

WELTON ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where do we start with the highlights of this term?

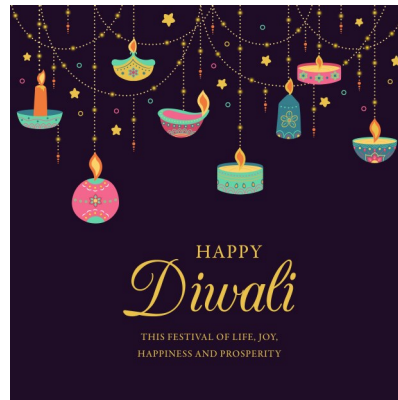
The term started with an absolutely brilliant residential for our Year 6 children. Over the week we saw the children have great fun with their friends, grow in confidence, build resilience and have the opportunity to try lots of new activities. Our visit started with a visit to Eden Camp which will support with the knowledge needed for the Year 6 history learning. We then headed north to just outside Whitby for an action-packed few days. Some of the activities were on site (real winners were the sledging and the dry-slope skiing) whilst others were on the beach (fossil-hunting and rockpooling in Runswick Bay) and we even did orienteering overlooking Robin Hoods Bay. So not only were the activities brilliant but so was the North Yorkshire coast and landscape. The centre staff commented positively about the behaviour of the children, their engagement and their listening skills. These trips cannot go ahead without the goodwill and support of our staff who give up their own time and have time away from their own families. Thank you to all the staff who went. You have given our Year 6 pupils this fantastic opportunity and many happy memories.



It was a real honour and privilege to be invited to the Right Revd. Stephen's Enthronement Service at Lincoln Cathedral. We were one of only 2 Lincolnshire primary schools in attendance, along with 3 Year 7 pupils from William Farr, who had attended our school. The children led a Collective Worship for Bishop Stephen at St Peter at Eastgate Church and then walked across with him to Lincoln Cathedral where they also participated in the service. The children and staff were in awe at the magnificence of the service. Being part of such an important and historical was something to behold.



Parents of children in Foundation Stage have had the opportunity to come into school and share Diwali celebrations with their children.



We held a Remembrance service in school on 10th November and a two minute silence was observed. All the children also spent some quiet reflection time in our poppy garden, where a wreath was laid. Some of our children and staff attended the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church on November 11th. Once again we raised money for those in the Armed Forces community, thank you to everyone that purchased a poppy.



Year 2 have been on a trip to Lincoln Castle. They had a great (but very cold) day learning about one of Lincoln's historic buildings. Again there were great comments from the staff of Lincoln castle about the behaviour of our Year 2 children – what ambassadors for Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy.

These comments were echoed on Friday when Mr Barton and Mrs Mason-Hill led training for Lincolnshire trainee teachers. The teachers were given a tour of our school during the day and they were incredibly impressed by the calmness, focus of learners and the way children conducted themselves around school.

Towards the end of the week, you will be receiving another newsletter which will be about all our Christmas activities. Please look out for this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs Gough



Contacting School

Just a reminder that if you need to speak with your child's class teacher, either call or email the school office and we will pass the message on. As you can appreciate, the start of the school day is very busy for the teachers, which includes many important routines as well as most importantly welcoming the children into school and supporting them with their learning, which begins as soon as the children enter school.

Emails for forwarding on, should be sent to: enquiries@welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk

Thank you



Please only use Seesaw for communicating about learning, recording reading and completing learning at home. It is not a way to be passing messages to teachers. If you need to speak with teachers outside of the school day, it is through the enquiries email or by telephone (01673 860339).

Open the Book

Once a fortnight we have a team of volunteers from our local churches, who lead Collective Worship for our whole school. They tell a Bible story through acting. So far this year we have learnt about:

Creation – In the Beginning

A Sad Day – Adam & Eve

The Flood – Noah's Ark

Abraham – A New Land, A Child

Jacob & Easu

Our next Open the Book Collective Worship is at 9.05am on 7th December where we will be hearing the story 'Jacob Returns – Jacob named Israel'. If you would like to join us at this Collective Worship, please send us an email at Enquiries@Welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk. We do have limited space but it would be great to welcome parents to these Collective Worship.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that generously donated to our non-uniform day earlier this month in honour of Children in Need. Together we raised:

Online: £251

Cash: £235.61

Total: £486.61



Inter-School's Archery Competition

by Isla-Mae and Phoebe

On Wednesday 15th November, Year Three took part in an archery competition. The competition took place in the school hall and was organised by Mr. Heap from Premier Sports. Other schools across Lincoln will also be visited by Premier Sports and take part in the competition. On the day, we began by learning how to hold the bow and arrow accurately. We then took turns to have a go at aiming our arrows at a target. This was great fun! After we had developed our skills, we then had three chances to hit the target, with our scores being added together to form a total. Once every school involved has competed in the competition, we will get to hear where we have been placed. All in all, we had a fantastic morning and can't wait to hear the results!

