



# NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

## HALF-TERM

I can't believe that we are already approaching the first half-term holiday of the school year. We have been busy from the word go!

We have done some re-organising this term – mixing classes in years 1 to 4 as we told you in the summer. Although we keep making some tweaks here and there, it seems to be going well.

Over the summer we had a lot of work done around school. As well as routine repairs, we had new coverings on the staircases and three lots of the children's toilets refurbished. They now look bright and cheerful . . . and smell a bit nicer than they did! You may also have noticed the planters and seats on the main playground – which were installed just before the summer break. They have been planted up and look fantastic, adding a splash of colour to the grounds.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this term is going well – despite all the bugs and viruses. At the moment our attendance is just over 95%. Our target is to try and reach (and beat!) the national average for primary schools. Nationally, attendance is around 96%.

Please try and make sure that your child is in school every day. If they are ill, please let the school office know as soon as possible. We have a duty to check on attendance and ensure that we know where children are if they are not in school when they are supposed to be. This means that you may get a visit from the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to check that everything is okay. The school attendance officer, Miss Reynolds, may also ring to see if there is anything we can do to help.

~ Mr. Chamberlain

## JEANS FOR GENES DAY

On 19th September, we allowed the children to come to school wearing their jeans in support of Jeans for Genes Day. As always, incredible generosity was shown by our school community and we raised £192.06 for this worthy charity. Thank you to everyone for your support.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We were overwhelmed by the incredible kindness shown by the fantastic amount of donations to our harvest festival appeal. Mr. Nigel Bishop came into school to lead a special assembly and all food received will go to the Rock Foundation Food Bank.

~ Mrs. Yarborough

## PLAY LEADERS

Year 5 had play leader training from the School's Sports Partnership which will help us to play together better at playtimes. They also showed us many new games to play and how to invent and adapt more traditional games. We now have some play leaders from year 5 each playtime.

~ Mrs. Riggs





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## NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN DAY

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, please come to view our Early Years provision at our open day on Thursday, 6th November.

~ Mrs. Lehman

**Welholme Academy**

## Nursery & Reception

Open Day

Come and meet the team and see our Early Years classrooms.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**3.30pm-4.30pm**

**Enroll now!**  
Closing date for admissions - January 2026.  
No appointment necessary.  
Call 01472 329944 for more information.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Christmas Dinner school lunch will be on Wednesday, 17th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please order on the My Child At School app by Monday, 8th December.

~ Mrs. Jackson

## DOLLY DAY

In The Bloom Room, we have had a super 'Dolly Day' singing nursery rhymes and taking part in some nursery themed activities. We tasted different porridges, shared nursery rhyme pictures, we played with some themed nursery sensory trays and we took a nursery rhyme book home.

~ Mrs. Welsh



## NURSERY

This term in Nursery, we've been busy learning all about our families and pets! The children loved sharing photos and stories about the special people (and animals!) in their lives. We even learned how to look after our pets by being little vets in our role-play area!

We've also been exploring the wonderful season of Autumn. On our Autumn walk, we looked for colourful leaves, shiny conkers, and other amazing Autumnal treasures to bring back to Nursery. It's been such a fun term full of learning, laughter, and discovery!



~ Miss Douthwaite

## RECEPTION'S FURRY VISITOR

As part of topic in Reception, we have been learning all about ourselves and what makes us special! The children enjoyed talking about their families, friends and pets. We even had a memorable visit from Mrs. Lehman's dog, Red, to help us learn how to care for animals.

~ Miss Wilkinson







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## Y5/6 HISTORY: LIFE FOR POOR FAMILIES IN VICTORIAN BRITAIN

In our history lessons this term, Year 5 and 6 have been exploring the question "What were the risks to a poor family in Victorian Britain?" Through a range of sources, stories and role-play activities, the children have discovered what life was like for families living in poverty during the Victorian era. They have learned about the dangers of factory work, the challenges of poor housing and sanitation, and the difficult choices families had to make just to survive. One of the highlights was holding pretend court trials, where the children took on the roles of judges, lawyers, and defendants to explore how justice worked for the poor in Victorian times. It's been a fascinating topic that has really helped us appreciate how much life has changed — and how important those changes have been!

~ Mrs. Crompton

## Y5 HUMBERSIDE FIRE & RESCUE VISIT

Year 5 were visited by Humberside Fire And Rescue on October 16th. We learnt about how quickly fire can spread in a house and how to keep safe at home, learning to identify possible hazards.

~ Mrs. Riggs



## Y6 VISIT TO PHILLIPS 66 OIL REFINERY

Year 6 had an exciting and educational day at the Phillips 66 Oil Refinery. During their visit, the children took part in a fantastic STEM workshop where they built boxes, created rocket cars, and even got to race them — a definite highlight of the day! They also had the unique experience of sitting in the boardroom for an interesting talk about how the refinery works, before heading to the laboratory to carry out a real science experiment!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, and we'd like to say a huge well done to the winning rocket car team and a big thank you to Phillips 66 for such an inspiring and memorable visit!

~ Mrs. Crompton



## ECO-SCHOOLS

The Eco-council are proud to be displaying our new Eco schools green flag award which recognises all of the hard work the eco-team have done over the past year. We have already held our first meeting and are keen to get started on lots of new green projects, including some playground litter picks, taking part in 'Cut Your Carbon' and restarting our pen recycling project. We are looking forward to lots more projects over the school year, including some tree planting with trees supplied by the Woodland Trust and some nature projects for the school grounds.

~ Mrs. Rabbetts





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## Y5/6 INTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL

We are proud of our Y5/6 boys' and girls' football teams who represented us this term in the ESFA tournaments at Clee Fields. While not the overall winners, performances improved from game to game and a fantastic morning was had by all.

~ Mr. Clayton



23 Oct	School closes for half-term
3 Nov	Start of Autumn Term 2
10 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
14 Nov	Children in Need
17 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
15 Dec	EY Nativity
16 Dec	EY Nativity
17 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
18 Dec	Christmas Party Day
19 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
19 Dec	School closes for Christmas
5 Jan	Start of Spring Term 1
11 Feb	Parents Evening
12 Feb	Parents Evening
12 Feb	School closes for half-term
23 Feb	Start of Spring Term 2
5 Mar	World Book Day
27 Mar	Y6 Residential (PGL)
2 Apr	School closes for Easter
21 Apr	Start of Summer Term 1
11 May	SATs Week
22 May	School closes for half-term
1 Jun	Start of Summer Term 2
22 Jul	School closes for Summer

## INSTAGRAM

Welholme Academy is now on Instagram! Please follow us:



## CHILD SAFETY

If you have any concerns about the safety, care or welfare of any child, then please speak to:

**Miss Glasby, Mr Chamberlain or any member of the Pastoral Team.**

Alternatively, you can phone Children's Services on 01472 326292.

Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) - [nelfsafeguardingchildrenboard.co.uk](https://nelfsafeguardingchildrenboard.co.uk)

