

Welbourne Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers.

This month has truly been a special time at Welbourne Primary School, filled with a variety of activities and events that have brought our community together. Some of the highlights included our enchanting pantomimes, the musical performances, and our end-of-term shows. Additionally, our educational visits and the Winter Fair provided wonderful opportunities for our pupils to engage, learn, and celebrate their achievements.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support during such a busy month. It has been wonderful to see so many of our children and families enjoying themselves and creating lasting memories together.

As we come to the end of the first term and plan to enjoy a well deserved break, I would like to address a rising concern regarding smartphone use at home. Many parents have expressed worries about the impact of smartphones on their children's well-being. I encourage all families to explore the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative, where you can learn more about the effects of smartphone use and sign a pledge to promote healthier habits for our children

Additionally, I want to remind everyone about the importance of attendance. All pupils are expected to return to school on Tuesday, January 7th. Unless your child is unwell, it is vital that they come to school on this day to ensure a smooth start to the new term.

Whether you celebrate this season or not, all of us at Welbourne wish you a joyful Christmas period and a Happy New Year!

Mr R Lane Together we learn. Together we succeed

Pantomimes

On December 3rd and 4th, the children were treated to performances of 'The Greediest Christmas Elf' for Nursery to Year 1 and 'Dip and Dab's Dazzling Xmas Play' for Years 2 to 6. The halls were filled with laughter and cheering, creating a wonderful festive atmosphere!





Thanks to the
'Friends of
Welbourne'
who
fundraised for
these events.





Reception September 2025

Can we remind anyone with siblings due to begin at Welbourne in September 2025 to ensure they complete the <u>online application</u>. Every pupil must complete an online application even if siblings are already in the school or they attend our school Nursery. The deadline to apply is **15th January 2025.**

Dates for your diary....

- School Finishes Friday 20th December 3:25pm
- INSET Day Monday 6th January 2025
- School Restarts Tuesday 7th January 2025 8:55am
- Deadline for Reception Admissions Wednesday 15th January 2025 ask our office staff for support
- Spring Half Term Monday 17th February Friday 21st February 2025
- For Learning Cafe Times & Dates see page 4
- SATs Meeting Thursday 6th February 9:05am (Y6 Learning Cafe straight after)
- School Holiday Monday 7th April 2025 Monday 21st April 2025

Educational Visits

Y5 - Science Museum



Children completed a spectacular space trail learning about astronauts and the equipment they use.

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum to support their learning on space and forces.



Y2 - Ice Skating





Year 2 had a fantastic time ice skating at Mulberry Primary School, enjoying the chance to develop their balance and coordination while having lots of fun on the ice!

Reception - Transport Museum

Our Reception children had a wonderful visit to the Transport Museum, enriching their learning on the topic of *Transport*. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the galleries filled with vintage London trams, trains, and buses.



Y1 - Young V&A Museum of Childhood



Our Year 1 children had a fantastic visit to the Museum of Childhood as part of their history unit, Toys Through Time. They explored exhibits showcasing toys from different eras, which brought their learning to life and sparked lots of curiosity and excitement!

Medication

Please ensure all updated medication, new medication and new medical conditions are **shared with the office** so a Health Care Plan can be created and shared with the appropriate staff.

Following the link to see a document from our school nurse providing guidance for parents/carers on what to do if your child is sick: NHS Minor Illness Guide for Parents



Class Assemblies

We are delighted to invite families into school again to watch our incredible class assemblies. Below you will see dates for each class assembly of the Spring Term and these have also been added to the school calendar. Assemblies start at 9:15am

Friday Assemblies: 17/01/25 Y5 Mondrian 24/01/25 Y2 Da Vinci

31/01/25 Y6 Kahlo (UPDATED) 07/02/25 Y1 Basquiat (UPDATED)

14/02/25 Y4 Miro 28/02/25 Y5 Van Gogh 07/03/25 Y3 Purdy 14/03/25 Y1 Hockney 21/03/25 Y6 Barksdale 28/03/25 Y2 Matisse 04/04/25 Y4 Hepworth

We hope you can join us! If your child's class is not listed their assembly will be in the Summer term.

Good Punctuality

Please remember school starts at **8:55am**. The gates open at 8:50am.

School ends at **3:25pm.** The gates open at 3:20pm.



Start - 8:55am

Children are taken to the office at 3:35pm.

