookery lesson (in multiple venues) — and you are a record breaker!

Drumroll, please. The final numbers are in...

10,515 cooks, across 6 continents and 42 countries helped smash the record!

We couldn't have done this without your passion, energy, and love for food. Whether you were chopping, stirring, or tasting, you helped make history.



Why we did this

At the heart of this record attempt is a simple belief: every child, everywhere, should leave school able to cook confidently and take care of themselves — no matter what life throws at them.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey — here's to many more meals cooked, skills learnt, and lives changed. Keep cooking, keep inspiring!

Jamie Oliver



Governor Award Winners

We have 6 school values. These values are embedded into our curriculum, collective worship and RE teaching. Our values are reflected in the way that we work together as a school, at home, in our local community and beyond.

Each year the governors' present Christian values awards to children in our school who have demonstrated throughout the year how they have lived through our Christian Values. These children have been voted for by their peers as being someone who lives through our values every day. Here are this year's winners. Many congratulations to you. We are all very proud of you!



Trust

Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

Year 4
Jacob and Polly



Respect

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you
Matthew 7:12

Year 5
Daisy and Sylvie



Forgiveness

Even if a person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns and asks forgiveness, you must forgive them.
Luke 17:4

Year 1
Archie and Imogen



Love and Friendship

So now I am giving you a new commandment.
Love each other.
Just as I have loved you,
you should love each other.
John 13:34

Foundation Stage
Lilah and Lucy



Responsibility

Share each other's burdens and in this way obey the law of Christ
.... For we are each responsible for our own conduct.
Galatians 6:2,5

Year 2
Elsie-Ray and Holly



Peace

Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds
anything we can understand. His peace will guard your
hearts and minds as you live in Jesus Christ.
Philippians 4:7

Year 3
Jonny and Sienna



Governor Award Winners

Year 6 governor awards go to a child in each Year 6 class who live through **all the values**.

Some of the things year 6 have said about how the values have made a difference to them include:

'They help us to be better versions of ourselves. They help us to live a better life.'

'They have taught me how to stay in a happy and safe environment, not just in school but in life.'

'They help us prepare for secondary school and the wider world.'

'They show us how to be helpful and considerate to others whilst letting our own personality show.'

'Showing kindness and consideration and showing that we can listen and respect others making our and their days brighter.'

'I have learnt how to be a better, independent, mature and considerate person.'

The winners of the 'living through all the values' award are:

Joshua and Lottie



Trust



Respect



Forgiveness



Love and Friendship



Responsibility



Peace

Living our vision award

Key Phrases from Our School Vision

- Inclusive
- Value each person
- All to flourish
- Strive for excellence
- Rooted in God's love
- Agents of positive change

Thank you to Mrs Lock who always goes above and beyond and always with a smile. She marks time, stops what she is doing, answers a query or helps, no matter how busy she is. She is a problem solver, solution finder—a true people person. Thank you. Mrs Ducker, from our office, has been off work for a little while. This has meant that both Mrs Brewer and Mrs Lock have taken on additional work and had to learn different jobs so that our school can run smoothly. Much of this is never seen. They work late, step in, have learnt new skills, shown flexibility and remained positive. They have also led after school clubs making a positive change in our school community. Thank you for all you have done. Thank you Mrs Brewer for making sure all the financial side of the school has continued to run effectively and efficiently.

Opal – wow! What a year this has been. When asked if she would lead the introduction of OPAL, Miss Askham jumped at the chance. Miss Askham and Mrs Wojna – thank you for leading our school through such a significant change – a transformation of lunchtimes for all of our children and staff. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Our children now have the most amazing play opportunities.



Vision Champion Award Winner

The winner of our Vision Champion award this year goes to..... **Mr Garfoot** (what a cheer he got from the whole school when this was announced!)

Many of you may not know the work that Mr Garfoot does. Mr Garfoot is in school way before any of you arrive, checking the school is safe and ready for learning and leaves late – well after all of us have gone home – so much of his work happens when we are not here. He keeps the site tidy and looks after our premises. Whenever visitors and prospective parents are shown around our school, the comments are always how well kept everything is – thank you Mr Garfoot. BUT Mr Garfoot goes above and beyond.

