

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

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As we approach the final week of term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible term it has been for our students here at Welland Park Academy. We've seen so many fantastic moments—whether in the classroom, on enriching trips, or through the outstanding achievements in our extra-curricular activities, including sports and performing arts. It's been a term full of energy, creativity, and success, and we couldn't be prouder of our students.

This week we've been serving traditional Christmas Day dinners, and the atmosphere in the dining hall has been electric—staff and students eating together and singing Christmas songs. Christmas Jumper Day today has gone down brilliantly; despite a slightly soggy end to lunchtime, students looked amazing in their Christmas get-ups. I've even spotted a few Santa's and lots of reindeer! Thank you to everyone who has contributed via ParentPay. The ParentPay total currently stands at **£679.50** and we still have the coins to count. A fantastic achievement.

A few important reminders as we head into the holiday period:

**Last Day:** School will close early on **Friday, 19th December**, with students leaving the site at **12:30 pm**. If this presents any difficulties, please contact Main Reception by **Wednesday, 17th December**.

**Non-Uniform Day:** The final day will be a **free non-uniform day**, with the usual expectations regarding standards of dress.

**Return in January:** School resumes at the normal time on **Tuesday, 6th January**, as **Monday** is a Teacher Training **INSET** day.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Warm regards

Pete Leatherland—Principal

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at end of key stage 4	Attainment 8 score	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs
The Market Bosworth School	Academy	154	59.4	72.1%
Manor High School	Academy	176	58.8	71.0%
Welland Park Academy	Academy	181	53.2	65.7%
Gartree High School	Academy	169	54	65.1%
Beauchamp College	Academy	294	55.8	63.3%





## **SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025**

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Clipston along with some members of the Prom committee have been knitting bobble hats for the past couple of months. Tomorrow they will be under the Old Grammar School in Market Harborough Town Centre selling chocolate oranges dressed in the knitted hats.**

**The oranges will be wrapped in cellophane and finished off with a festive ribbon trim.**

**If you are in the town centre between 10am and midday, please pop along and say hi—maybe even buy a chocolate orange or two.**





## Welland Park Academy Lunch & Deli Menu Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December 25



WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Concept	Asian	Home Comforts	Best of British	Chip Day	
Option 1	Chinese Chicken & Firecracker Rice Wrap	Cottage Pie & Gravy	Roast Pork or Roast Chicken with Stuffing Ball & Gravy	Sausages	School will close at 12.30pm. The usual breakfast items plus some Lite Bite options will be available during break-time service 
Option 2	Vegetable Curry & Firecracker Rice Wrap	Cheese Potato & Onion Pie	Roast Quorn Fillet & Stuffing Ball	Vegan Sausage Roll	
Sides	Hand-cut Wedges Sweetcorn	Savoy Cabbage Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Roasted Vegetables	Chips Baked Beans	
	The Catering Team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year				
Hot Deli	Pizza, Pasta, Panini Jacket & Topping	Pizza, Pasta, Panini Jacket & Topping	Pizza, Pasta, Panini Jacket & Topping	Pizza, Pasta, Panini Jacket & Topping	

## POLITE REQUEST TO PARENTS

We would like to remind parents and carers of the procedures for students who require medication during the school day.

If your child is unwell or has a condition that means they may need over-the-counter medication—such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen—please ensure they come to school with their own supply. This should be dropped off at the Front Office, where it can be safely stored and administered if needed.

Please note that the school holds only a very limited supply of basic medication, restricted to a small stock of Paracetamol and Ibuprofen. We do not keep Calpol, cough medicines, or specific pain relief such as Feminax or Migraleve. Supplying your child's own medication ensures we are able to support them promptly and appropriately.

If your child has a health condition requiring prescribed medication—including antibiotics, strong painkillers, asthma inhalers, Epipens, or insulin—these must be brought into school and accompanied by a completed Medication Form. This form provides essential guidance to our office staff on when and how the medication should be administered.

Please also be aware that students should not carry medication in their bags, unless this has been specifically agreed in advance with Mrs Goulborn, our Lead First Aider.





Mr Styles, English teacher, has started the annual Reverse Advent in aid of the Jubilee Food Bank.

Whilst specific items are listed for each day, we will accept anything that you think would be appropriate.

**WELLAND PARK ACADEMY  
REVERSE ADVENT EVENT  
THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Reverse Advent sees us giving something, rather than receiving something, through the days of December.

This year we are asking for any donations of food and health products which we can then collect and pass onto the Jubilee Foodbank to help them over the Christmas holidays.

We will begin collecting on Monday 1st December and then for the next twelve school days.

Anything you can give, will be gratefully received and passed on but this is a suggested list of requests:

**MONDAY 1st DECEMBER – DRIED POTATO (EG SMASH)**

**TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER – TINNED HAM**

**WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER – TINNED POTATOES OR CARROTS**

**THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER – BOX OF CEREAL**

**FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER – JAR OF PASTA SAUCE**

**MONDAY 8th DECEMBER – PACKET OF BISCUITS / CRACKERS**

**TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER – BOTTLE OF CORDIAL / SQUASH**

**WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER – MICROWAVE RICE**

**THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER – CHOCOLATE BARS**

**FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER – SHOWER GEL / SHAMPOO**

**MONDAY 15th DECEMBER – TINNED SWEETCORN**


**TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER – TINNED FRUIT**

For further details of suggested food donations, please visit the Jubilee Food Bank website at [www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/shopping-list](http://www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk/shopping-list)

Thank you for your kindness and support.

