



Welwyn St Mary's Primary School



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Value

Our value for this half term is: **Friendship**

"A real friend walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Walter Winchell

Spring at Welwyn St Mary's



We have some beautiful flowers in bloom around the school. These are by the Garden Room.

Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Jameson into our year 5 team.

Olly's fundraising success



Huge congratulations to Olly in Year 6 who has donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust who create wigs for children who have lost their hair due through cancer treatment and other conditions. Olly has been growing his hair for 2 and a half years and it reached 16 inches. He has raised £1,555, exceeding his target of £1,100 which covers the cost of making his hair into a wig, and for the cost of a second wig. Well done Olly for this fantastic achievement.

Single Use Plastic Week

Very well done to our Green Group for encouraging us to not have single use plastics in our lunch boxes. Please continue with this to lower our carbon footprint and waste. Lunch drinks should be just water please in a re-usable water bottle.





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Captain Tom 100 fundraising

We have shared with you over the last year the fundraising success of Betty-Leigh in Year 1, and how she was short-listed for the Captain Tom award at BBC Sports Personality of the Year. Betty-Leigh has now helped to promote the Captain Tom 100 fundraiser - inviting you to take part in a challenge based around the number 100 to raise money for the Capt Tom Foundation, which has its main focus on young people's mental health charities such as: The Mix, Young Minds and Place2Be. Betty-Leigh features in the video on the website, where you can find lots of ideas and resources to help you take part:

<https://captaintom.org/captain-tom-100>

Dance workshops



On Tuesday 20th April we welcomed a visit from dance teacher Kerry. She was as bubbly and energetic in real life as she is in her videos. The children from KS2 spent an hour dancing and learning dance moves. Although they were thoroughly exhausted, they had a wonderful time, learnt lots and really enjoyed themselves.

We are now well prepared to finish learning the dance, ready for a performance to be videoed.

April Birthdays

A very happy birthday to all who celebrated in April:

Eloise, Wyatt, Alex A, Oliver, Felicity, Everly, Maisie, Stanley, Dia, Charles, Tara, Daniel, Grace, Nicole, Alex K, Finley, Sophia, Teddy, Irenaeus, Isla, Bethany P, Charlie, Seren, Ella-Mae, Ayla, Thomas, Neave, Jamie, Juliet, Caleb, Alex B, Penelope, Bobby, Bethany S, Miss Curtis, Mrs Dunstan, Mrs Lythall,

Bikeability

Well done to so many Year 6 pupils who successfully completed level 2 and 3 in Bikeability last week.

Welwyn St Mary's alumni news

Congratulations to Thomas B who has been awarded a football scholarship with Tottenham Hotspur, and to Georgia B who has won a choral scholarship at Queen's College, Cambridge. We wish them every success.

Pantomime2

We are pleased to let you know that we have booked our pantomime visits for 15th and 16th December. We will be going to Campus West to watch Jack and the Beanstalk.

Library service update

Most Hertfordshire libraries are now open for families to visit to choose their own books. The Ready Reads service is no longer running, but there are Grab and Go packs of pre-selected picture or board books for children, and packs for adults too. Some of the smaller community libraries are not open quite yet, so please check their website before visiting: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>





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Foodbanks help

We have links with local foodbanks so, if you are struggling financially at the moment, please contact the school office in confidence and we can refer you.

Covid-19 information

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms please notify the school at the earliest opportunity - admin@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk - and also notify us of the results of PCR tests. This is **ESSENTIAL** so that we can carry out our track and trace actions should others need to isolate as a result. A reminder that Lateral Flow Tests should NOT be used on Primary age children, and should NOT be used if you have Covid-19 symptoms.

To protect our whole school and particularly our extremely vulnerable families, please do not send your child into school if:

- they have Covid symptoms
- anyone in your household has Covid symptoms
- anyone in your household, including your child, has had a test and is awaiting results

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

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, items of uniform, 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 inform the school office.





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Diary Dates

	Summer Term 2021
11 th May	Year 6 Floella Benjamin virtual visit
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term holiday
w.b. 21 st June	Mosaic project
24 th June	Individual photographs
25 th June	Group photographs
2 nd July	Sports Day
8 th July	Budge Up Day
9 th July	Reserve Sports Day
16 th July	Term ends at 1.20 pm
19 th - 22 nd July	INSET days - school closed
	Autumn Term 2021
1 st September	INSET day - school closed
2 nd September	Autumn term commences
25 th - 29 th October	Half term holiday
15 th & 16 th December	Pantomime trip - Campus West
17 th December	Term ends at 1.20 pm
20 th - 21 st December	INSET days - school closed
	Spring Term 2022
5 th January	INSET day - school closed
6 th January	Spring term commences
14 th - 18 th February	Half term holiday
1 st April	Term ends at 1.20 pm
	Summer Term 2022
19 th April	Summer term commences
30 th May - 3 rd June	Half term holiday
24 th June	INSET day - school closed
27 th June	Occasional day - school closed
14 th July	Secondary transition day
22 nd July	Term ends at 1.20 pm

