



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

I do say it in every newsletter, but once again we have had another incredibly busy—and rewarding—week for both staff and students at Welland Park Academy.

The week began with the exciting news of our confirmed new Year 7 intake for September. We are absolutely delighted to welcome these students into the Welland Park family and look forward to meeting them properly at the end of August. Transition is such an important time, and we are committed to ensuring they feel supported, valued, and ready for the next stage of their educational journey.

Monday evening saw our Year 8 boys basketball team take to the court in a thrilling semi-final against Catmose College. In a fantastic display of teamwork and determination, they secured a 22–16 victory, earning themselves a well-deserved place in the Leicestershire County Finals. Even more exciting—they will be playing at the Riders Arena. A huge congratulations to the team and their coaches!

Our Year 10 and 11 students have also been impressing us this week as they continue with their mock exams. Their attitude, focus, and impeccable behaviour have shown maturity well beyond their years. We are incredibly proud of the calm and committed way they are approaching this important period.

Work on the toilet block refurbishment is progressing very well. Contractors remain on schedule, and we are hopeful that this pace continues as they prepare to move on to the boys' facilities next. Inevitably, the project has created some disruption, but our students have handled it admirably and with great patience.

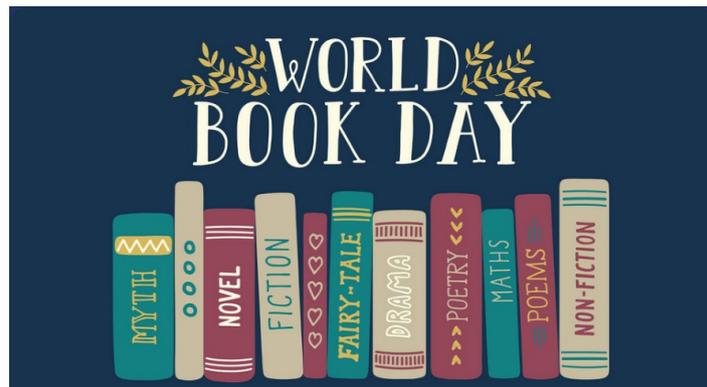
And finally—World Book Day. What an incredible celebration! Every year I am blown away by the creativity, enthusiasm, and sheer effort staff put into making the day special for students. The costumes, activities, and shared love of reading made it a day to remember.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more highlights with you next week.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone.

Pete Leatherland—Principal





WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

As usual our staff went above and beyond with their World Book Day costumes and the students loved it.

Characters from The Hunger Games, Minions, Mr Men, Alice In Wonderland, Little Red Riding Hood, The Hungry Caterpillar, Captain Hook, The Indian In The Cupboard and many more walked the corridors and taught classes.



The library hosted a book swap at break and lunchtime. Hundreds of books were swapped by avid young readers, served by Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf. Thank you to all involved for the donations of books.





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



YEAR 11 LEAVERS HOODIES

It doesn't seem possible but it is time for leavers hoodies to go on sale to Year 11.

Details have been sent out to parents and students. All requests need to be in by Friday 27th March 2026 as the order will be placed during the Easter holidays.

We are expecting delivery by the end of May

EARLY MORNING FOOD AND DRINK PROVISION

VENUE: DINING HALL

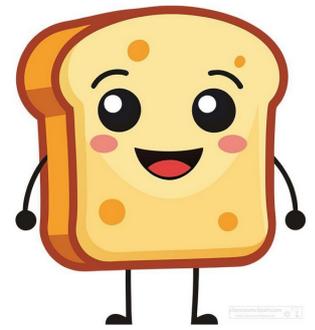
REMEMBER—OUR EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST PROVISION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

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



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.



WEEK COMMENCING 9 th MARCH 2026	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN # 1	BBQ Chicken with Potatoes, Baby leaf salad & Coleslaw	Beef Penne Bolognese with Salad  	Roast Gammon of the Day	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice and Naan bread 	Pork Sausages with chips and beans
MAIN # 2	Mediterranean Vegetables with Potatoes, Baby Leaf salad & Coleslaw	Mushroom Risotto with Salad	Vegan Sausage Roll	Sweet Potato Rogan Josh with Rice and Naan Bread	Creamy Vegetable Lattice 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	Curried Rice Bowls	Noodle Street 	Pasta Kitchen	Pasta Kitchen
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 TOPPING FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!	AVAILABLE EVERYDAY FRESH FRUIT, YOGHURTS & JELLY	 HEALTHY Menu		ALLERGIES PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IF YOU HAVE AN ALLERGY & NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE OUR FOOD DISHES.

Presented by **DMU Confucius Institute**
2026 Chinese New Year Celebration at Welland Park Academy



On Friday we welcomed visitors from China to celebrate the Chinese New Year – The Year of the Horse. 40 students experienced a traditional face-changing dance, some singing from our own Mandarin students and craft workshops. The students really engaged and it was lovely to share this cultural experience. Mandarin lessons are open to all on a Monday after school. See Mrs Russell to sign up.





SUMMER CAMPS 2026

Ages: 6-13 Boys & 6-15 Girls
Time: 10.00-16.00
Equipment supplied if needed
All abilities and experience welcome
Early drop off and late pick up available

1-2 April



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