In The Welland Park Family,  
We Respect  
Persevere  
Achieve...with kindness






**Welland Park Academy**  
presents  
Roald Dahl's  
**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Book by David Greig      Music by Mark Shaiman      Lyrics by Scott Wittman  
Mark Shaiman

Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL  
Songs from the Motion Picture by  
LESLIE BRICUSSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI



It doesn't seem like 5 minutes since our amazing Performing Arts department presented us with The Little Mermaid but 12 months later they plan to dazzle us again with Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Tickets go on sale at 9am on Monday 15th December 2025. They usually sell very quickly so please do remember to buy yours.

Tickets will on sale via Ticket Tailor. Please use the link below.

<https://buytickets.at/wellandparkacademy/1982780>

## VOLUNTARY ACTION SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE

On Wednesday, we were delighted to once again welcome our friends from VASL (Voluntary Action South Leicestershire) for an afternoon filled with warmth, laughter, and festive spirit.

Our partnership with VASL began nearly seven years ago, united by a shared mission to help alleviate loneliness among the over-60s. Each year, we open our doors to around 25 wonderful guests for an hour of tea, cake, and conversation – and this year was no exception!

Students from across all year groups volunteered their time to meet and greet, serve refreshments, and share stories. This year's event was made even more special with some fabulous Christmas singing, along with the exchange of cards and gifts.

It's always a truly cross-generational celebration, where experiences are shared and friendships are formed. We know our students gain just as much from these afternoons as our VASL guests do – and that's what makes it so magical.

Here's to many more years of connection, kindness, and community!





## Winter 2025 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Delivery

### Harborough

Families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals will receive a HAF Code showing their eligibility to attend FREE HAF provision for up to 4 sessions over Winter, including activities and food.

December 2025 & January 2026

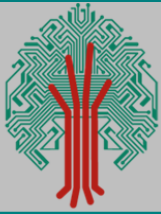


LET'S  
GET  
MOVING



PROVIDER	DISTRICT	DELIVERY VENUE	ACTIVITY TYPE	DELIVERY DATES	TIMES	AGE GROUP	CONTACT FOR BOOKING
DISCOVERY	Harborough	Kibworth Primary School Hillcrest Avenue LE8 0NH	Holiday Club	19 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9am to 3pm	4 to 11	Name: Lee Gill Email: <a href="mailto:lgill@discoverytrust.org">lgill@discoverytrust.org</a> Phone: 07961600911
DISCOVERY	Harborough	Farndon Fields Primary School Argyle Park LE16 9JH	Holiday Club	19 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9am to 3pm	4 to 11	Name: Lee Gill Email: <a href="mailto:lgill@discoverytrust.org">lgill@discoverytrust.org</a> Phone: 07961600811
EVERYONE ACTIVE	Harborough	Harborough Leisure Centre Northampton Road Market Harborough LE16 9HF	HAF Junior Gym, Swim & Food Pass	Various dates available.	Various times available	11 to 16	Name: Nick Evatt Email: <a href="mailto:nicholasevatt@everyoneactive.com">nicholasevatt@everyoneactive.com</a> Phone: 01858 410115 Booking link: <a href="https://www.everyoneactive.com/leicestershire">Everyone Active HAF Programme Sign-up - Leicestershire</a> ( <a href="https://www.eacommunications.co.uk">eacommunications.co.uk</a> ) Please pick the main site on the drop down list.





A number of our students are performing in this newly written edition of Cinderella. There are still tickets available.

**RoseWood**  
THEATRE COMPANY  
**PRESENTS**

***Cinderella***  
Written by E&G Creative

**The Masque Theatre, Kettering**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - 1pm & 5pm**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January - 1pm & 5pm**

Get your tickets at [www.masquekettering.co.uk](http://www.masquekettering.co.uk)  
or by scanning the QR code





# Snowdrop Appeal 2026

Celebrating growth, hope & resilience



With thanks to the supporters of this year's Appeal:  
Langton Greenhouse & Garden Centre.  
Lampport Hall.

The snowdrop - a symbol of overcoming adversity, of hope and resilience. This strikes a chord with the 140 or more local families we support each year as we help them meet the challenges they face, and this year has been particularly challenging!

Our help has been  
described many times,  
quite simply, as a  
“life-line.”

We would love you to spot snowdrops whilst out and about, or get creative and enjoy a snowdrop themed activity or game at home. Take a pic and send to us to post on our socials @homestartsl, and share on your own using #Snowdrop26 #HSSL. On 1st March we will hold a random draw for three lucky prize winners!



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[www.home-startsouthleics.org.uk](http://www.home-startsouthleics.org.uk)  
<https://linktr.ee/homestartsouthleics>  
Tel: 01858 467982

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<https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Snowdrop2026>

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