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We've started the new academic year with the publication of our long-awaited Ofsted report and Weldon CE Primary is now officially a 'GOOD' school. The inspectors referenced the 'root and branch' changes that have taken place, highlighting the school's 'ambitious curriculum' and recognising that staff have 'high expectations of pupils' and teach 'clear precise information that helps pupils know more of the curriculum'. Inspectors also praised the behaviour of the 'polite and well mannered' children who 'look out for each other' at the 'happy and welcoming school'. You can read the full report via the [school website](#) and on [Ofsted's website](#) too. We're so very proud of everyone at school – children, staff, and parents and carers – it really has been a team effort and all the hard work has definitely paid off.

The new term has started as we mean to go on and we've welcomed a whole class of 4 and 5 year olds into reception. Our oldest pupils, our year 6 class, have already enjoyed their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. Paddle boarding, abseiling, raft building and rock climbing were just some of the activities undertaken during the five-day trip. Well done to all the children and especially to the staff, who not only took great care of everyone but had a go at all the activities too, even the scary ones!

Our children continue to benefit from a wonderful range of learning activities in school. Our year fours are learning all about the Ancient Egyptians at the moment and have been mummifying tomatoes in class! The year 6 children are learning all about the human body and did a wonderful experiment making their own 'blood' with the help of pineapple juice, cheerios and red food colouring, amongst other ingredients.

We're all looking forward to coming together at St Mary's Church later this term for our first harvest celebration since 2019. We're already practising our harvest songs in our weekly singing assembly so we'll be in fine voice when the time comes.

Lastly, September saw us play host to a series of open evenings for Weldon Village Academy. These were widely attended by families from right across the parish and beyond and we're looking forward to building on our existing relationship with the new school and its team as it grows over the coming months.