

# **WELFORD ON AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

## **Welford (Binton) Bridge Traffic Lights System to continue next week**

The Binton Bridge will have a two-way traffic light system in place again next week. You should still expect delays on the bridge and may wish to continue to take an alternative route to and from school. Make sure whoever is dropping off/collecting your child is aware of the disruption.

## **Drop Off Zone**

The drop off zone is now in place. The designated area is in front of the KS1 entrance to the school. You are encouraged to use it so as to ease congestion at the start of the school day.

## **School Playing Field**

As the lighter evenings continue for the next few weeks our school playing field will remain open after school. We ask politely that you supervise your children when they are in the park and respect our school grounds. As a reminder to all, the playing field is school (WCC LA) property and the school maintain its upkeep. While after school clubs are running we ask that your children only play in the play equipment area.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents meetings will take place next week. The meetings will be remote and held through our Teams Platform. Please check now this week that your TEAMS log in is working so that any issues can be resolved well ahead of your meeting.

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm (Remote)</b>

**Teachers will be unable to see parents for parents evening outside of these allocated days and times.**

## **Harvest Collection**

Thank you for your very generous donations to our Harvest collection for the Birmingham City Mission. It is very much appreciated.

### **Nursery Harvest Assembly**

We were treated this week to a wonderful Autumn Harvest assembly from Nursery and Reception. Nursery told us all about how Christians celebrate Harvest Festival and sang the song of the farmer. They were all very brave in what was their first assembly and were beautifully dressed in hats and costumes finishing with a wonderful song of the story of the Little Red Hen. Reception shared knowledge about the changes in the landscape and weather as Autumn approaches and were also resplendently dressed in hats matching their sharing knowledge. They showed their Autumn vegetable collages and also their subtracting apples song with the children showing how we can subtract and know how many are left. Reception finished with their favourite song Big Red Combine Harvester and we were all delighted with the rousing participation of the audience during this Harvest time favourite.

Our next assembly and final harvest assembly:

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Harvest Assembly
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And for the rest of the term the assemblies are as follows:

<b>Learning Assemblies 9.00am</b>	<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception Wright Assembly
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1/ Year 4 Wright
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Year 2/Year 5 Wright
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 3/ Year 6 Wright
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Breakfast with Father Christmas/Christmas Tales AM (TBC) Children's Christmas Fair- PM (TBC)

## A reminder about our Christmas Concerts so you can save the date

<b>Christmas Performances</b>	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Christmas Assembly 9.15am
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Assembly/Concert @ 9.15am

### Drumba Workshops

This week Y1-Y6 enjoyed an energising workshop of Drumba in school. This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience a different way of exercising and ignite their inner drummer and passion for music. What a fantastic way to start our week

### Forest School

A rather wet and windy week out at Forest School. Year 6 created their own miniature models out of natural materials whilst Year 5 created some wonderful animal tracks. Nursery continued with their number hunt and Year 2 had a go at bark rubbing. Reception went on a natural walk looking at all the features of Autumn and Year 1 were challenged to create their very own smelly potions.

*Mr Deeley- Forest School Lead*

### The School Council Needs You!

In order to raise funds, the School Council are organising a Preloved Christmas Clothing Sale. This will take place after school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. We need donations of clean preloved Christmas/ winter themed Jumpers, T-shirts, tops, trousers, hats, gloves, scarves, boppers/ head bands. We will be accepting donations into school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We hope that this event will support everyone with having something to wear on the traditional Christmas jumper day on the last day of school.  
Mrs Cowley School Council Lead

### **Parking**

Parents are reminded that you must not park on or opposite the zig zags at any time during the school day, including clubs. Please do not park across or block driveways or on road junctions. We run an unofficial one-way system so that all cars drive in from Barton Road and leave via the church and ask that parents drive at 10mph. Your cooperation will ensure greater safety for all coming to and leaving school.

### **Volunteers**

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please contact the school office for more information or speak to your child's class teacher. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the school library. We really need your help so any free time would be greatly appreciated.

### **Year 6 Evacuation Experience**

On Wednesday, Year 6 were transported back to the 1940's at Winchcombe Station. As part of their learning about World War 2, the children were evacuees for the day. They travelled by steam train, experienced an air raid, listened to the experiences of real-life evacuees and learnt how to operate a water pump to put out fires. They also had the opportunity to handle, and even try on, artefacts from the era. They had an amazing day and will remember these experiences for a long time.

Mrs Pote and Mrs Barnard – Y6 class teachers

### **FOWS AGM**

The FOWS AGM will take place Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in school. FOWS are always looking for new committee members so if you are interested to joining our wonderful FOWS committee please get in touch with the office for details. Further details about our wonderful organisation have been sent out today.

### ***THE FOWS TEAM***

### **Welford Wrigglers**

Our next 'Welford Wrigglers' will take place next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am-11.15am.

## Picture News:

**This week's story:** The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been 'deliberately felled' on the night of 28th September.

**Question:** How can we remember things that were important to us?

**Reflection:** Places, people, animals and objects all hold an important place in our hearts. Even after they are gone, we can find ways to keep their memories alive.

