

WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

PRIMARY ACADEMY

May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

After a chilly start to the term, the sun has eventually decided to shine! Long may it last. With the sunny days comes that time of year when jumpers and cardigans come off at breaktimes. Please can these be named so that if they should go missing, they can be returned.

We ended last term with a fantastic residential trip to Rand Farm for our Year 4 children. They enjoyed different workshops, made pizza, carrot muffins, planted seeds as well as experiencing a bit about working life on a farm.



Year 4 have undertaken some geography fieldwork in Horncastle and Skegness making comparisons between the two places. There were some amazing observations made throughout the day. The children used their oracy skills to great effect, always showing exemplary manners when interviewing people they met in both locations. We even managed to find time for fish and chips at the coast.



From now to the end of the year is busy. Please see the list of dates for your diaries. We do hope you are able to join us for the events we have coming up.

Best wishes
Mrs N Gough
Headteacher



School Vision and Values

At Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy, communicating our school vision to our whole community continues to be really important to us so that everyone knows what we are striving to achieve. To help us do this, we have created a large, bright piece of artwork at the front of our school that represents our school vision and values. You can see a piece of this below.

We wanted the children to be the driving force behind this and so the whole school shared their initial design ideas in their house meetings in term 3. Each house came up with their own interpretation of the vision and there were some wonderful ideas (so many that we ended up having to combine many of the different designs!). The key designers for each house (a group of children in Year 4, 5 and 6) then took their designs to the nearby William Farr secondary school and worked with a group of Year 12 art students to combine their ideas and further develop the design.

Finally, this piece of artwork was sent to an illustrator, Rowan the designer, who developed this even further and put his own spin on it. The aim was to create a bright, creative and inspiring piece of artwork that encapsulates our school vision. We are delighted with the finished piece!

At the heart of creating this artwork was community – school community and the wider community. The school community and wider community (William Farr students) have been the driving force behind the creation of the artwork and due to the location of the artwork, this will reach every visitor to our school: contractors, members of the public (who use our recycling bins just metres away), parents, children, supply staff, delivery drivers, trainee students who have training in our hall etc.

We are hoping that the artwork will provide some joy and hope and be a regular reminder of what we are about and what we are striving to achieve at Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy. We will be doing further work with our community to unpick the artwork and reflect on what it means to each of us. After all, much of it is open to interpretation, which is exactly what we wanted.

We want to say a big thank you to the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education for their grant which has helped to fund this project. Please do come and have a closer look with your children and see if you can identify some aspects from our vision and values.

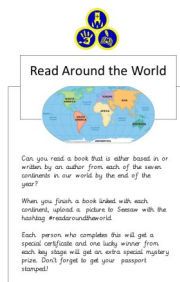


Read Around the World

Our Read Around the World challenge has had a wonderful start. It has been a joy to see the children expand their love of books by exploring new authors and themes that they otherwise might not have chosen to read.

Back in September we challenged our students to read one book that is either based in or written by an author from each of the seven continents. Each child should have a reading passport, once the book is finished they simply upload a picture to Seesaw with the hashtag #readaroundtheworld and take their passport to the class teacher to receive a stamp for that continent. Once all seven continents are stamped hand this in to the class teacher to complete the challenge.

Each person who completes the challenge will get a special certificate and one lucky winner from each key stage will get an extra special mystery prize. If your child still wants to take part then there is still time, they have until the end of the school year.



Reminder about school uniform

Children are expected to wear black shoes during the school day. Trainers are only to be worn at lunchtimes when on the field and for PE.

Our school PE kit is Navy blue shorts, white or navy T-shirt with the school logo (or plain), plimsolls for indoor and trainers for outdoor PE, plain navy jogging bottoms.

What's your worldview?

As part of being an inclusive Christian community, we recognise the significance and value of children understanding a variety of worldviews other than their own. We believe that learning about different religions firsthand from members of our community can really enrich the learning experiences for our children. The religions we teach are: Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

We are asking for parents/carers who are willing to volunteer their time to share their faith with our students. If this is something you would be willing to do, please could you send your name and contact details to the office. These details will be shared with the relevant teachers who may contact you next academic year (24-25) to come and talk to their class. When contacted, the teacher will provide you with the information of their topic focus (e.g. the festival being taught, the learning for the term).



