

Oct 2023

October was another busy month for all the children and staff at Weldon CE Primary.

You might have noticed us all walking through the village a few weeks ago as we made our way to St Mary's Church for our Harvest service with Rev Kane. The children were all in fine voice, singing their well-rehearsed Harvest songs of praise and we had some wonderful readings and prayers from our year 6 children. As always, Rev Kane led a wonderfully interactive service, which involved some volunteers crafting some harvest foods from play doh, paper and even Lego.

Our year 5 children have been learning all about Ancient Greece, supported by the class reading text, 'Who Let The Gods Out?'. The children also had the opportunity to do some cooking, making their own Greek food. The classroom was full of the delicious smells of pitta bread, hummus, Greek salad and tzatziki. Some were more willing to try the food than others but they all had a lot of fun.

Our youngest children in reception hosted their parents and carers for their very first Harvest assembly. The children loved showcasing their super singing of 'Big, Red Combine Harvester' as well as sharing their Harvest learning with all the grown-ups. Well done to them all – not an easy task when you're just four and five years old!

Our school choir is busy rehearsing for the national Young Voices concert, which will take place in the new year. They're also about to learn some more festive tunes ready to take part in December's event at St Mary's Church organised by the Singlehurst Trust.

October also saw our first parents' evening of this academic year, where parents, carers and children are invited into school to not only look at some of the fantastic work the children have been producing, but to meet with the teachers to discuss the children's progress. We also had the photographer in school to take individual pictures of the children, many of which will be appearing on mantelpieces across the parish in the coming weeks.

The Coram Life Education & SCARF team visited school at the start of October. The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools, delivering fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops to help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health. All children were very excited to take part in these sessions with their classmates and we're already looking forward to the next visit.

We continue to face the ever-present issue of problematic parking around school at drop-off and pick-up times but are hopeful that weekly email reminders and proactive 'words of advice' to drivers from school staff will help to remedy this issue as the school year progresses.