



Hi everyone!

Welcome to the second edition of the school magazine. We hope you had an excellent Easter and special time with your family. This edition is packed full of fun activities and ideas, with a musical and gardening theme!

We have loved receiving pictures of the wonderful work you have been completing. You have all been so busy! Keep up the fantastic work and remember to send any images of your work to the school magazine at magazine@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk.

Take a look at the wonderful art Sienna displayed outside her house. Well done Sienna!



500 WORDS CHALLENGE

Author Alert!!



I try to make my ideas better every time I write.

Move over Mini Grey. Toby Hall is in the house! Congratulations Toby on successfully passing the first round of the BBC 500 Words Competition! Let's hear from our budding author in Year 4.

"I entered the 500 word competition last year and didn't make it through, so I was determined to beat the odds this time! I like writing because you can express yourself and it's fun to think of new ideas!"

My story is about a boy called Jake who discovers magic table tennis bats! They change his approach to table tennis and his life forever."

Good Luck in the next round Toby! We can't wait to read your story!

Musical Instrument Wordsearch

E J I T S S C Y W T U E R B L D
C M N E G M N I O W E E S T Q N
H Z E I T L A B M Y C X A C N Z
E I M G E N O H P O L Y X A R O
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O F H L Y S R L Q T E O N E W E
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F L U T E A S O O A V M X A U A
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C P F E S P O A Y G E D B T P N
O H N W A X O C G L U I T U E E
I R G E I E N F T E P M U R T O

Violin piano flute clarinet drums trumpet oboe
trombone recorder cello viola piccolo bassoon
saxophone tuba trumpet cymbal triangle harp
xylophone



Music Jokes

What makes music on your hair?
(A head band!)

Why are pirates great singers?
(They can hit the high C's!)

What type of music are balloons scared of?
(Pop music!)

What's the most musical part of a turkey?
(The drumstick!)

What do you call a cow that plays a musical instrument?
(A Moo-sician!)



Garden Adventures with Miss Milnes

Here are some more fun and crafty projects to do in the garden this week. Don't forget to send us photographs of your creations.

Make mud faces on trees.

This mud face activity allows you to explore and connect with your environment. Look for grass or ferns for hair, stones for teeth or nuts for eyes. If you haven't got a tree to stick your mud face to, find a flat stone or rock instead. Visit <https://muddyfaces.co.uk/activity/mud-faces/>



Make a nature crown.

This is really simple and fun. Start by cutting a piece of card the right size for your head. Join the ends together to make a crown that fits your head. Cover the card in double-sided sticky tape and then collect nature to stick on it like small sticks, leaves, feathers and flowers.

Visit <https://mothenatured.com/nature-crafts/nature-crowns-kids/>



GETTING TO KNOW MR LOFTY

How long have you worked at Welwyn St Mary's?

I'm not really a member of staff I am a school governor and I volunteer to help the school achieve everything it possibly can. I have been volunteering with the school since July last year, so I'm still quite new to it.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

It's a bit of a cheesy answer, but honestly the best thing about what we do is seeing all the children and teachers happy and enjoying our school. I love to read of the school's successes and achievements, it make me feel very proud of you all.

What's your favourite meal?

My favourite meal is beans on toast, sometimes with grated cheese too.

We thought this was a cheesy answer!

If you could take three items to a desert island, what would you take?

Sun cream obviously, a bucket and spade so I can make lots of sand castles and cool box full of cold drinks and ice creams. (I'm hoping it's hot and sunny there otherwise I'm in big trouble!)

What do you do to relax?

To relax I like to listen to the radio, ride my bike or go for walks with the family. I also love going with my boys watch the best football team in the world - Watford FC.



COME ON YOU HORNS!

Online Learning from home!

We are pleased to announce that Sumdog has now been setup for you to use and access at home. Teachers will begin setting you work in English, reading and maths via Sumdog. Your username is your first name and first letter of your surname. For example:

Joe Bloggs= joeb

Your password is WSM.

Please try to log in and begin having fun and learning through the site.

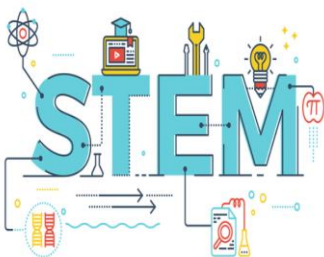


**Have you been using these
other fantastic resources
available?**

**Home
Learning
Grids**



**BBC
Bitesize**



**Keep up the excellent work!
We are all extremely proud of you!**

5 musical things to do at home

1 - Create homemade instruments with household items

Try creating shakers by using dry pasta and rice in empty bottles or covered cups

Line up some milk bottles with varying amounts of water in them.

Tap the side gently with a spoon and listen to the difference in pitch. Make up your own tune!



2 - Make your own simple guitar

Using tissue boxes, shoe boxes without the lids or fruit punnets you can create a string-type instrument.

Use the box for the base of the instrument and take four to six rubber bands.

Wrap the rubber bands around the base, the long way, and make sure there is space between the rubber bands. Experiment with ways of making sounds with the bands.

3 - Think about and use the sounds of daily life

When you are out on your daily walk, listen to the sounds around you.

There won't be so many cars around so you'll be able to hear other sounds really clearly.

Any surprises on your journey?

4 - Use drawing to think about music



Drawing to sounds and music can be a lovely listening activity.

Listen to different types of music - slow, fast, happy, sad, busy, calm and draw along to the music.

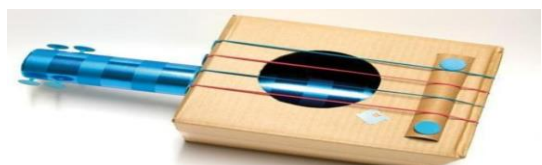
Send us some of your pictures created whilst listening to music

5 - Make a playlist of your favourite music

If you have access to Spotify, Apple Music or similar, you can create your very own playlist.

I have made one for you with some great tracks for you to listen to - and some tracks for you to sing along to, including 'Refuge'.

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/OVOEDFuCWswWzvubUP_W1WL?si=5if02QS9SMu_U9mt4SufFA



Getting to know Mrs Thompson



How long have you worked at Welwyn St Mary's?

I have worked at Welwyn St. Mary's for over 14 years.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love the interaction with children and most of all, learning from them! I also enjoy watching children make progress and celebrating those 'light bulb' moments, where concepts are finally grasped and understood.

What's your favourite meal?

Is has to be Jamie Oliver's Prawn Linguine.

<https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/pasta-recipes/prawn-linguine/>

If you could take three items to a desert island, what would you take?

If I couldn't take my family as items, then I'd take:

A swiss army knife - to prepare my food, for protection and to build a shelter.

Pen and a good supply of paper - to occupy myself and record my time on the desert island.

A giant box of matches - to light a fire.

What do you like to do to relax?

I am a sun-worshipper and love to be outdoors! I am at my most relaxed when I am on holiday (in the sun) or walking my dog, Lila. I also love to read and belong to a book club.