Sports Day

Sports Day will be **at school** on Monday 20th May.

Key Stage 2 will begin their Sports Day at 9.15am so once you have got your children into school, please find yourself somewhere to sit on the field. There will be cones out and an adult showing you where you are able to sit. We need to ensure there is enough space for all the events and for safety. Please bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. We are asking KS2 children to come to school in their PE kits and to bring their school uniforms for the afternoon; this will mean we are able to make a prompt start after registration.

During the morning refreshments can be bought from the School Friends.

We aim to finish KS2 Sports Day by 12.15pm when there will be a whole school family picnic. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

If you are coming for the KS1 Sports Day and are joining us for lunch, please arrive for 12.15pm. Key Stage 2 children will come out to join the picnic at 12.30pm.

Children who have ordered a school dinner will have the cold option. Children in Foundation Stage and KS1 lunchtime will finish at 1pm when they will go back into school for registration. Over the lunch break we may even have some activities laid out on the field that you can enjoy with your children- so wear your trainers. The field will just be for lunch and family games. **The playground will be for children only**, who are wishing to play.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sports Day will begin at 1.15pm. Please be seated by 1.15pm so we can start promptly. Please bring your own chairs and blankets to sit on. There will be cones out, and an adult showing where you are able to sit. We need to ensure there is enough space for all the events and for safety. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children need to come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to get changed into before lunchtime.

In the afternoon drinks and cake can be bought from the School Friends.

All children MUST wear their school PE kit. No football shirts or other T-shirts can be worn. PE shorts (not football shorts) must be worn.

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SAFEGUARDING

For **safeguarding** reasons the gates will be locked from 9.15am. They will be opened at 12.15pm and there will be a member of staff available over the lunchtime period if you are leaving us. The gates will then be opened at the end of KS1 sports day. If you should need to leave the school at any other times, there will be a member of staff available to help. Toilets for adults and preschool children will be those next to the new hall. There will be a sign to show you where the toilets are. Please only use the field and the allocated toilets. On Sports Day parents and visitors to the school can only access the field and allocated toilets and must not go into school. The only entrance and exit is the gate by the new hall. Thank you for your cooperation with this and helping us to ensure all our children stay safe.

Photographing children. We ask that you only take photographs of your own children and that if you are using social media, only photos of your own child are put on there. Please let grandparents / friends of the family also know about photographing children. There are several children who do not have permission to be photographed.

Staying safe Please ensure your child is prepared for all weathers. Please send a cap / hat and apply suncream in the morning. Please send your child to school with suncream (labelled) so they can reapply it during the day. Water bottles are a must as well for the day.

We very much encourage all our children to participate in Sports Day so please encourage and cheer on all our athletes. Whilst there is competition, we want all our children to enjoy and take part. Let's hope we have great weather and a fun and active day.



Dates for the diary

The summer term is always a very busy one at our school. We will keep you updated, if any dates need to be changed.

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Wednesday 8th May - Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May - Open the Book Collective Worship, parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us at 9:05am.

Friday 10th May - Y4 Lush workshop

Friday 10th May - Y2 Multi Sports (Morning) and Zoolab Workshop (Afternoon)

W/C 13th May - Year 6 SATs

Thursday 16th May – Y5 cycle helmet safety talk and Y3 In car safety talk

Friday 17th May – Year 6 outdoor learning

Monday 20th May – Sports Day

Tuesday 21st May – Chickenwired (sculpture) workshop Year 6

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd May – Year 3/4 concert (6-7pm—further information to follow)

Thursday 23rd May - Open the Book leading Collective worship- parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Thursday 23rd May – Year 5 outdoor learning

Friday 24th May - Term 5 ends

Monday 3rd June – Term 6 starts

Wednesday 5th June – Year 6 at Church schools Festival

Friday 7th June - Pentecost Service from 2:45pm

Thursday 13th June - Open the Book leading Collective worship- parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Friday 14th June - Crocodile class is leading Collective Worship. Families of children in Ladybird class are welcome to join us.

Friday 21st June - Ladybird class is leading Collective Worship. Families of children in Ladybird class are welcome to join us.

