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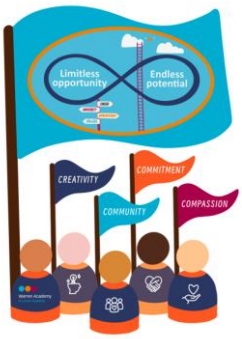
A message from the Head of School



School Value: Community

It has been lovely to welcome so many new parents and carers to the Warren community over the last few weeks, with many new children starting school in F1 and F2, but also other children who have joined us in classes across school. It was brilliant to see so many parents and carers in EYFS and KS1 joined us for phonics and reading workshops. We hold our school value of community proudly and we are looking forward to seeing you at many of our events over the coming months to celebrate the learning and enrichment we offer here at Warren Academy.

We are also holding an open afternoon for any parents and carers who are looking for a space in F2 for the next academic year. More information for this can be found on the poster below – please spread the word to anyone you may know who is looking for a new school place!

OPAL - Outdoor Play and Learning

A huge thank you to everyone who has brought in donations so far for OPAL! We are still collecting resources, so please continue to bring these in. We are launching OPAL on Wednesday 8th October, and are very excited. We are still in need of:

- Metal pots and pans and baking trays/cake tins
- Small world items like toy cars, animals, dinosaurs, trains etc
- Sand
- Sand play items like buckets and spades
- Art and craft items like paint brushes, paint pots, chalk, paint, felt tips, colouring pencils etc
- Soft furnishings like bean bags, cushions and blankets
- Any hair related items – hairdryers, straighteners, curling tones, empty and clean shampoo bottles, brushes, hair clips etc.

We also wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Eddyshaw who has been giving up his time to build us an OPAL shed – you will have seen his hard work and commitment to this over the last week, and we are extremely proud of having some like Mr Eddyshaw to help us with this project!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Salam

Head of School

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Attendance matters

A message from Mrs Neat – our attendance officer

Attendance is an area we are continuing to work on across the school for this academic year. We hope to continue to see the efforts that parents and carers are going to, to ensure that children are in school every day. Please continue to maintain this in the summer term, to ensure the best possible progress for your child at school.

If you need any help or support, please get in touch with us. We are here to help.

Weekly attendance target: 96%

Whole school attendance to date: 94.8%

This week's attendance:

F1: 82.9%

F2: 92.7%

Y1: 97.5%

Y2: 93.2%

Y3: 92.8%

Y4: 97%

Y5: 99.3%

Y6: 95.4%

Attendance-opoly winners from this week:

1st place: Year 5 – 99.3%

2nd place: Year 1 – 97.5%

3rd place: Year 4 – 97%

Attendance processes if your child is absent from school

- All parents and carers are expected to notify school if your child is unable to attend and give reason as to why they are absent.

If your child's attendance is above 90%

- If we do not receive communication from you, a text message will be sent to find out why your child is absent.
- If your child is well enough to attend in the afternoon, we encourage you to bring your child in, as they will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon session.
- We expect for you to continue to communicate with school on a daily basis if your child continues to be absent from school.
- If we do not receive communication from you, a house visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - persistently absent

- If we do not receive communication from you, school will phone you by 9.30am to find out why your child is absent.
- Medical evidence, if your child is absent from school as they are unwell, will be requested from you.
- If medical evidence is not provided to school for your child's absence, we will complete a house visit to discuss your child's absence with you.
- If 3 home visits are made in a term, school will need to consider whether a referral to social services is required due to educational neglect.

Lateness and unauthorised absence

- **There has been a significant increase in the number of children that are arriving late to school.**
- **All children should arrive at school by 8.50am**.
- **If your child arrives past 9.30am, their attendance for the morning session will be classed as unauthorised, and this will negatively impact their attendance.**
- **You can receive a fine from the local authority for continued lateness past 9.30am, as this is considered to be unauthorised absence from school.**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please speak to a member of our attendance team. We will provide support to families to ensure your child is able to attend school:

- **Mrs Neat** – Attendance officer
- **Mrs Salam** – Head of School
- **Mrs Ford –** DSL and Inclusion Leader
- **Mrs Curtis** – School Business Manager

Your child's class teacher will also be happy to discuss your child's attendance with you. **We are here to help you!**

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Attendance matters

Statutory attendance updates for the DfE

From 19th August 2024, the Department for Education is implementing statutory guidance for school to implement in regards to attendance. A link to the guidance can be found here: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The guidance includes information on the following:

Term Time Holidays

We understand the frustration of holidays increasing in price during school holiday times. However, the impact of taking holidays during the term has a significant impact on the child's achievement and academic progress. It also undermines the school's rich curriculum as key knowledge is missed on their learning journey. From the start of the next academic year, Warren Academy will issue penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays where appropriate to do so. Please take this into account before booking holidays during term time next academic year - there are 175 non-school days during the year in which to take holidays. As a result of the change in statutory guidance, penalty notices are now more severe, and monitoring is over a 3-year basis. Further information about costs of fines is detailed below.

