

Value

Our value for this half term is Respect
"Nobody can be happy without self-respect."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

John Lewis display

Very well done indeed to Lucas AK2, Riley AK2, Hannah AK2, Zoe MR, Teddy MR, Lottie RR, Thomas RR and Lucia RR for having their beautiful artwork chosen to go on display in the window of John Lewis. Well done.

Railway art competition

All pupils in years 1 - 5 have been invited to enter an art competition on railway safety or to design a new train. Entries will be displayed in Welwyn North station and commuters will chose three winners. The top prize is £30. Good luck children. Please return entries by 29th June.

Mobile phones

Only pupils with exceptional circumstances will be allowed mobile phones in school. Written permission is required from Mrs Westley.

Cuckoo in the Nest competition

This ever popular competition is back for another year as part of the Welwyn Festival Week. Entry forms are coming home in book bags so why not have a go? All you have to do is look closely at shop windows in the village to see what item should not really be there. Please return completed entries to the school office or in the box near the registers by the end of the festival. Prizes will be awarded.

Year 5 beautiful paper sculptures

Year 5 have all made beautiful Japanese inspired animal models from paper, which will shortly be on display in Campus West. The models will be sent to Japan with messages of hope for our environment. Japanese pupils will then send their models over to us. Well done children.

Gosling athletics

Our athletics team performed amazingly well in the annual district sports at Gosling. We finished a very strong first in the field events and third in the track. We were so impressed by their perseverance and skill. Individual success goes to the following who each took gold: Zoe, Emma, Jean, Thomas (twice), Luke, James, Ollie, Stanley, Luke and Jonathan C.

Thank you to Dr Cox, Mrs Gutteridge, Mrs Jones, Mrs Heaney and Mrs Reid for helping train all the children, and to Miss O'Keefe and Mr O'Neill for helping at the event.

Schools' cricket competition

Congratulations to our cricket team who came third in the area competition. They played so well and worked so well as a team. Well done. Thank you to Mr Tucker for coaching the team on the day.

SMART Open Evening

Please come along to the SMART open evening this Tuesday, 20th June at 8.00pm in the school hall. A chance to find out how you could get involved in this great amateur dramatics group.

TAP athletics

Well done to Sally-Mae, Edward, Scarlett, Jennifer, Amelie and Ella-Jael for representing Welwyn St Mary's brilliantly at Monk's Walk athletics on Friday. They improved skills, learned new skills and showed excellent teamwork.

University of Hertfordshire Spelling Bee

Year 5 took part in the University of Hertfordshire's Spelling Bee on 13th June. Congratulations to all who took part for their spelling knowledge and excellent behaviour.

The runners up were Ellie L, Kai and Lillia. The winners were Amelie T, Rocco and Amber S who go on to represent Welwyn St Mary's at the competition finals at the University on 27th June.

Choir and instrumentalists.

Very well done indeed to choir and all performers at Music Evening and in church on Village Day. The standard was so high on both occasions with fabulous feedback from audiences. Thank you children, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Dunstan and all our peripatetic staff.

French Day

A reminder for all Key Stage 2 children that this Friday is French Day. The children will be invited to visit a French café in school during the morning and then will take part in French activities throughout the day. Please come to school wearing red, white and blue.

Welwyn Parade

Don't forget to join in our hopefully winning Parade entry on Saturday. Meet Mr Ashman at the Civic Centre at 12.15pm in Roman dress. Parents welcome to participate if suitably Roman looking.

Youth Led Service at St Mary's Church

A reminder that the youth group are holding a café-style service at 4.30 pm on Sunday 25th June. All are welcome to attend, and there will be an opportunity to find out more about upcoming family, children and youth activities at St Mary's.

The Choirs of Welwyn St. Mary's - Concert on 5th July 2017

On 5th July our three wonderful choirs (Choir, Chamber Choir and Community Choir), together with a number of small groups, will be performing a summer concert at Welwyn St Mary's Church. The concert starts at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be served (hopefully outside if the weather is kind to us) from 5.20 pm onwards. The concert is open to everyone, not just parents/friends/families of performers. The concert is free and you don't need a ticket to attend but there will be a retiring collection and raffle with all contributions being split between Welwyn St Mary's Church, the school and a nominated charity.

Help us to win £5,000 of books

National Book Tokens are running a free competition, where you can nominate your school to enter a prize drawer, with £5,000 of books on offer. Please consider nominating Welwyn St Mary's by following the link below, and you will also have the chance to win £100 of book tokens if we win.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WTkrXGv2aAq>

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
20 th June	8 pm SMART open evening
21 st June	Swimming gala
23 rd June	French Day - KS2 children to wear red, white and blue
25 th June	4.30 pm Youth Led Service at St Mary's Church
27 th June	Year 6 "Annie" at Monks Walk School - all children need a packed lunch
28 th June	Year 2 Kew Gardens Trip
30 th June	INSET day - school closed
3 rd July	INSET day - school closed
5 th July	6 pm Choir concert in church
6 th July	Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
7 th July	Year 4 Commonwealth Games event
8 th July	PTFA end of year family barbecue

10 th July	Leavers' Disco
12 th July	7-side netball tournament
13 th July	Budge Up day
14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
20 th July	9.30 am Leavers' Eucharist in church Year 6 Leavers Production
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
24 th Sept	PTFA Circus
23 rd - 27 th Oct	Half Term Holiday
17 th Nov	INSET 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
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	INSET Day - school closed
24 th - 27 th July	Occasional days - school closed