Friday 21st June - Y2 and 3 Awful Auntie Trip

Thursday 27th June - Open the Book leading Collective worship- parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Thursday 27th June - Y4 Mayan Workshop

Friday 28th June – Summer Fayre

Friday 28th June - Ant class is leading Collective Worship. Families of children in Ant class are welcome to join us.

w/c 3rd July – Annual reports will be sent home

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Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July - William Farr Transition Days for Year 6 children who are attending William Farr in September 2024

Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July – Children joining our Foundation Stage in September will be in school

Wednesday 3rd July - Our school moving up day all our children will spend time with their new class and teacher

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July - Circus Skills

Friday 5th July - Penguin class is leading Collective Worship. Families of children in Penguin class are welcome to join us.

Friday 5th July - Y1 Multi Sports (Morning)

Wednesday 10th July - De Aston Transition Days for Year 6 children who are attending De Aston in September

Thursday 11th July - Open the Book leading Collective worship- parents, carers, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Friday 12th July – School Disco (Summer Disco at William Farr School)

Monday, 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 18:30 - Summer Production with Years 5 and 6. The rest of the school will be watching the production during the school day.

Friday 15th July - Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church

Friday 19th July 9.10am - Leavers' Assembly. This is to celebrate our amazing Year 6 children and wish them well on the next step of their education journey. Parents, carers, grandparents of Year 6 children are welcome to join us. We are hoping to hold the assembly outside so please bring a chair.

Friday 19th July – Last day of term

Festival of History

Lincoln Festival of History at Lincoln Castle - May 4th to May 6th

Hold on tight and jump on board as we take you on a journey through time. From the Romans, through to the Victorians: experience the sights and sounds of the past, and witness spectacular re-enactments as history comes alive in front of your eyes.

Meet a vibrant array of characters as we introduce you to some of Lincoln Castle's finest, and enjoy the entertainment put on especially for you.

Join us for the Lincoln Festival of History and conquer the castle!



[LINCOLN FESTIVAL OF HISTORY: CASTLE ZONE – Lincoln Castle](#)



Important Information

Absence from school

Parents and Carers must inform school by 9am if their child is not going to be in school. This can be done either by leaving a message on our answerphone 01673 860339 or by using Parentmail (Absence).

If your child is not marked in the register and we have not had any notification of absence, we will contact the first emergency contact on your child's records. If this is not answered we will continue down the list of contacts until we have exhausted the contacts. If at this point we still do not know where your child is, two members of staff, one of whom is a safeguarding lead, will do a home visit. Many of these home visits could be prevented by parents informing us of absences. Your child's safety is paramount. Please help us in keeping your child safe by informing us by 9am if they are not going to be in school.

Arrival at School

We have seen an increase in unsupervised children arriving at school as early as 8:30am. Please be reminded that school gates open at 8.45am, children should not be on site before this time. Premier Education offer a Breakfast club that starts from 7:30am for those that require childcare prior to the start of the school day.

Bikes and Scooters

Please be reminded that children are to walk with scooters and bikes when on school grounds. Children are NOT allowed to cycle to school and store their bike on the school grounds if they are NOT wearing a helmet. We would highly recommend that children who come to school on a scooter also wear a helmet.

Footway Closure

We have been notified by Lincolnshire County Council of work being carried out on Ryland Road and Occupation Lane. This work will start on Monday, May 13th and take approximately 5-6 weeks to complete. The working hours will be between 07:30 and 17:30 Monday – Friday with occasional weekend work. The work is to replace the existing footway along Ryland Road and Occupation lane. As part of these works Occupation Lane will be closed for pedestrians from Ryland Road for the first 1-2 weeks. There will be a temporary pedestrian diversion in place that will affect parents accessing the school via the rear entrance to the school. Please be mindful of this if this is your child's usual walk to school.

School Crossing Patrol

We are excited to announce that a School Crossing Patrol is due to start on Monday, May 13th on Ryland Road. With the above work being carried out this may be subject to change.