Please ensure you are on time every day.



End - 3:25pm

Book Recommendation CAN YOU SEE ME?

With diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism, this pioneering book, written in collaboration with esteemed author Rebecca Westcott, has been widely praised for its realistic portrayal of autism.

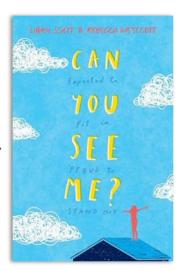
Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Because there's something that makes Tally not the same as her friends. Something she can't cover up, no matter how hard she tries: Tally is autistic.

Tally's autism means there are things that bother

her even though she wishes they didn't. It means that some people misunderstand her and feel frustrated by her.

People think that because Tally's autistic, she doesn't realise what they're thinking, but Tally sees and hears – and notices – all of it.

And, honestly? That's not the easiest thing to live with.



Trumpet and Clarinet Concert





On Tuesday 10th December, our Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils showcased their musical talents in a fantastic clarinet and trumpet concert. The children played beautifully, demonstrating the skills they've developed throughout the term. It was an inspiring performance, and we're incredibly proud of their hard work and progress!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our festive Winter Fair, filled with fun activities, delicious treats, and wonderful gifts—your support made it





A big thank you to the incredible Friends of Welbourne for all their hard work.





It is essential we work together to ensure it's safe for every child to go online. We will be sharing information and advice each month to help you learn about staying safe online as a family.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TikTok

Attendance & Punctuality

Your child should not be off school unless they are unwell as days off may affect your child's progress. All children have a right to an education (UNICEF article 28) and need to attend school regularly to benefit.

Huge congratulations to **Barksdale Class** for their excellent punctuality this month. Please keep up your efforts to improve attendance and punctuality in all vear groups.

Class	Attendance	Lates
YR - Goldsworthy	76.7%	16
YR - Murakami	72.5%	18
Y1 - Basquiat	80.4%	15
Y1 - Hockney	91.3%	13
Y2 - Da Vinci	87.5%	14
Y2 - Matisse	89.0%	9
Y3 - Haring	89.7%	15
Y3 - Purdy	98.0%	9
Y4 - Hepworth	97.9%	6
Y4 - Miro	95.8%	6
Y5 - Mondrian	97.9%	16
Y5 - Van Gogh	88.1%	11
Y6 - Barksdale	92.6%	4
Y6 - Kahlo	99.4%	18

Star Attendance of the Month:

Kahlo Class - 96%

Our Total Attendance of the Month: 88.9%

Our Total Attendance Target: 96%

🚧 Nursery Admissions

If your child is 3 before 31st December 2024 they are entitled to a 15 hour Nursery place from January 2025. If you are a working parent you may be entitled to a 30 hour place. Please enquire at the school office: 020 8808 0427. You can also pre-register younger children by asking the office for a Pre Admission Form.



Wellbeing Corner

Supporting Your Child

Through Bereavement

Experiencing the loss of a loved one can be a deeply challenging time, especially for children. For many, it may be their first encounter with grief, such as the loss of a grandparent or close family member. These early experiences can shape how children process emotions and build resilience.

Place2Be has created a helpful guide to support parents in navigating bereavement with their children, offering practical advice on how to approach conversations and provide comfort.

To learn more, visit:

Supporting Your Child When Someone Dies



Resources to support regulation, connection and rest during December (Beacon House) Beacon House have published a brilliant collection of resources specially designed by their therapists to support regulation, connection and rest during December. Take a look here: https://beaconhouse.org.uk/winte

r-resources/

Learning Cafe Dates

In February, we will have our next round of Learning Cafes. Please see the planned dates below:

Monday 3rd February	Y5 Classes at 9:05am
Tuesday 4th February	Y3 Classes at 9:05am
	Y4 Classes at 9:05am
	Nursery PM at 2:30pm
Wednesday 5th February	Nursery AM at 9:05pm
	Y2 Classes at 9:05am
Thursday 6th February	Reception at 9:05am
	Y6 Classes at 9:30am (after SATs Meeting)
Friday 7th February	Y1 Hockney Class at 9:05am
	Y1 Basquiat Class (after class assembly)

Christmas Concerts







Thank you for attending our winter concerts this year! Your support and enthusiasm made these events even more special for the children, and we hope you enjoyed their wonderful performances.





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