Unauthorised Absences

Schools must consider all unauthorised absences for a penalty notice. The new threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school day is divided into two registration sessions, AM and PM. If these registrations are missed for unauthorised reasons, it may lead to penalty. Unauthorised absence can be:

- An unauthorised holiday, as explained above
- Reason has not been established as to why the child is absent
- The school is not satisfied that the reason given is one that can be recorded as authorised
- Being late after registers have closed (30 minutes after the start of the school day)

Fines

Whilst there are many changes, one of the most significant changes are around the penalty notices issued for unauthorised attendance. These fines are per parent, per child and have been increased.

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 rolling years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 rolling years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Miss school... MISS OUT

Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather

Feeling a little sniffly? Don't worry, your child can still learn!

Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development.

If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice. Let's prioritise their education and well-being together!

#backtoschool #healthykids #education

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Other information this week…

Key dates

Autumn term	
Date	**Event**
1.10.25	Start of Black History Month
1.10.25	**School photos**
3.10.25	Y4/5 Tennis Coaching with LTA begins
6.10.25	Start of OPAL
7.10.25	Parents and Carers Evening
8.10.25	Parents and Carers Evening
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day
17.10.25	Black History Month art showcase – all parents and carers welcomed to join
17.10.25	Last day of half term
October half term 20.10.25-3.11.25	
10.11.25	Start of Inter-Faith week
10.11.25	The Great Project sessions begin for Year 5
17.11.25	Open afternoon for new prospective F2 parents and carers
19.12.25	Last day of term
Christmas break Inset day 5.1.26 Return to school 6.1.26	

Achievements this week!

Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

F1: Lucas & Gabriel for showing resilience when saying goodbye to their grown-up.

F2: River for always showing the Warren Way by being respectful & Joshua for being read to learn and using full sentences.

Y1: Shammah for amazing Geography skills & Ezekiel for continuing his own learning in Maths.

Y2: Kalani for being super responsible and a kind friend & Nathan for using expanded noun phrases beautifully in his writing this week.

Y3: Leyana for consistently being amazing in her learning & Aarathan for being an amazing role model.

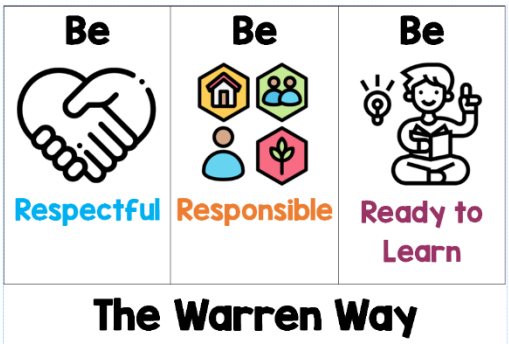
Y4: Oakley for being a super role model & Alan for resilience in his Maths.

Y5: Laylah for really focussing on responsibility and effort to remain on task and using her thinking thumb & Julia for focus and determination, always wanting to do the best she can.

Y6: Logan for excellent effort and progress in French lessons – he is loud and clear and tries really hard & Carson for trying his hardest to show the Warren Way.

The children have been collecting house points for demonstrating these 3 areas around school since they have returned and the current totals are:

House	Total this week	Overall
Wollaton	129	332
Castle	303	519
Newstead	187	416
Sherwood	199	385



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Learning across our year groups this week