Stone Age Day

by Kendall and Emilia

On Friday 13th October, Year Three took part in Stone Age Day. Everyone was very excited about the prospect of learning about the life and times of those alive during the Stone Age, and no one was deterred by the pouring rain! As soon as we got outside, we were surprised to see a teepee made of actual animal skins and a fire! This is where we met the experts – Matthew and Maria who were dressed as Stone Age people. After listening to an introduction on safety, we took part in lots of fun activities such as exploring Stone Age tools, seeing how weapons were used, learning how they started fires and best of all...we used flint to make our own spears and then learnt how to hunt with them. Some of us enjoyed pulling out the guts of the fish before cooking the fish on the fire and then we all tasted them! But that wasn't all – we learnt all about cave painting and got messy having a go at making our own. It was fun when we got under the tables to pretend we were in a cave. All in all, it was a fabulous day full of learning through engaging activities.

Year 6 Residential

By Lyla and Rosalind

On October 31st, Year 6 went on an unforgettable residential to East Barnby, near Whitby.

On the first day, we completed a fun monster hunt in groups of four and we tried to beat other teams. We also went to Eden Camp War Museum and walked through rooms highlighting different topics from conflicts throughout history, with a focus on WWI and II. We also got to spend a little pocket money in the gift shop on items like pens, pencils, sweets, teddies etc.

The next day, we completed some skiing on a dry ski slope (with some water sprinklers to complicate things). After some practise, we had the option to travel backwards which most of us did! After that, we went off site into the forest to complete some den building using natural materials. The den had to fit our group size, which was challenging as some teams contained ten people.

Day three saw us enjoying some rock pooling and we had the opportunity to go fossil hunting as well. It was so interesting to explore the crabs, fish and even some hermit crabs!

On the morning of our last day, we enjoyed rock climbing. We had to try and stay on the wall for as long as possible. Then we got into teams and the climber would climb and the other people would control their ropes. This was called 'belaying'.

There were so many skills and experiences from the week that we will always remember: team building, resilience, problem solving, as well learning how to change bed linen and enjoying some amazing food!



Children School Leaders

Our children school leaders have been working hard this term.

House captains have been looking at our learning environment and areas where we could make improvements. They have also done an incredible job showing parents and children around our school. One family emailed into school after their visit to say *'I came to your open day today and just wanted to send an email to praise your students who were showing us around, in particular Daisy who was so well spoken, helpful and informative. She is a credit to your school.'*

Collective Worship Council have led the service for Bishop Stephen and are preparing for the Christingle later this week.

Our School Council organised the non-uniform day for Children in Need. They also wrote and led a collective worship about Children in Need.

This year the school council have been very mindful of the cost of living crisis and have decided that whilst they will organise some fundraising events, their focus will be more on raising awareness as a way of making positive changes in our world. They have set each class a challenge to raise awareness, in school and beyond, about something that is important to them.

Elephant class have led their collective worship raising awareness about autism.

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:



Dates for your diary

We have planned our annual calendar so that dates can be saved. We will keep you updated, if any dates need to be changed.

1st December – Parents and carers are invited to join their children at 9.10am to make Christingles together. School Christingle service

8th December - Giraffe class will be leading collective worship at 9.10am. Parents and carers of children in Giraffe class are welcome to join our collective worship.

12th, 13th, 14th December – Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity. We ask that pre-school children are not brought to any performance (even to sit on parents' knees) as our young actors and actresses become upset if they cannot be heard when they have worked so hard in rehearsals. Local preschools have been invited to the dress rehearsal. All children in Key Stage 2 also get the opportunity to see the younger members of our school family share their Nativity.

Vacancies

Midday Supervisory Assistant

7.5 hours per week (Mon – Fri) Term time only (Grade 2)

- Do you value the importance of lunchtimes for children?
- Are you keen to get involved and help children
- develop confidence and self-esteem through play?
- Do you enjoy working as a member of a team?
- Is healthy eating for children as important to you as it is to the Academy?

If so, we want you to be part of our team helping and supervising the children in the dining hall.

Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy is looking for enthusiastic, committed people to join our friendly team. You will play a key role in the school day offering the children someone who they can talk to, someone who listens and someone who cares. If you feel you can offer all of the above and would like to request an application pack please e-mail school on enquiries@welton-st-marys.lincs.sch.uk or [download a pack from our website](#).

Welton St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. All posts will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical and reference checks. All Pre-employment checks are in line with "Keeping Children Safe in Education".

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Helping children cross the road is an important job. You will need to be traffic aware, have a sense of responsibility and the ability to work alone, outside on the highway and in all weathers.

Monday – Friday - School Term time only (Hourly Rate: £ 9.98). Apply online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/jobs Further details from: Pam Street – Road Safety Officer (Mobile No: 0787 6035186)





Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Lincolnshire
Police

Free webinar for parents & carers

7th December, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [Lincolnshire-pace-webinar.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.lincolnshire-pace-webinar.eventbrite.co.uk)

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