



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our learning has continued to focus on the theme of Harvest time, and what better way to bring it to life than with a visit to St Peter's Church in Welford!

Before our trip, we explored how we would get to the church and the route we would take. Using Google Earth, we zoomed out to see our place in the world—realising that while we live in a small area, we're part of a much bigger planet. We then dropped the little person onto the road outside our school and followed the virtual journey all the way to the church. This helped us prepare for the real thing and built excitement for the visit.

At the church, we were warmly welcomed by Reverend Yvette, who spoke to us about the significance of Harvest in the Christian tradition. She explained how it is a time to give thanks for the food grown on the land and to reflect on the importance of sharing with others.

All of the children were fantastic ambassadors for Welford, showing curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm throughout the visit. It was a wonderful way to combine geography, technology, and seasonal learning—and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Maths – Exploring sorting in the shops!

This week we have been busy sorting and grouping in our imaginative sweet, toy, and clothing shops! The children have been learning how to organise objects by size, colour, and shape, helping them build important early maths and thinking skills.

We've been using effective questioning to encourage children to explain their thinking and describe the rules they're using when sorting. This helps develop their language, reasoning, and confidence.

Here are some simple questions you can ask at home to support their learning:

“Can you tell me how you've sorted these?”

“What are you looking out for?”

Creative clay and Festive fun!

Our apple pinch pots are looking fantastic! The children have been busy learning how to manipulate clay to form the shape of an apple, carefully choosing colours with purpose and creativity.

We've also jumped into the festive spirit early—yes, you read that right! Every child has designed their very own Christmas card, which will be professionally printed and available to purchase as cards and other seasonal merchandise. These designs will be sent home next week for you to admire and order. Please make sure they are returned promptly, as they will then be sent off to the printer. No artwork. No Christmas cards!



Literacy in the forest

We used the inspiration of the story 'We're Going on a Leaf Hunt!' to explore the outdoors and to find different leaves. It was our first story sat in the log circle, but it will be one of many over the coming months. We were able to connect with nature, as well as lots of opportunities for multi-sensory stimulation.

A reminder that your child needs to bring in their outdoor learning kit every Wednesday. Clothing must be clearly named and inside a bag with their name on the outside.

Nursery and Reception Harvest Assembly

You are invited to come along to our Harvest assembly on Thursday 9th October at 9.05am. This takes place in the main school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

TEAMS

Hopefully any glitches have now been sorted and everyone is now able to log in successfully to their child's TEAMS account. It is important that you are able to access the account ready for parents evening.

Our first meeting is on Monday 6th October. An invitation will be sent to your TEAMS calendar where you will be able to join at your allotted time. Please do not call me, but wait for me to join or start the meeting.

British Values

As part of our British Values, this term we are supporting children to develop good self-help skills and table manners within the setting.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- Become more independent with taking off and putting on their shoes and coat.
- Sit at the table together and use a knife and fork correctly.
- Practice basic table manners to support everyday social interactions.

Illness Guidelines

It is important that we all follow the correct guidelines for illness:

- If your child has a temperature they should not be in school.
- If your child has needed Calpol or similar during the night or before school, they are not fit to attend.
- If your child is ill, telephone the school office between 9.00am and 9.30am, giving a brief message about why they will not be attending.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
— Robert Frost