F1 went on a nature walk this week to look at how the season has changed and what they could find. Harry and Archie spotted mushrooms!	This week, F2 have been talking about who is in our family and why they are special to us. The children have been using natural materials to create representations of our families. They also played a game of guess the baby from some lovely pictures sent in by our grown ups!	As Part of our Science work about senses, Year 1 tasted sweets blindfolded, to see if we could predict the colour and flavour. They found out that despite being confident, it was tricky to guess the flavour particularly orange! They took turns taking photos and recording our answers.	This week, Year 2 have been learning about food chains in Science.
Year 3 have been exploring if different surfaces effect the force of a car moving in science. They tested the same toy car on different textured ramps to see how far it would go each time.	Year 4 have used freeze frames and hot seating to explore what life was like for the people living in Britain before the Romans came.	This week class 5 have been developing their Rugby skills with the help from a player from Nottingham Rugby Club!	Year 6 have been learning about The Treaty of Versailles. They worked in groups to act out the characters of 'The Big Three' (UK, France and USA) and thought about what their thoughts were about Germany after the First World War

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Learning in The Burrow this week

In The Burrow, the children have had a great time playing outside in the puddles when it rained and making hot chocolates in the EYFS café!

The children have also been exploring the room and the sensory light as well as completing puzzles.

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Enrichment around school

Year 5 took part in a Vikings experience day last week - they got to take part in a Vikings spots day, creating Viking shields, and using runes for Viking themed maths!

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Enrichment around school

Year 5 and Year 6 have been taking part in Rugby sessions with a player from Nottingham Rugby Club!

The children have been developing their rugby skills and putting these into game situations.

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Enrichment around school

Year 3 visited Bestwood Country Park for a Stone Age experience day!

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Wraparound care offer

The wraparound care offer from Premier Education club runs daily and times and costs are detailed below:

- Breakfast Club - 7:30am till start of school - £5 per day
- After School Club - end of school till 4:30pm - £7 per day
- After School Club - end of school till 5:30pm - £10 per day

At the breakfast club, children will be offered cereal and toast. At the after school club, a light snack of a sandwich or wrap with a choice of fillings will be on offer. Fruit will also be available as well as various drink choices (no fizzy drinks). We will cater for any specific dietary requirements. Every child attending will be given the option of a snack, including those attending until 4.30. You can book onto breakfast and after school club care here:

Breakfast

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/11251-934791/

After School

https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/11251-934793/

There will be a wide range of activities at the club for children to take part in. Each day there will be the option of sports activities and games, which will vary throughout the week. In addition there will be arts and crafts activities on offer, board games and quizzes amongst other things as well as themed days throughout the term.

Bookings can be made via our website. Our booking system is very flexible and allows block bookings in advance or individual days as and when required. Click on the link below to go direct to the booking page. We are OFSTED Registered, which means we are able to accept payment by childcare vouchers. If you are looking to pay via this method please email us on sbracken@premier-education.com to advise of your provider so we can get them set up on our system to accept payment.

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Wraparound care offer

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Premier Wrap Around Club at Warren Primary Academy

Monday – Friday

Open to all year groups – Reception to Year 6

07:30 – 08:50 : £5.00 per child per session

15:15 – 16:30/17:30 : £7.00/£10.00 per child per session

Sibling discount offers will automatically be applied when making your booking online!

Childcare vouchers

We accept payments made via childcare voucher schemes. We currently accept the following childcare voucher schemes: Care4, Edenred, Kiddivoucher, Computershare, Bravo Benefits, Sodexo, Tax Free Childcare, Fideliti, Childcare Grant Scheme & Caboodle.

To set these voucher schemes up, parents/carers need to contact the email below to confirm they would like to pay via this method.

If you have a different voucher scheme, please contact sbracken@premier-education and we can set this up for you.

The club will help children enhance their problem-solving skills, patience and will help expressing themselves. Wrap Around Care/Breakfast Clubs are a perfect way for the children to learn and grow in a fun and creative environment. All our coaches are fully qualified and have vast experience. All coaches have Safeguarding and Emergency Aid Certificates as well as an up-to-date enhanced DBS (CRB) checks.

Contact Information

Your Club Lead will be: Chloe Woodward
Your Club Assistant will be: Amanda Russell

Both Chloe and Amanda will be able to advise parents around food on offer, activities being held, special events, what your child has been doing throughout their time at the club etc..

Your Admin Lead will be: Sian Bracken

For any information in relation to bookings, the online booking website, childcare vouchers, payments etc.. please contact Sian on sbracken@premier-education.com

Improving children's health & wellbeing through active learning.

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Safeguarding news

Online safety

Keeping a track of what your child/children are up to online can be a challenge however it is vital to protect children from harmful content online. It is important to have open conversations about technology/social media use with children, even from a young age. Here is some advice on how to keep your child/children safe online.

