

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 1.30 pm today**. 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 in the Autumn term.

Year 6 Leavers

We will of course be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have led by example, achieved so much and helped throughout the school. We wish them every success for the future. Thank you to Mrs Wharton for co-ordinating all the leavers' books and hoodies so brilliantly.

SATs resume

We are absolutely delighted to report this year's test results. We are delighted with these super performances. Well done to all staff and pupils who have worked so hard.

Children achieving national standard in reading, writing and maths

National	60.9%
Welwyn St Mary's	68.3%

	<u>Reading (E)</u>	<u>Reading (GD)</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Maths (E)</u>	<u>Maths (GD)</u>	<u>Writing (TA)</u>
National	71.1	24	76.8	74.6	22	76.4
Welwyn St Mary's	85.0	33.3	80.0	76.7	31.7	71.7

Average points scores	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Grammar</u>	<u>Maths</u>	<u>Writing (TA)</u>
National	104.0	105.9	104.1	na
Welwyn St Mary's	106.7	107.1	105.9	na

Fame tribute

What an amazing show. We had all eagerly awaited a full viewing, having heard snippets of rehearsals for weeks, and we were not disappointed. Year 6 excelled themselves by taking on a really ambitious show and nailing it. The singing was superb, including large groups, solos and small ensembles. Full credit for the acting and dance too. Very well done indeed Year 6. Thank you to all the children performing, Year 6 teachers, Saskia and Ed on sound and lights, Bill Parker and Matt for the knock out lighting and sets, and Mr and Mrs Lansberry for their hours set building.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day



Good fun was had by everyone last Thursday 6th July at the KS2 sports day. After a shower, the sun came out and the weather behaved itself! The children all tried their best in warm conditions. The carousel of activities worked well with children enjoying lots of challenges from space hoppers to wheelbarrow shuttles. Then came the races and relays. Everybody ran superbly and received a sticker from the line judges at the end. Thanks should go to Mr Stockton for setting everything up and Mr O'Neill for starting the races and to parents and grandparents for cheering all our students on! A well-deserved ice lolly was given to each child from the PTFA at the end of a very warm day!

Lost ring

A ring has been handed in after the school BBQ. Please contact the school office if you believe it is yours.

BBQ

Thank you to all members of the PTFA BBQ squad who did an amazing. A great time was had by all and thank you to families for attending.

KS1 gymnastics

Very well done indeed to our KS1 gymnasts who did amazingly well and are now county champions. They went on to regional level in Essex. We are proud of them all: Hannah, Hermione, Poppy, Sean, Riley, Leah, Georgia and Ria.

KS2 hockey

Many congratulations to: Ollie M, Ciara K, Luke G, Callum H and Zoe G for their brilliant performance too in taking the silver in the hockey county championships. Thank you Mr Hutchinson for the great coaching.

Sibling illnesses

Please advise the school office when siblings have infectious or contagious illnesses. This is so that we can protect our most vulnerable children in school who may be impacted by this.

Congratulations

Best wishes and congratulations to Miss Hamer on her forthcoming marriage in the summer. We will welcome her back as Mrs Castiglione in class C3.

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Teaching Assistant Mrs Page this week as she moves on to a new role. Thank you for all you have done at Welwyn St Mary's.

Holiday work

Thanks to Mr Stockton for organising the following holiday work: hall and gym painting, fixed wire testing and new windows in A4, new O4. We are also painting Year group marker points for Key Stage 2 collection at

the end of the day. Thank you Parent Council for this good idea. Parents are invited to wait at the number point of their youngest child. Year 3's point will be the one nearest the green gates. This should help keep people off the drive and zebra crossing as well as making it much easier for pupils to see their parents.

Music Lessons and Clubs in September

Music lessons and clubs will start in the second week of the Autumn term (from 11th September).

Benefit-Related Free School Meals Applications for September 2017

If your child is moving into year 3 in September, they will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you wish them to continue receiving a school meal, please advise the office, and an invoice will be raised at the start of each half term. Otherwise, you will need to provide a packed lunch from home.

If you think you may be entitled to Benefit-Related Free School Meals, please apply online at

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Benefit-related free school meals are automatically renewed for children who currently receive a meal. This means in most cases, eligible children will continue to get a school meal and parents need not re-apply.

- Parents/carers do **not** need to re-apply for a school meal for September 2017
- Any child receiving a free meal or 100% music remission will be renewed for both
- Letters from County will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal
- Anyone currently receiving 50% music remission will still need to re-apply from 7th June 2017 at

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

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 Dates: 2016-17	
	Summer Term 2017
21 st July	Term ends 1.30 pm
24 th July	Occasional day - school closed
Term Dates: 2017-18	
	Autumn Term 2017
30 th Aug	INSET Day - school closed

31 st Aug	INSET Day - school closed
1 st Sept	INSET Day - school closed
4 th Sept	Autumn Term commences
18 th Sept	Individual and family photographs
24 th Sept	PTFA Circus
23 rd - 27 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
17 th Nov	Occasional Day - school closed
19 th Dec	Term ends 1.30 pm
	Spring Term 2018
3 rd Jan	Spring Term commences
12 th - 16 th Feb	Half Term Holiday
29 th Mar	Term ends 1.30 pm
	Summer Term 2018
16 th Apr	Summer Term commences
7 th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
28 th May - 1 st June	Half Term Holiday
4 th June	Class Photographs
22 nd June	INSET Day - school closed
25 th June	INSET Day - school closed
12 th July	Secondary transfer day
20 th July	Term ends 1.30 pm
23 rd July	Occasional Day - school closed
24 th - 27 th July	Occasional days - school closed