



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

End of term

Just a reminder that **school finishes at 1.20 pm tomorrow**, and **After School Club is open until 4.20 pm**. Please can you ensure that your child has all their belongings and check lost property if there is something you are missing. We wish you all a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September.

Clubs and Music Lessons

Clubs and music lessons will start in the second week of term - week commencing 9th September.

SATS Results

We are delighted with our SATS results this year. They are just one of many ways in which we have seen the hard work and progress of our children. Well done, and thank you to all pupils, staff and parents for your support. In most cases we are significantly above the national

Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

	Children achieving national standard in reading, writing and maths - expected and above	Children achieving national standard in reading, writing and maths - exceeding
Welwyn St Mary's (%)	76	24
National 2018 (%)	65	10

	<u>Reading expected and above</u>	<u>Reading exceeding</u>	<u>Grammar expected and above</u>	<u>Grammar exceeding</u>	<u>Maths expected and above</u>	<u>Maths exceeding</u>	<u>Writing expected and above</u>	<u>Writing exceeding</u>
Welwyn St Mary's (%)	84	40	84	52	82	44	81	31
National 2018 (%)	73	28	78	34	76	24	78	20





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Average points scores (range 80 - 120.
Expected = 100)

	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Maths</u>
Welwyn St Mary's	108	110	108
National (expected level)	100	100	100

Key Stage 1 (Year 2)

	<u>Maths expected and above</u>	<u>Maths above</u>	<u>Reading expected and above</u>	<u>Reading above</u>	<u>Writing expected and above</u>	<u>Writing above</u>
Welwyn St Mary's (%)	77	22	73	25	71	23
National 2018	76	22	76	26	70	16

Year 1 Phonics

95% passed their phonics screening (82% National 2018).

Reception

	<u>Achieving a good level of development in all 5 strands</u>
Welwyn St Mary's (%)	83
National 2018 (%)	72

Gold Award

We are pleased to share with you that we have again achieved the gold award under the School Games Mark.

KS1 playground development

We are delighted to say our grant application for our KS1 playground was successful. Better Extreme Gosling have awarded us an amazing £15,000 for the project with the condition that the work is completed this summer. As a result, the whole project is able to go ahead during our summer holiday. This includes not only a new high quality surface with astro-turf, but full climbing and play equipment as well. We are very grateful to Better Extreme for this.

We are also extremely grateful to our School Fund, PTFA and School Council for their amazing fund raising too. Thank you all very much indeed. The playground will serve many children for many years to come. Please find attached the annual updated from School Fund, which includes a link to the donation form, should you wish to contribute to the school in this way.





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Talent Show



We were treated to a very high standard of performances at our talent show this year. We enjoyed, singing, dancing, piano and guitar playing to name but a few. The teachers' dance was once again a crowd-pleaser. Congratulations to the winning performers: Coral, Ellie, Roxy, Scarlett and Sophie B. Thank you to Mr Ashman for organising.

Year 5 Enrichment Day



A group of our Year 5 children took part in Monk's Walk's Enrichment Day on 10th July. They enjoyed a range of activities from across the curriculum. In the afternoon the children were split into their groups with children from different schools. They took part in archery, football and a tug-of-war competition. Everyone tried their very best throughout the day and some even won certificates for standing out to the Monk's Walk language leaders.





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Tokyo Games



Well done to all those children who took part in the Tokyo games last week at Gosling Sports Park. There were over 500 children in attendance, representing over 20 countries. Welwyn St Mary's were given Great Britain and Germany. The children prepared flags and posters for the day to learn about our respective nations.

The children had an opportunity to play games on some inflatables then archery, curling, skateboarding and basketball. Everyone then got the chance to take part in various athletics activities such as javelin, shot put, long jump and sprints.

Well done to Adam and Callum who won star performers for the day and won Tokyo games t-shirts. Thank you to all those who organised and made such a wonderful day for everybody.

Charitable Activities

From all the charitable activities throughout the year that our children and families have supported, we have contributed towards an incredible total of £5,271.38. A range of charities have benefited from your generosity, from large national charities such as Cancer Research and Macmillan, to our local Blue Cross and the Danesbury QVM, and to Tanzania where we now sponsor a child. A detailed listing is included with the newsletter.

Parking



Please do not block other cars when using the car park in Ottway Walk. This car blocked three others, and was causing congestion around the entrance and exit to the car park.





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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 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.

Proposals for Opening Hours at QEII Urgent Care Centre

NHS East and North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the local GP-led NHS organisation, are seeking views on proposals to a change to opening hours at the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) at the New QEII Hospital. The UCC is very well used during the day, with an average of 118 people using the centre during a typical 24 hour period. However, between 10pm and 6am, on average less than one person per hour uses it. They want to hear local people's views on a proposal to close the UCC during the hours it is used infrequently, between 10pm and 8am. During this period, highly skilled nursing staff currently based at the UCC could instead support patients with serious or life-threatening conditions in the A&E department at the Lister Hospital.





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Find out more and share your views by 4th September at <http://qeiiucc.enhertscg.nhs.uk>

Hungry Little Minds Campaign

Hungry Little Minds is the new Department for Education campaign that encourages parents and carers to adopt positive activities and behaviours to boost children's communication, language and literacy development. This is particularly focussed at children from new born to 5 years old. Parents can access tips and activities from <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> and also search for activities in the area.

St Mary's Church Holiday Club

Join our brave team of explorers this Summer in our holiday club 'Backpackers' at St Mary's Church in Welwyn. We meet at 10-12 every morning from Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August for lots of games, crafts, activities and songs. The club is for primary school aged children and the cost is £5 per family. This event has 40 places, so it's vital to book your place by returning the form sent with this newsletter.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge with Hertfordshire Libraries is entitled "Space Chase" and is inspired by the 50th 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

Holiday Work in School

The following work is taking place at school over the summer holidays:

- Key Stage 1 toilets refurbishment
- Key Stage 1 playground refurbishment
- MN2 carpet replacement
- Dining room corridor roof works





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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).

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

Summer Term 2019	
17 th - 18 th July	Year 6 Production 6.00pm
18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist at St Mary's Church - Year 6 parents welcome 9.30am
19 th July	Term ends at 1.20 pm
22 nd - 24 th July	INSET Days - school closed

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

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

Summer Term 2020	
20 th April	Summer Term commences
8 th May	May Bank Holiday
11 th May	SATs week
25 th - 29 th May	Half Term Holiday
19 th June	INSET Day - school closed
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
17 th July	Term ends 1.20 pm
20 th - 21 st July	INSET Days - school closed

