



# Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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### Value

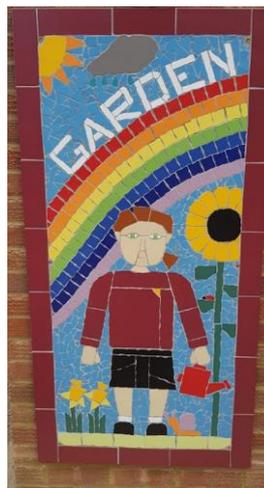
Our value for this half term is:  
*Respect*

"Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it."  
**J. Johnson**

### Open Evening

Please join us for open evening tonight from 6 - 7.30 pm. This is a chance to look at your child's work from the last year, and also to visit their new teachers and class ready for September. Following this, children will spend a day in their new class on 11<sup>th</sup> July - Budge Up Day.

### Garden Room Mosaics



Our year 5 children, and the winners of the design competition, have been working to create the new mosaics to display on the Garden Room. We are so pleased with the end results and look forward to seeing them in position soon.

### Uniform Sales

During Open Evening and the PTFA BBQ, nearly new uniform will be on sale. A great opportunity to get ready for September, and another way to re-use to help our environment.

### Parent Council

Our Parent Council has been established over 10 years and serves to promote communication between school and the parental body. Additionally it is a great way to share good ideas to make our lovely school even better. Obviously it will never replace specific dialogue between individual families and school. Please look out for our current chairs at the PTFA BBQ on Saturday. They are Mrs Pointon (Zach in CD1) and Mr Shepherd





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(Bailey MR). We are currently looking for the best time for future meetings and any good ideas you have to share.

### Attendance Cup

Well done to class AT2 who won the attendance cup for June with 99.12%.

AT2	99.12%
MS3	98.64%
A5	98.36%
CD1	98.16%
MR	98.07%

### Welwyn Street Parade

Congratulations to all the pupils and parents who represented Welwyn St Mary's in the superheroes themed festival parade to start the family fun day at Singlers Marsh as part of the Welwyn Festival. We were delighted to be presented with the shield for the winning entry. Thank you to Mrs Khan for coordinating our entry so well.

### Tennis



Jake and Bertie from year 3 represented Welwyn St Mary's at this year's under 9s county tennis competition. They qualified after beating tough competition a few weeks prior. The doubles team once again showed fantastic perseverance and calm play to win five out of six games! With this result they secured a top two finish with the final result going down to points scored. The pair finished second out of seven teams having scored forty-one points and the winning team scoring forty-three. Well done to both Jake and Bertie and you can both be really proud of those silver medals.

### Mallon Challenge



The 'super team' event took place on Monday 1st July at Monk's Walk and involved some of the elite sportsmen and women from the Welwyn and Hatfield primary schools. Competitions were held in rugby, hockey, netball and football to find the secondary school's most successful group of 'family' competitors. Events were close, but in the end it was the Monk's Walk family who lifted the Mallon trophy, winning 5 out of the 6 disciplines. Congratulations to all of the children and a special thank you to Mr Williams who motivated the students and always reminds them of the contribution Mr Mallon made to sport in Welwyn and Hatfield.





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Congratulations to Camilla in Reception and Charlie in Year 5 who were runners up in their categories in the Disney colouring competition run by Off-Broadway Travel.

### Clubs and Activities

If your child would like to take part in a club or activity next term, please return your requests by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### Lost property

If your child has left a scooter at school, please contact the school office with a description so that we can identify its owner.

### Parking



Please do not park on double yellow lines. Not only is it an offence but it compromises children's safety. Think of Park and Stride as there are several places to leave your vehicle safely in the village and then walk. It is a healthier and greener option.

### Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge with Hertfordshire Libraries is entitled "Space Chase" and is inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. As they read library books, the children will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. For more information, please visit:

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org)

### Polytunnel

Our polytunnel is a wonderful resource for the school, and we would like to maximise its use as part of the children's learning experience. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the school office. A briefing session will be arranged in the new term.





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### Parents of Year 6 pupils - Hertfordshire SaverCard - half fare bus travel for 11-18 year olds

As part of our initiative towards sustainable travel, we would like to promote the Hertfordshire SaverCard. This scheme gives half price bus travel to 11 to 18 year olds for a yearly price of £20. For further details, please visit: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/travel-to-school/savercard/savercard-half-fare-bus-travel-for-11%E2%80%9318-year-olds.aspx>

### Pupil Premium

For every child registered for Pupil Premium, the school receive additional funding which is spent on raising the attainment of those pupils. If you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, your child could access a range of additional benefits, including extra help in class, additional resources, free school trips and visits and one free club per term.

If you think that you might be eligible for free school meals and are not currently registered, please complete the simple online application form which can be found at: [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) Once you have registered your child, please speak to the school office to claim a new school jumper or cardigan.

### Term Time Absence and Penalty Notices

A reminder that Hertfordshire County Council issues Penalty Notices which meet the Hertfordshire Code of Conduct regardless of the overall level of the pupil's attendance. Please be advised that the Governing Body has agreed that Welwyn St Mary's will be following this guidance.

This means that unauthorised absence exceeding 15 sessions (each day is two sessions) over 2 consecutive terms risks a fine of up to £120 per parent for each individual child. The Local Education Authority may issue you with a Penalty Notice under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996, for failure to secure your child's regular attendance at school. One session is equal to a morning or an afternoon.

So that parents are aware of the risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice, Welwyn St Mary's will issue warning letters to all parents who request term time holiday, regardless of the length of holiday.

Please note that:

- Even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely for some weeks. Both before and after the actual vacation.
- Very few children can afford to miss aspects of the school curriculum.
- Staff are unable to provide activities for your child to complete during unauthorised absences from school.
- It is also highly unlikely that your child will be able to 'catch up' on the work undertaken by classmates whilst your child is on holiday.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in maintaining our high attendance record.





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### PTFA News

The PTFA are very pleased to share the good news that Chloe Murphy (mum to Ollie in year 2) is the new PTFA Secretary. Chloe has been on the committee for three years since Ollie joined Welwyn St Mary's and she also runs 1st Welwyn Rainbows. We are very fortunate she's able to find the time and we know she'll do a great job! Thank you Chloe!!!

However, we are still looking for a new chair or chairs to take over from Tracey (stepping down at the end of term) and Jenny (who is standing down at the end of October). Both will have completed a 2 year term in office. The PTFA cannot run without a chair.

**If we have no candidate by the AGM mid-September, sadly it must fold.**

If you are interested, even in sharing the role, please contact us as soon as possible ([chair@wsmpfta.org.uk](mailto:chair@wsmpfta.org.uk)). We are keen to assure any interested party that, for the next academic year, we already have a team in place for every event. It would be such a shame if none of these went ahead.





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### Diary Dates

	<b>Summer Term 2019</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 6.00 - 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day ("Budge Up Day") New Reception 2019 visit 1.20-2.30 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	French Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA BBQ 3.30 - 7.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Choral Concert at St Mary's Church 6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist at St Mary's Church - Year 6 parents welcome 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>INSET Days - school closed</b>

	<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn Term commences
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Individual and family photographs</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>PTFA Quiz Night</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Occasional Day - school closed</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Term ends at 1.20 pm</b>

	<b>Spring Term 2020</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term commences
17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Term ends 1.20 pm</b>

	<b>Summer Term 2020</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term commences
8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>





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