



WELLESBOURNE CE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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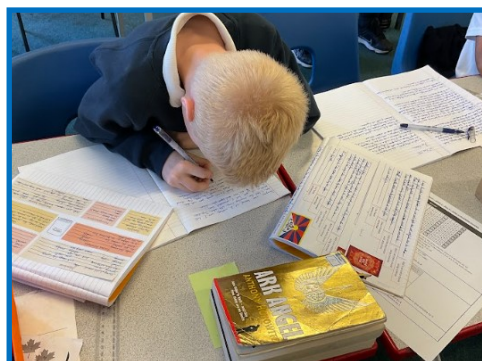
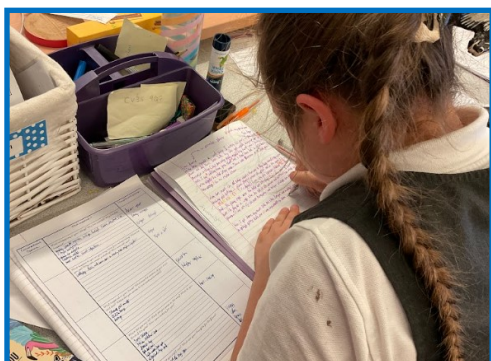
*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law'*



Open Morning for Prospective Reception 2024—Saturday 21st October 9:30am to 11am

Learning in Year 6

We are really impressed by all our Year 6 pupils who are definitely working very hard and doing their best as much as possible. It is apparent that their resilience is growing and they are setting an excellent work ethos example to the rest of the children in the lower years. **Well done, Year 6!**



Annexe Outdoor Area Refresh

A huge thank you Simon Howes, his volunteers and the volunteer team from CEVA who came and spent a day tidying up the Nursery outdoor area to make it more useable and look so amazing! Our pupils are so excited already and it shows the power of people! Thank you to all involved for setting such a great example of serving your community.



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You may have seen on Facebook that we are **recruiting** for a few roles for which we would love to add dedicated and hardworking staff to our team. If you know people who may be interested, please give them our contact details. As with all our roles, they are subject to references and a full DBS check. Application forms are available via email (admin3073@welearn365.com) or a hard copy via the office. Deadline for this round of applications is next Friday (**6th October**).

Lunchtime Servers - This involves simply assisting the catering team at lunchtime by helping serving the lunches and then washing and tidying up. No experience necessary. Approximately 1 or 2 hours a day @ £10.60. We also have **Midday Supervisor** roles available if you know someone who would like to help for this too. **Cleaner** - up to 3.5 hours a day after school working mostly in the Infant building. £10.60 an hour. Experience is not essential but may help the application. **Playworkers** for our before and after school club - £11.18 per hour and we would really like staff who have experience of working in childcare or have an NVQ 3 or equivalent. This is potentially 4.5 hours a day (22.5 hours per week). Finally - **reading volunteers**. We are building up our parent/adult helpers who come in to give a little back. If you (or know someone) would like to come in and listen to children read or help in school, please get in touch with the office and we will see if we can find a class to help and listen to readers.

Harvest Service

On Thursday morning, I was lucky enough to attend both the Harvest Festival services for KS1 and KS2 at St. Peter's church in the lovely sunshine.

The children's behaviour was exemplary at both services and a special well done to Reverend Helen for her first Wellesbourne School church service which was a definite success.

The children sung the rather catchy harvest hymns with gusto and enjoyment. There certainly was a lot of dancing—especially from Reverend Greg who was watching at the back with me.

A huge well done to all the readers from Year 2 and Year 4 who did such an amazing job in such a full church. During the service, Reverend Helen talked about the importance of saying 'Thank You' to things that are given to us from food all the way up the planet with live on. I could see the children really thinking about how lucky they were to live on Earth and they gave such great answers on how we could help look after our planet so that food will grow on it for a long time to come. Well done everyone and especially Mrs Simms for all her hard work on the planning.



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Friends of Wellesbourne PTA Page

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our recent PTA event poll.

It was great to see so many new ideas and some old time favourites.

Here are your top 5 requests. More info coming soon!!

If you have any **ideas**, we'd love to hear from you. Just pop us a message at

committee@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk.



1. Disco
2. Break the rules day
3. Adult Quiz
4. Bingo
5. Colour Run

Double the money!

Do you work for a high street bank, building society, supermarket or large corporations? Then you may be able to help us.



What is Match Funding?

Match Funding is where a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has helped raised for a charity. In this case Wellesbourne School PTA.

How can you help?

If your company offers a Match Funding scheme, you simply need to volunteer at one of our events. The money raised for the school could be doubled!

Match Funding isn't limited to large corporates. So if you think you could help us double up, just get in touch.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Autumn Event—TBC

Bags2School Collection—8th November 2023

Christmas Fair—9th December 2023

(Stall Tickets will be available early October)

Summer Fair—30th June 2024

Second Hand Uniform

We've some great condition, second hand uniform for sale, with all proceeds going back to the school.

Prices: Jumpers and cardigans £3, Grey uniform and summer dresses 50p

Just email us at:

uniformsales@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk



Christmas Jumper Donations

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 15th December.

Any donations of good condition Christmas Jumpers would be gratefully received. These will be available to buy during the Christmas Fair. A donation box will be available in the glass classroom (main site) from Monday 2nd Oct.

Need to contact us? Email us on: Committee@friendsofwellesbourne.co.uk, Facebook [FriendsofWellesbourneSchool](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofWellesbourneSchool), Instagram [FriendsofWellesbourne](https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofWellesbourne)



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.



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Term Dates and Dates for the Diary

Parents Evening ~1	Monday 2nd October
Y4 Compton Verney Trip	Wednesday 4th October
Parents Evening	Thursday 5th October
4S Class Assembly (AM)	Friday 13th October
2P Class Assembly (PM)	Friday 20th October
Open Morning (prospective parents)	Saturday 21st October
Break up for Half Term	Thursday 26th October
2023/24 INSET day #3	Friday 27th October
Return to school	Monday 6th November
Y5 Remembrance Parade (time tbc)	Friday 10th November
1OC Class Assembly (PM)	Friday 10th November
6HS Class Assembly (AM)	Friday 17th November
Children in Need	Friday 24th November
Non Uniform Day - Bottles	Friday 24th November
Non Uniform Day- Chocolate	Friday 1st December
Christmas Fayre/Market	Saturday 9th December
KS1 Production	WB 11th December TBC
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 15th December
Y2 performance at Mackie House	Monday 18th December TBC
Children's Christmas Parties (PM)	Tuesday 19th December & Wednesday 20th December
Children's Christmas Lunch	Thursday 22nd December
Last day of Autumn Term	Friday 22nd December
2023/24 INSET day #4	Monday 8th January 2024
Return to school	Tuesday 9th January 2024
Young Voices Concert (Y4-6)	Thursday 11th January 2024
2023/24 INSET day #5	Friday 5th July 2024



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The Worry Workshop

A creative 4 week programme for children aged 6-11. The workshop will be led by Laura, a qualified counsellor who specialises in working with children and adolescents.

If your child is feeling anxious or maybe a little lost this workshop will allow them to understand their 'worries' and how to cope with them, if you would like further information or to register an interest please contact Laura on info@laurasoper.co.uk.

Location - Lifeways, Stratford upon Avon

Each session will be 1.30 hours

Dates - 5/10/23 at 4.30-6pm

12/10/23 at 4.30-6pm

19/10/23 at 4.30-6pm

26/10/23 at 4.30-6pm

The cost for the 4 week workshop will be £100



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