He is always willing to take on a challenge, to make a dream or vision become a reality. When asked if he could make welly storage – the answer was yes – and away he went to make a prototype. A really time consuming job (and 14 welly storage units later) the dream had become a reality and one that has made a real difference. The amount Mr Garfoot has done to turn us into an OPAL school shows just how much he cares and how he wants everyone to have the best opportunities.

The talents don't finish there – investigation stations, outdoor abacas, mud kitchens, cold frames. Once the idea is shared with Mr Garfoot, he is on it straight away, creating, hammering, sawing, drilling to make the idea come to life. Mr Garfoot is always there making positive changes our school. He wants everyone to thrive and the things that he add are definitely helping us strive for excellence.

Year 4 would also like to thank you for making their work at the Lincolnshire Show possible.

Thankyou also for the construction of props and sets for the Year 6 production.

We would all like to thank you for the care you give, the work that goes on early in the morning and late in the evening so that our school is ready for learning. Mr Garfoot has been described as an agent of positive change.

Thank you for all you do, Mr Garfoot.

Communication

To communicate with school please either call on 01673 860339 or email. All correspondence needs to go through the school email address: enquiries@welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk. Please note that the enquiries email will only be checked from time to time over the summer.

Seesaw will not be available over the summer.

For safeguarding concerns, please see the information on the following page.



**Safeguarding
is everyone's
responsibility**

Everyone in society has a responsibility to protect and safeguard children from abuse and neglect.

999

If you or your children are in immediate danger you should always call **999**. If it is not safe to speak use the “silent solution”. Press 5 5 when prompted and this will tell us that you need us.

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

If you believe that a child may be a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty call the customer service centre:
Children's safeguarding - **01522 782111** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or **01522 782333** (outside office hours)

NSPCC

Talk to the NSPCC for advice and support about a child, or to report a concern. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. Please call us on **0800 800 5000** or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Edan Lincs

Domestic abuse service supporting men, women and children. Please call **01522 510041** or email info@edanlincs.org.uk

The Samaritans

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen. Please call **116 123** or visit <https://www.samaritans.org/>

Childline

Childline is here to help anyone under the age of 19. If you need to talk to a trained counsellor about anything, please call **0800 1111**

Operation Encompass

We are an **Operation Encompass School**, part of a national scheme that runs jointly between all schools and the police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school's staff (*the Designated Safeguarding Lead*), is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have recently experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. This information shared with the school is already covered in the schools' existing privacy notice. For further information in relation to how personal data in relation to yourself and your child(ren) is processed, please refer to Lincolnshire Police's privacy notice, which can be found on their website:

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/resource-library/data-protection/privacy-notice/>



Celebrating 200 Years

On Monday 13th October we will be having a 'Victorian Day'. The school will be transported back in time with no interactive boards and back to chalk boards!

We are asking children to either dress in full Victorian costume or in their current school uniform so we mixing past and present so the choice is yours!

This is one of the fantastic events we have planned to celebrate our bicentennial celebration in school.



School Friends Historic Scarecrow Trail

Celebrating 200 years
2025 WELTON
HISTORIC SCARECROW TRAIL

Could you create a display inspired by the Victorian age?
Bring to life inventors Thomas Edison or Alexander Graham Bell. Authors Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens or Emily Brontë.
Or even Florence Nightingale...

25 October - 2 November

Would you like to create a display outside your home, shop, or community space?
It can be any type of display - it doesn't have to be a traditional scarecrow!
Email wsmschoolfriends@gmail.com by 14 September for more info.

Registered charity 1006646

School Friends are very excited to announce our Scarecrow Trail is back for October half term (25th October - 2nd November).

To help celebrate Welton St Mary's CE Primary Academy's 200th anniversary, we have planned a trail full of historical characters remembering and celebrating our rich history.

We are hoping to make this one bigger and better than ever before! We need your help and support to make this happen - would you like to get involved and make a display? Please contact us at wsmschoolfriends@gmail.com to find out some more information.

Could you create something inspired by the Victorian age; inventors such as Thomas Edison or Alexander Graham Bell? Or a display that might capture ideas and characters from authors Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens or Emily Brontë. Could you create a Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale, Robert Peel, or perhaps some Victorian school children or a chimney sweep scarecrow?

The displays do not need to be a traditional scarecrow and can be any display!

We can't wait to see what amazing creations are on the trail this October half term.