Technosaurus from the NSPCC is a great way to start conversations about online safety with younger children. Many of you will recognise this dinosaur from the NSPCC PANTS campaign.

Scan the QR to listen to the song!

Another great way to start a conversation about online safety is to create a family agreement. This can be created together, as a family so everyone is aware of the rules around technology/online use.

Here are some questions to consider!

1. What are the different things you each go online for? It could be research for school work, keeping in touch with friends, or gaming.
2. What are the favourite apps or sites each person uses? • How does each family member access the internet – via a phone, tablet, or something different?
3. Are there things that any of you are doing online that are worrying or affecting others? Think about time spent online, is it interfering with family life such as meal times?
4. How do you talk about online safety with your child – is it negative or positive?
5. How many devices in your house are connected to the internet? Can you go on a hunt to count them and see if you each come up with the same amount

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A template for this can be found via this link!

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/online-safety---downloadable-resources/cso_familyagreement_jan2022.pdf

Online safety: top tips

Going online is a huge part of most young people's lives so it's important to talk to them about online safety. Here's our tips to get you started.

Chat to them about what they like to do online

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to talk to them and have regular conversations so that online safety is part of everyday discussion. Ask them open-ended questions like 'What's your favourite game or app to play on?'.

- Listen to what they have to say and show an interest. They could give you a demo of their favourite app or show you their favourite YouTube or TikTok account.
- They will probably be able to teach you things you don't know! This will also give you an opportunity to chat about any safety settings they might already have in place.
- Regular conversations with your child will encourage them to come to you if they ever need support or advice.

Talk about who they are in contact with online

There are lots of different ways that children can talk to people online – messaging apps, on social media, and less obvious ways such as chat on online games. Talk to your child about who they are talking to and what they are sharing with them.

- Use settings to help limit who can contact your child.
- Remind your child that they shouldn't share personal information with people they don't know online.
- Let your child know they can come to you or another trusted adult if any conversation makes them feel uncomfortable.

Make sure to talk to your child first before implementing any new settings and explain to them how they help to keep them safe.

Help manage what they see and do online

Parental controls and privacy settings can help you manage how your child spends time online and help to keep them safe.

- Device settings – manage things like location sharing, screen time and in-app purchases. Most tech and gaming companies have dedicated pages to support with setting these up.
- App or game settings – in-app tools that can help to keep your child's account private and manage who they're talking to. You can normally find information on these in account settings or directly on the platforms website.
- Mobile or network provider settings – help to manage browsing access and stop your child from visiting inappropriate sites or downloading apps that aren't suitable. Contact your mobile or broadband provider for more information about setting this up.

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Lunch Menus

Relish

WEEK 1

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta to go with Sweetcorn	Sausage to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Gammon to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers to go with Chips, Peas
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta to go with Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausages to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn Sausages to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes	Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers to go with Chips, Peas
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Syrup Sponge	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread Cookie	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Flapjack
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

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Lunch Menus

WEEK 2

STEP 1 Choose from...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese to go with Spaghetti	Chicken Curry to go with Mixed Rice	Cod in Batter to go with Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Onion Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognaise to go with Spaghetti	Vegetable Curry to go with Mixed Rice	Quorn Sausages to go with Chips
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STEP 2 ...and to finish!	Iced Sponge with sprinkles	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Shortbread	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Marbled Sponge
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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Lunch Menus

