

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the Autumn term, and the calendar year, it's always good to reflect on what has been another positive and rewarding year in school.

As I've mentioned previously, we've been working very closely with the Worcestershire County Council Teaching and Learning Team who have been into school recently for a full teaching and learning review.

The team focussed mainly on writing, at our request, as this is a key element of this year's School Development Plan. You'll find below the team's summary of their findings since their last visit in April:

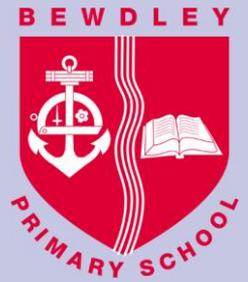
- *A real enthusiasm for writing was seen across the school; highly positive learning behaviours and quality of writing were also seen.*
- *Across all classes, a coherent and generally consistent approach was seen. This included a baseline of: fidelity to schemes and approaches; environments that support learning; and teachers using a range of appropriate pedagogical approaches, including modelling, explaining and questioning.*
- *Support staff being well-deployed to meet the needs of individual/groups of pupils and who are clear about their roles and providing guidance/support/reassurance effectively. A range of adjustments was seen to support all pupils to access learning.*
- *Children know what they are doing and reference the success criteria when discussing their learning. Staff also encourage pupils to use them to check their work. This has provided real clarity for children and a common language for all.*
- *Improvement seen in level of expectations. Across the school, positive praise was seen being used effectively to raise expectations for the rest of the class.*

The team was very complimentary about the progress that the school has made, particularly with the maths curriculum, which has been a school-wide focus since switching schemes in January. We're now looking to ensure that all of the positive growth that's been made is built upon and embedded further throughout the rest of the academic year.

As the festive season approaches, we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year for another exciting term.



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