Good Lookin Cookin

All children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are entitled to a free hot meal every day. We urge you to take advantage of this. All children in Key Stage 2 (from Year 3 upwards) who are entitled to Free School Meals also receive a meal free of charge every day. To see if you are eligible for Free School Meals please [click here](#).

If you pay for meals, they are at a cost of £2.50 a day. Ordering deadline for September 2025 is 3pm on August 28th, please make sure all meals are ordered by that date. We cannot provide meals for the first week back, if they have not been ordered.

School Uniform

Our children wear their school uniform with pride and gives a sense of belonging to our school.

Please do take time to read the attached school uniform policy and refer to it when purchasing new uniform items.

[School Uniform Policy July 2025.pdf](#)

Branded items are not part of our school PE uniform and therefore are not to be worn. We have introduced a PE hoodie that is available at Uniform Direct. This is not compulsory – if not worn, then the alternative is a plain (non-branded) navy hoodie. In our school uniform policy we have also added wellies and a waterproof coat / bottoms as, with the introduction of OPAL, children will be going outside whatever the weather. We have noticed recently, with the summer showers, that children are not coming to school prepared. We will be going outside whatever the weather so waterproofs and wellies are an essential and need to be in school every day.

Just a few reminders:

Jewellery – small stud earrings can be worn (one in each ear). Children are expected to take their earrings out for PE and not put tape over them (unless the ears are newly pierced in which case tape can be worn for the 6 weeks). This is for their safety. Children will either need to be able to take their earrings out themselves or not wear earrings on PE days. Children can wear a watch (but no smartwatches). Children should not be wearing any other jewellery. Nail varnish, gel nails are not allowed.

Hair - Children are permitted to wear plain blue, black, brown, white bobbles or hair bands. Hair accessories are to be kept small and to a minimum.

Black school shoes are in our uniform policy. **Trainers should not be worn in school other than for PE.**

Skirts and pinafore dresses in grey or navy - skirts must be of an appropriate style and length for a school setting. Skirts should be tailored or pleated and fall to around the knee. Tube skirts, stretch fabric skirts, and those that are very short are not suitable for school and should not be worn.

PE shorts - need to be as pictured below. There are some children wearing very 'short' shorts which are not appropriate.



2025 - 2026 Term Dates

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday, September 4th 2025.

Term dates can always be found on our website:

[Term Times - Welton St Mary's Academy \(weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk\)](http://weltonstmarysacademy.co.uk)

Term 1	Thursday 4th September 2025	Thursday 23rd October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Term 3	Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2nd April 2026
Term 5	Tuesday 21st April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22nd July 2026
	Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th 2026	

The School day

Gates open at 8.45am

Classroom doors open at 8.50am.

Registration is at 9.00am.

End of the school day is at 3:30pm.

We operate a one way system around the school site. Please be reminded that bicycles and scooters may be ridden to school but **not** on school grounds. This includes pre-school children on balance bikes.

We encourage everyone to be at school for 8.50am – learning starts from this time. Teachers use this time to welcome the children and to address any feedback from the previous day's learning. There is a morning starter to get the children ready for the day which may include retrieval of previous learning.



Things to do this summer

[25 Free Things to do in Lincolnshire over Summer – Where To Go With Kids](#)

The ultimate summer holidays bucket list

A fun activity for every day of the holidays

1. Swim in the sea
2. Picnic in the park
3. Water fight in the garden
4. Go to the cinema
5. Bake some cakes
6. Explore rock pools
7. Build a den in the woods
8. Build Lego creations
9. Face painting
10. Play with play dough
11. Visit a castle
12. Movie day
13. Go for a woodland walk
14. Play date with friends
15. Bike ride
16. Trip to the zoo
17. Make hand&foot paintings
18. Feed the ducks
19. Soft play
20. Visit a National Trust property
21. Build sandcastles
22. Visit the library
23. Go to the swimming pool
24. Visit an aquarium
25. Bake biscuits
26. Visit family
27. Teddy bears picnic in the garden
28. Visit a theme park
29. Camp in the garden
30. Have a crafternoon
31. Play hide and seek
32. Collect shells on the beach
33. Visit a garden centre
34. Eat ice cream at the seaside
35. Do chalk drawings in the garden
36. Go to a summer fete or carnival
37. Visit a farm
38. Go to the theatre
39. Go fishing with a net
40. Visit a PYO farm
41. Play board games
42. Have a treasure hunt



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