WEEK 3

Relish

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese to go with Peas	All Day Breakfast	Roast Chicken to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Chicken Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese to go with Peas	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn Sausages to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Combo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Flapjack	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Sponge
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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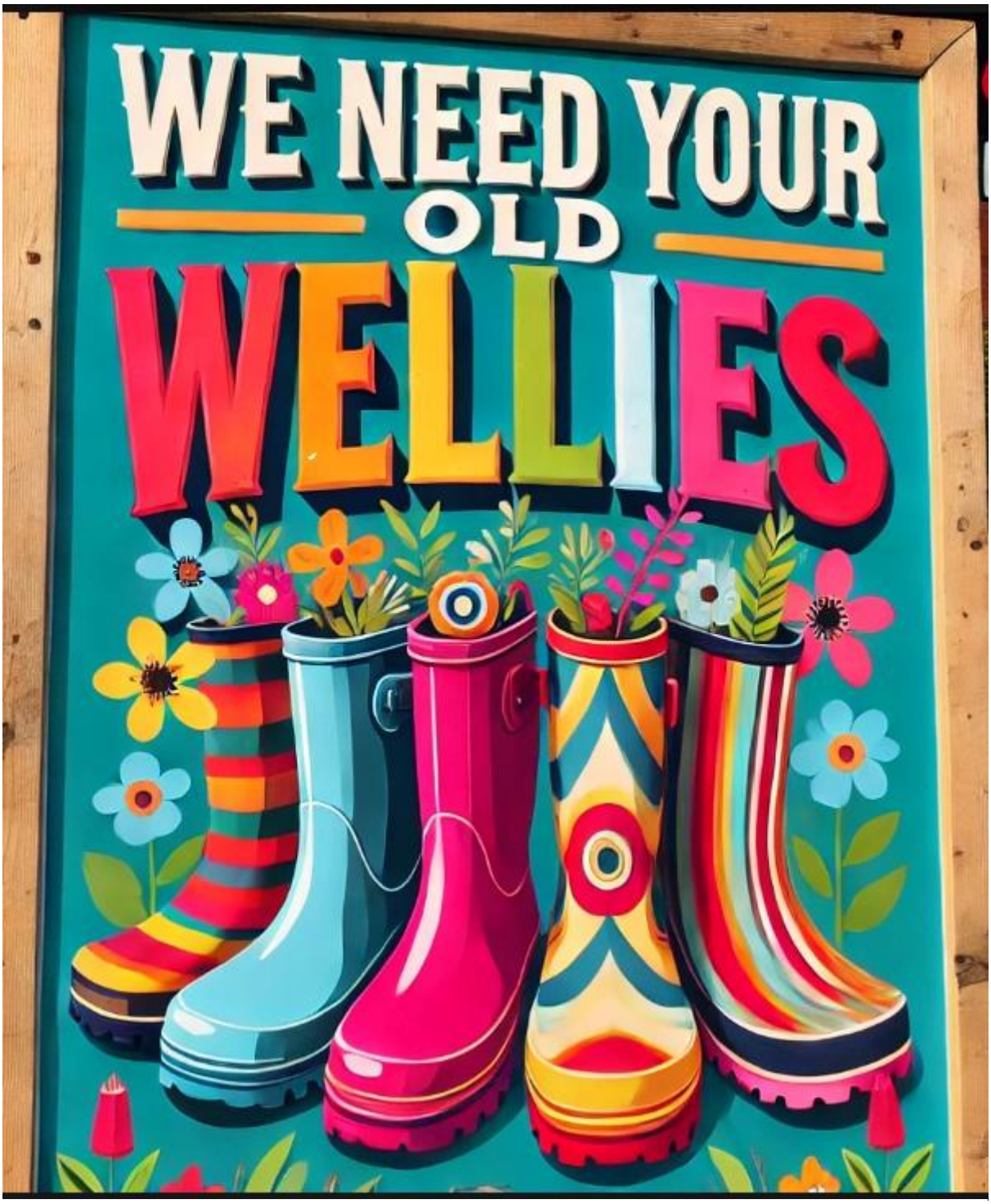

Have you got any old wellies that your child no longer needs! We will take them off your hands! Please bring them into school, as we need as many pairs as possible for OPAL!

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We are also in need of all of these items or things that are similar - if you have any of these at home which are in good condition that you no longer want or need, please bring them in for our play!

Rakes	Toy cars	Action figures	Umbrellas	Plastic trucks
Suitcases	Hard hats	Wellies	Wood dowels	'Caution' tape
Bricks	Plastic bins	Laundry baskets	Egg containers	Duct tape
Straw bales	Rocks	Leaves	Gravel, pebbles	5 Gallon buckets
Poles	Glass jewels	Jugs	Marbles	Balls - every kind!

Pinecones	Waistcoats	Wooden spoons	Cuddly toys	Plastic crates
Cardboard boxes	Hats	Dinosaurs	Frying pans	Seashells
Tree stumps	Small balls	Buggy	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Parachutes	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Ice cube trays	Old keyboards	Bin lids

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Acorns	Baking pans	Cake moulds	Measuring spoons	Strainers
Baskets	Cable spools	Cones	Containers	Corrugated pipes
Dress up items	Fabric	Funnels	Nets	Old electronics
Pool noodles	PVC pipes	Ropes	Shovels and spades	Sinks and tubs
Tires and wheels - big, small and weird	Pots	Colanders	Wheelbarrow	Watering cans