Parking Reminder

Please can you be mindful of where cars are parked at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be considerate to residents by not blocking drives or garages. Now that there are double yellow lines, the parking issue appears to have extended to Greenway. We have been advised about substantial work taking place at a property on Greenway over the next 4-6 weeks. Please can you be mindful of where you are parking as well as considering safety of children as they walk to school as there will be additional traffic.

We do have a park and stride site at the village hall. I would urge you to park there if that is a possibility.

Thank you for your consideration towards residents and in keeping all the children safe as they journey to and from school.



Young Carer

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Welton St Marys, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified and supported effectively. We are currently raising the profile of young carers across our whole school community.

Miss Sylvester, our Learning Mentor will be the Young Carers Champion who will oversee the day to day support for our young carers. Please see the attached poster for more information on what the role of a young carer might be.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues highlighted, please look out for some parent/carer bookable appointments similar to the newly launched SEND sessions. Miss Sylvester will be able to chat about young carers in more detail.

Young Carers: Who are they? What do they do?

Who are young carers?
A young carer is someone **under 18** who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

How many young carers are there?

- There are about **700,000 young carers in the UK**. (BBC 2010)*
- That's about **1 in 12 secondary aged pupils**.
- There are likely to be young carers in every school and college.

*The Census identified over 200,000 young carers, but many remain hidden.

Which one is the young carer?

Young carers are just young people – with caring responsibilities! They look the same as everyone else but they can lead very different lives!

Who do young carers care for?

Young carers care for someone:

- With an illness or disability.
- With a mental health condition.
- Who misuses drugs or alcohol.

Being a young carer can have a big impact on the things that are important to growing up

- It can affect a young person's health, social life and self-confidence.
- Many young carers struggle to juggle their education and caring which can cause pressure and stress.
- In a survey, 39% said that nobody in their school was aware of their caring role.
- 26% have been bullied at school because of their caring role.
- 1 in 20 miss school because of their caring role.

But young people can learn lots of useful skills by being a young carer.

The average age of a young carer = 13

There are young carers as young as five.

A survey of 350 young carers found 48% were stressed because of their role.

What might a young carer do?

- Practical tasks, such as cooking, housework and shopping.
- Physical care, such as helping someone out of bed.
- Emotional support, such as talking to someone who is distressed.
- Personal care, such as helping someone dress.
- Managing the family budget and collecting prescriptions.
- Helping to give medicine.
- Helping someone communicate.
- Looking after brothers and sisters.

1 in 3 young carers spend between 11–20 hours each week caring.

Young carers should have:

- The time to be a young person.
- The same opportunities as their friends.
- Good support for the person they help look after.
- Their rights acknowledged so that they can discuss their needs for support.

Information Carers.org

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Your guide to health services in Lincolnshire



Self Care

Treat aches, pains, coughs, and colds at home. Stock up your medicine cabinet with over the counter remedies.



Pharmacy

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on minor injuries, allergies, constipation, headaches, cold and flu symptoms, and earache.



Your GP Practice

Contact your GP practice about symptoms that aren't going away. They can offer you an appointment or signpost you to other services.



NHS 111

If you have an urgent health need but are not sure what to do, think NHS 111. Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk. Available 24/7.



WaitLess

Download the WaitLess app to view live waiting times, queue numbers and travel-time information for our urgent care facilities.



Urgent Treatment Centre

Seek help for sprains, fractures, minor burns, and skin infections. Simply walk in or book an appointment via NHS 111.



Dental Treatment

For urgent dental care please contact your normal dental practice, or for advice out of hours call NHS 111.



Mental Health Crisis

If you are worried about your mental health, call 0800 001 4331 (adults) or 0800 234 6342 (children and young people). Available 24/7.

In a medical emergency call 999. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk





Your Guide to Health Services While Away From Home



BE PREPARED

Treat aches and pains, coughs and colds at home.

Stock up your medicine cabinet including pain killers, antihistamines, anti-diarrhoea and indigestion medicine.

Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time.

Keep all medication, plasters, bandages and thermometers away from children.



PHARMACY

Pharmacies offer health advice and treatment for allergies, constipation, cold and flu symptoms, earache, fever, thrush and healthy lifestyles.

A visit to the pharmacy could save you a trip to the GP.

If you forget your medication while away from home call your usual registered GP surgery during opening hours and they can arrange for a prescription to be sent electronically to a pharmacy local to where you are staying.