**British Value connected to this story:** Individual Liberty- We can choose whether to care for and protect the places and things that are special to ourselves or others. It is important to remember our actions have consequences.

**Protected Characteristic- Religion and Belief** The things that we value can form part of our beliefs and shape how we choose to live. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs

**UN Rights of a Child: Discrimination: *Respect for Children's Views***- We have the right to give our opinions freely on issues that affect us and things that are important to us. Adults should listen and take us seriously.

'Picture News at Home is attached to this newsletter' so that you can continue this conversation at home.

## Wellness @ Welford Information

### Warwickshire Family Information Services

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=d1fb19f75a>

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about fostering, National Hate Crime Awareness Week, Household Support Fund Awareness Week and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling 0800 408 1558 or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies). Head over to our Facebook to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an online FIS discovery session.

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<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

## **RISE**

Please follow the link below to Warwickshire RISE website.

<https://cwrise.com/for-parents>

They provide early support, information and guidance on many emerging mental health issues to children, young people, parents and carers. They can offer:

- consultations with a clinician
- training
- themed coffee mornings focusing on areas of requested support.

If you would like to know more please email rise

[risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

## **Welcome to the Recovery and Wellbeing Academy**

<https://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/>

‘The Academy offers a wide range of courses and workshops designed to empower your mental health and wellbeing provided by a number of Partner organisations working together. Courses are delivered face to face and online via Zoom. All Academy courses and workshops are completely FREE OF CHARGE and open to anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire who wants to better manage or understand their mental health and wellbeing. Friends, family, staff, and carers are encouraged to attend as we strongly believe in learning together to get the most out of the courses on offer.’

Have a great weekend

**Mrs Leeman and Staff**

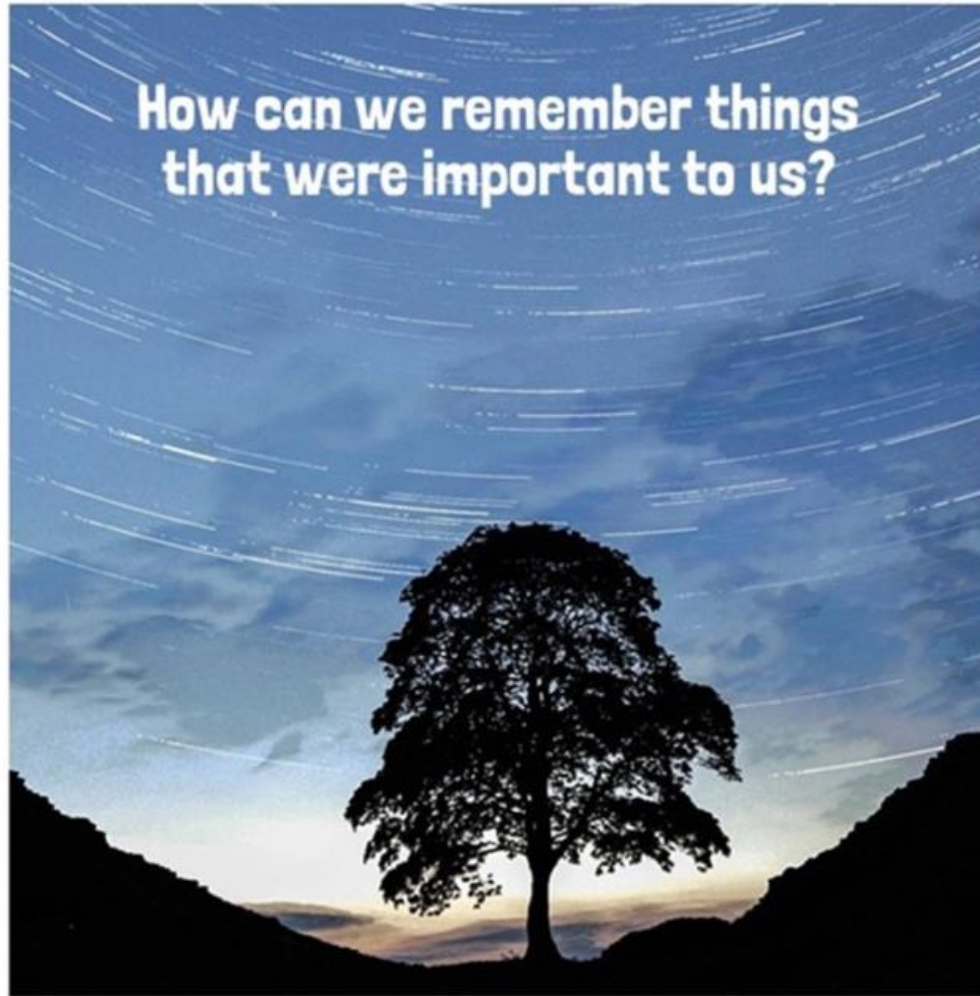


# TAKEHOME

16 - 22  
October



How can we remember things  
that were important to us?



## In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

