

WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY ACADEMY



June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really positive start to the term. Years 1 - 6 started their term with an Ascension Day service at St Mary's Church and Foundation Stage attended an Ascension Day village event, dressing the well. At the Ascension Day service we were reminded about God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and how God the Holy Spirit is ever present. The children and staff were encouraged to think about all the things a plant needs to thrive and that without any one of those elements, the plant would not thrive. We also reflected on what we need to thrive. We talked about our school logo and how this represents the Trinity.



Together we care, learn and thrive.

Year 2 have had a talk on fire safety as well as road safety training workshops. Year 6 have had a workshop on healthy relationships. We have so much more planned for this term providing the children with a range of opportunities.

We are looking forward to the final term of this academic year and all it has to offer.

Kind regards

Mrs Gough



Mobile phones

The DfE has provided guidance for all schools on mobile phones. We are currently writing a mobile phone policy which will be in place for September 2025.

In the meantime children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. We are actively discouraging children in using them on the way to school. We have been made aware of children using their phone on the way to school – this is not safe as they should be focussing on the present and their safety on their walk to school, not accessing their phone. There have also been occasions of inappropriate / unkind messaging on the way to and from school. This is not acceptable. Everyone needs to feel safe on their way to and from school.

In exceptional circumstances there may be a need for a child to be bringing a phone to school as a one off. In this case, an email from a parent is required beforehand and the phone must be handed in at the office on arrival at school.

School Uniform

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

Every school is required to have a school uniform policy. [Click here](#) for our policy. Please refer to this when purchasing new uniform items.

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.

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 is 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.**

***School skirts** should 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** - There are some children wearing very 'short' shorts which are not appropriate. PE shorts should be



FS need to just bring a coat (suitable for the season) book bag, water bottle and a draw string PE bag.



Moving to new classes

Each year the children get the opportunity to meet their new teacher and children who will be in their class. This year this will be taking place on July 2nd. The children will find out that morning who their teacher will be for next year and will spend time with them starting to build relationships and getting to know a little bit about the exciting things they will be learning about next year. Before the end of the school day, you will receive an email sharing which teachers are working in each year group so that you are able to have a conversation with your child when they come out of school. We ask that you talk positively with your child about moving up day, both in preparation for the day and when your child comes home and talk with them about the opportunities that there are in their new class with their new teacher.

Each year we carefully consider which classes to mix. It is a great opportunity for children to mix with up to 60 children during their time at our school, getting to know, and work with, different children and personalities. This is also great for character-building and developing both resilience and social skills. A lot of time and several conversations are had when organising classes. Ultimately the final decisions are made by the leadership team.

This year we have decided to create new classes for children who are in:

Foundation Stage moving into Year 1

Year 2 moving into Year 3

Year 4 moving into Year 5

Naming clothing

Whilst the weather hasn't been great at the start of term, we are hopeful that it will improve soon. Children will be taking their jumpers off at breaktimes. They are reminded to leave them in their lockers however we do find that jumpers are left on the field. Many of these are not named. Please can you help us to return jumpers to their owners by naming them. Thank you.

Summer Fayre

School Friends are really excited to announce the date of their Summer Fayre – **Friday 20th June 3.30-6pm.**

We will have our traditional fayre games, as well as a few new games to look out for.

Food and drinks vans, bouncy castles and our Year 6s will also be having some stalls for the start of the event, so make sure you check them out.

We need your help to make our Summer Fayre the best yet...please donate items for the below, if you are able to. Thank you.

This year the Bottle Game will be returning and we need bottles donated – **these could be bottles of shower gel, beer, tomato ketchup, juice...anything that comes in a bottle!** Please see the attached poster for some ideas of donations. Any help you are able to give is really appreciated. Having a raffle, please donate items if you are able towards any of our themes this year... Pamper, Rainy Day, Summer Fun, Sensory, Picnic, Crafts, Movie Night, Food and Drink.

Donations can be handed to the school office.



Parent Portal

RM Parent Portal ensures we have the most accurate data for your child. Please log in to your app and update any changes to you or your child's personal information.

RM Parent Portal will allow you to:

- Check and amend any personal information
- View up to date attendance data
- Ensure medical information is current
- Grant or Deny parental consents
- Receive reports electronically.

This year all school reports will be sent electronically via RM Parent Portal in our aim to be more environmentally sustainable. Parentmail will continue to be used for all emails, forms and payments.