VISIT NHS 111 ONLINE OR CALL NHS 111

Need health advice?

Unsure which health service you need?

Visit NHS 111 online or call NHS 111 – both are available 24 hours, seven days a week. Calls are free from mobiles and landlines.

Typetalk number is 18001.



MINOR ILLNESS OR INJURIES

For treatment of burns, cuts, wounds or infections contact NHS 111 for the nearest Urgent Treatment Centre where an appointment can be made for you if necessary or they can provide you with advice and guidance by phone or video consultation.



GP

If you take ill while away from home contact your registered practice in the first instance where you can be offered a telephone or video consultation.

If your practice or NHS 111 say it is necessary to be seen at a GP Practice you can register for up to 14 days while away from home or work.

Your temporary GP will pass any details of treatment you have to your own GP.

If you are staying for a longer period of time you should still ring your usual registered practice in the first instance and receive telephone or video consultation as a first step.





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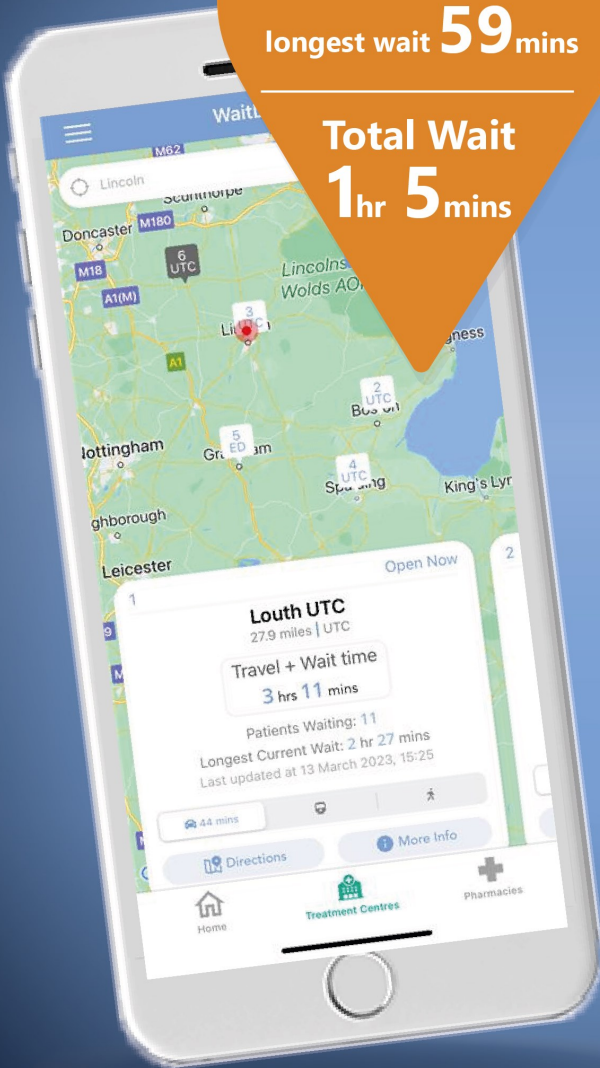


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11 patients waiting

longest wait **59** mins

Total Wait
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The app also displays a full list of services available at each site, as well as parking and opening time information.

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Upcoming Online Safety Q+A events for Parents

In our 2023 Keeping Safe Survey Lincolnshire showed that effective parental/guardian supervision of a child's online activity reduced the risk of children being bullied online by up to 39%. Being able to keep up to date with the latest apps and trends in order to keep your children safe can feel like an overwhelming task. The Stay Safe Partnership deliver Online Safety workshops in Primary and Secondary schools across Lincolnshire everyday. In this event we will give you the most up to date information and tools, so you feel confident that you can keep your children safe from online harm whilst still allowing them to explore the online world. Whether you want to know more around age appropriate apps, online trends, parental controls, social media or any other burning questions this is the event for you! Sign up is required.

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Primary Aged Children 5th June 2024 6-7:30pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238483>

Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for **Parents of Secondary Aged Children 19th June 2024 6-7:30 pm** FREE TEAMS event sign up required: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/1238529>