



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy and positive week at Welland Park Academy, and I wanted to update you on everything that has been happening across the school.

Building work has begun this week, and I'm pleased to say we have already made good progress on the refurbishment of the Year 8/9 girls' toilets. As part of this phase, we have temporarily closed one of the quads, and the girls are currently using temporary toilet facilities. Whilst I appreciate this is not ideal, we have worked hard to ensure these temporary toilets are as comfortable and as private as possible. I want to thank both students and parents for their patience and understanding during this period of disruption. The building work is expected to last several weeks, but once completed the girls will have brand new, first-class facilities. After this, we will move immediately on to creating an identical, upgraded set of toilets for the boys.

Today we also enjoyed a fantastic celebration of Chinese New Year in school. Students took part in Mandarin sessions, enjoyed Chinese cuisine, and even had the opportunity to watch and join in with traditional dancing. It was a joyful day and a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience and appreciate another culture.

You may also have noticed changes to the canteen this week. We have introduced a new service system at break time, providing separate service hatches for KS3 and KS4. This improvement has already reduced waiting and queue times—a change driven directly by feedback from our Student Council. This is yet another example of how student voice at WPA genuinely shapes how our school operates.

We were delighted to be asked to collaborate with a number of schools across the county, County Hall and the High Sherriff of Leicestershire to spring a surprise on a Leicestershire volunteer. She received the High Sherriff's award at Welland Park Academy in recognition of her great and valuable services to the community.

Next week marks the beginning of KS4 mock examinations. We know this can be a challenging time, particularly for our Year 10s who will be sitting a full set of exams in formal conditions for the first time. It is important they stay calm, maintain a healthy diet, drink plenty of water, and keep revising steadily. For our Year 11s, this is their final set of practice exams before the real public examinations in the summer. I have been incredibly proud of how they have stepped up over recent months, showing maturity, resilience, and focus. I hope this set of mocks gives them the final confidence boost they need ahead of the summer.

Wishing the very best of luck to all students involved.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





Donations for the Jubilee-Foodbank

Written by Cecilia

This February and March we are asking for donations to the Jubilee Foodbank. Anything that you can donate would be deeply appreciated. The Jubilee Foodbank is an incredible charity that was set up to help people in their time of need by giving food to people in poverty.

We are asking students and staff to bring in canned goods, toiletries or anything they can spare. We are will be collecting from February 23rd up until 16th of March. Donations can either be dropped at the front office or students can take them to their form rooms.

It's essential to help these organisations that do so much phenomenal work. Just giving one can or bag of pasta that you had lying around can mean a world of difference for people who are struggling. People can feel so lost and having foodbanks like Jubilee can save them a night of hunger and put a smile on their face. The smallest actions really can make a huge difference and if everyone in the school donated one thing we could provide meals for hundreds of people.

How it began: In 2012 a few members of the Market Harborough Congregational Church set out to help the hungry with nothing but compassionate hearts, and now it's able to help thousands of people. In 2020 they provided 30,000 meals and helped 400 households and in 2022 they provided over 23,000 meals. The Jubilee foodbank is a non profit organisation that relies on the generosity of local residents and businesses to give donations so it's vital that anyone that can help do so. The Jubilee foodbank has a website for anyone to visit to learn more, sign up to volunteer or get help if you want to contact them. You can email them at jubileefoodbankmh@gmail.com. There is also an app called Bank the Food that sets reminders and gives updates about donating to foodbanks.

We know that not everyone is in a position to donate but please spread the word about the collection we are running. Thank you in advance and we hope to see lots of donations!

JUBILEE
FOODBANK



To celebrate World Book Day, there will be a big book swap in the Library at break and lunch....

If you donate some of your old books, you will be given tokens...

Bring your books to the Library between 23rd February and 5th March



Books are 20p each or free with a token!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY[®]

5 MARCH 2026

STUDENT USE OF PHONES IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that students may currently only use their mobile phones in school when permission has been given by a member of staff.