If you amend any personal information via RM Parent Portal the school office will receive a notification to acknowledge the change. Once this information has been accepted your changes will be visible on our system.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office on 01673 860339 or email enquiries@welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk

Lincolnshire Show Absence

Whilst some parents may choose to take their children to the Lincolnshire Show this year, their absence will be unauthorised.

Snacks

Please be reminded that only fruit is permitted as a breaktime snack.

Nuts

Nuts, or items containing nuts, are not permitted in school. This includes items such as peanut butter, chocolate spreads such as Nutella, breakfast / protein bars containing nuts.

Thank you for helping us keep people with allergies safe.



Opal Play

New activities have been added to our OPAL play which is amazing. Each time a new activity is introduced, we work with the children to consider risks, benefits and management of risks. Our most recent activities are summer games including swingball, big Connect Four. All Risk Benefit Assessments can be found on our website here: [Outdoor Play and Learning \(OPAL\) - Welton St Mary's Academy](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)



If you would like to learn more about the OPAL Primary Programme, please have a look at the OPAL website (www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk), where you will find lots of useful information and several videos about the programme.



Opal East Midlands are now on
instagram. New and exciting
content every week, so stay tuned
and make sure to follow!



Welcoming Our September Starters

'Bright Start' Sessions in Foundation Stage

We've had a wonderful time recently welcoming some of the children who will be joining us in September into our Foundation Stage unit as part of our Bright Start sessions.

These sessions have provided an opportunity for the children to begin settling into their new environment. They've spent time getting to know the grown-ups they'll be working with in September, meeting both familiar and new friends, and taking part in a range of play-based activities.

The activities have been planned around well-loved stories, sparking imagination and encouraging the children to explore, create, and connect. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing already, and we're so proud of the way they've embraced this important first step in their school journey.

We look forward to welcoming them all back in September for the start of their exciting adventure at our school!

For further information about starting school in September please look at our website:

[Preparing for Starting School September 2025 - Welton St Mary's Academy](#)

Easyfundraising

Thank you to all of our supporters who continue to use easyfundraising to raise cashback donations for our school, we really appreciate it and are excited to announce we have raised **£1,188.67** to date!

If you would like to get involved, please sign up to easyfundraising.

It's simple, it's free! Shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding! Get the app now and choose to support Welton St Mary's C of E Primary Academy - Lincoln once installed: [Fundraising App](#) | [Easyfundraising](#)

Thank you for your support, every penny raised will be used for the benefit of our children.



Worldview

As part of being an inclusive Christian community, we recognise the significance and value of children understanding a variety of worldviews beyond their own. We believe that learning about different religions and worldviews first-hand from members of our school community can really enrich the learning experiences for our children.

The religions we teach are: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. We also introduce children to a range of non-religious worldviews and encourage them to reflect on and explore their own thoughts, beliefs and values – whether religious or not.

We would really welcome volunteers who would be willing to come and speak to the children about their worldviews, beliefs and traditions. We completely understand that this may not be something everyone feels comfortable doing in person. If that's the case, we would also be delighted to receive video clips or written anecdotes that share insights into your beliefs, worldview and actions. Our aim is to build a bigger picture of how worldviews and beliefs may vary in our school and wider community – both within and beyond religious traditions.

If you would be happy to contribute in any of these ways, please send your name and contact details to the school office. These details will be shared with the RE lead, who may get in touch with you during the next academic year (2025–26) depending on the topic focus (e.g. the festival being taught or the theme of the term).

Thank you for your support.

Miss Goff

RE lead

Dates for the diary

16th June - Holocaust Centre Year 6

20th June - Ant class leading collective worship – all parents / carers and families of children in Ant class welcome to attend.

20th June - Summer Fayre

26th June - Mayan Day year 4

27th June - Ladybird class leading collective worship – all parents / carers and families of children in Ladybird class welcome to attend.

30th June - Newspaper day

1st and 2nd July – Year 6 who are moving to William Farr in September on their transition days

2nd July – Children spend the day in their next year group

7th July – School reports will be sent out during this week

11th July – Summer reading challenge launched

11th July – Summer Disco

14th July – Dress rehearsal of summer production – to the whole school

15th, 16th and 17th July - Summer production

21st July - Leavers' service in church for Year 6. Parents welcome to attend.

22nd July - Year 6 Leavers' assembly

22nd July - last day of the school year