Recently, we have seen an increase in students contacting home directly when they feel unwell, rather than reporting to the front office. We kindly ask that all students present to the front office first so they can be assessed and supported before any contact is made with parents or carers.

Our trained first aiders are based in the front office and can ensure that any student who feels unwell is kept safe, comfortable, and properly monitored.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all students safe and well cared for during the school day.



EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS ARE £1 INCLUDING TOAST, CRUMPETS, CEREAL, PORRIDGE AND BAGELS

HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA AND FRUIT JUICE ARE 50P

CATCH UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS BEFORE SCHOOL OR COMPLETE REVISION WORK AND ENJOY A DRINK AND SOMETHING TO EAT AT THE SAME TIME

A MINIMUM SPEND OF 50P MUST BE MADE

NETBALL CAMP HARBOROUGH PRIMARY NETBALL

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 3-6



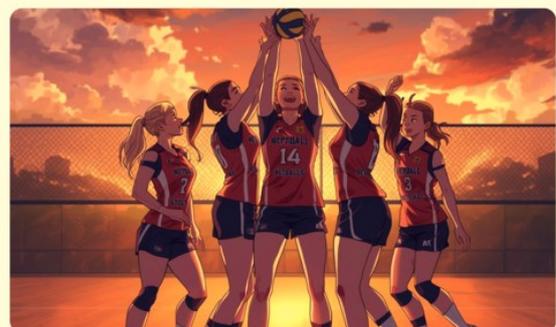
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10:00-15:00 HOURS
MARKET HARBOROUGH
ARENA, LE16 9HF**

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For children in school years 7-10



**Monday 30th
March 2026.
10:00-15:00 hours
Market Harborough
Arena, LE16 9HF**

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netballcampharborough@gmail.com to
book

£22.50 per child
Run by Coach Claire Adams



WEEK COMMENCING 2 ND MARCH 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Greek Chicken Gyros with flatbread and salad with a mint yoghurt dressing 	Pork Roast of the Day	Mexican Chicken with Rice and sides 	Chicken burgers with chips and beans
MAIN # 2	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Sweet Potato Falafel with flatbread and salad with a mint yoghurt dressing	Roasted Vegetable Lattice	Vegan Chilli with Rice and sides	Vegetarian burgers with chips and beans
HANDHELD	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day	Pizza, Panini's, toasties & lite bite of the day
BOWLED OVER	Pasta Kitchen	Noodle Street	Curried Rice Bowls 	Noodle Street	Pasta Bowls (mac & cheese or tomato) 
BAKERY & PUDDINGS	Selection of cakes, muffins, cookies, brownies, flapjacks, hot puddings & custard				
SUPER SPUDS DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR BAKED POTATOES WITH A VARIETY OF TOPPINGS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	AVAILABLE EVERYDAY FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS & JELLY				ALLERGIES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES.

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 Migralve. 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.



SURVEY

**Please find below a survey that we have been asked to pass onto parents.
Students have also been sent a copy via Edulink.**

See below for an anonymous survey on Domestic violence in the local area:

As part of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Domestic Abuse Review I am completing on behalf of the Violence Reduction Network, we have developed three lived experience surveys to help strengthen our understanding of how effectively current services are supporting children, young people and families.

The surveys aim to gather insight from:

- Children and Young People
- Adults (parents, carers, survivors)

Professionals working with children and families

The intention is to better understand what is working well, where there may be gaps or barriers, and how services can be improved. All responses are anonymous and will be used to inform recommendations within the wider review of provision across LLR.

I would be grateful if you could share the relevant survey link(s) with appropriate individuals and groups.

Survey links:

Children and Young People: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHY9PWD>

Adults: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHQ896N>

Professionals: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHT9SHP>

The deadline for responses is 1st March 2026.

If you have any questions about the review or the surveys, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us capture meaningful feedback to strengthen our local response.

NB If the links do not work, please copy and paste into your browser.