



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

SEPTEMBER

20.09.23: Y5 Class trip to Jodrell Bank.

27.09.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.

29.09.23: MacMillan Cancer fund raising – non-uniform day.

OCTOBER

02.10.23: Y5 Bike ability sessions this week.

02.10.23: Y6 'Crossing The Line' workshop in school.

04.10.23: Harvest collection in school.

04.10.23: Y6 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

16.10.23: Nasal flu vaccinations.

16.10.23: Mid-term test week for the infant and junior classes.

20.10.23: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.

30.10.23: School closed for staff INSET training day.

31.10.23: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 31st October

NOVEMBER

06.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

09.11.23: School individual photographs.

10.11.23: Remembrance Day Worship in school.

13.11.23: National Anti-Bullying Week.

13.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

15.11.23: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes

17.11.23: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.

22.11.23: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.

22.11.23: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

DECEMBER

04.12.23: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.

05.12.23: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.

06.12.23: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.

07.12.23: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.

08.12.23: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.

11.12.23: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.

13.12.23: Junior Christmas party.

15.12.23: Christmas Panto in school.

15.12.23: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

JANUARY 03.01.24: Back to school on Wednesday 3rd January.

15.09.2023

Our Y6 pupils all take on the role of senior pupil as they enter Y6. As our oldest pupils, we look to them to model our school values and expectations to the younger children. To reflect their role and responsibility, they wear a senior pupil badge. Over the course of the year, all the Y6 pupils also have the opportunity to take on the role of school counsellor. Again, this is a position of responsibility that sees them involved in discussing ways to improve our school with the senior leadership team, consulting on these ideas with the children and making decisions. They also report back to our school governors and help with our collective worship and other school events. They met with all the infant and junior classes this week to discuss what playground equipment the children would like to buy with the money that was raised by all the fundraising work last summer term. They will be writing a school council newsletter about this which will be sent out to you soon. We are really proud of them!

In the classroom this week Our Y4 class have had a very exciting week! They attended their first swimming lesson and the staff complemented them on their excellent behaviour. They have also started learning how to play the ukulele. This is being delivered to them by Mr Lane who is a tutor from the Salford Music & Performing Arts Service (MAPAS). The children will be learning the instrument as a class over the course of the year. They certainly sounded very good this week and we look forward to seeing their progress!

Weekly updates.... EYFS

We are really pleased with how well the children in our foundation stage have settled into their new classes at the start of this year. They are quickly getting used to all the new routines, and it is really nice to see how busy and happy they are during the school day. The nursery class will be starting their full-time attendance at school from next Monday, and we hope that they continue to build upon their great start as we go forwards through the year.

School Attendance

Good attendance is a crucial part of children reaching their full potential in school. We look to celebrate it each week with our school attendance mascot, Barney Bear, being awarded to the class with the highest attendance. We also give out attendance certificates at the end of each term to give everyone a clear understanding of what the attendance figures for the children are.

The school's attendance target is 96.1%. If your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year, then they will have missed almost four whole weeks of school. This is a big gap for any child to make up. For any children whose attendance falls under 90%, we will be asking for medical proof in order to authorise any absence due to illness. Without satisfactory medical proof, the absence will be unauthorised.

The school's attendance policy also clearly sets out that no absence for term time holidays will be authorised. This means that if children are missing school due to a term time holiday, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

As a result of unauthorised absence, you may be referred to the Local Authority for the consideration of a Penalty Notice. Under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority may issue Penalty Notices to parents of children with unauthorised absences from school. **The fines are issued to each parent, for each child, and are: £60 if paid within 21 days rising to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days.**

Reminders from the office

- Please return completed forms to school as soon as possible
- Dinner money is due on a Monday morning (£10.50 per week) via www.schoolgateway.com

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

Our collective worship theme this half-term is respect. This week in collective worship we looked at the story of Saint Hilda and thought about what the beauty and wonder of the world around them. The children then wrote about this in their class thoughtful books and we shared some of their ideas in our collective worship on Thursday.

Home Worship Books

We had the first opportunity for the children to bring in their home worship books to share in school this week. It was lovely to see so many children bringing their books to share with everyone. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian value of respect that we are looking at in our worship. Each week we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one child. This week it was Amelia in Y1 for her home worship work about respect. Lovely work Amelia!

Courageous Advocates

We are giving the infant and junior children (who want to) the chance to take on the role of being a courageous advocate in our Collective Worship on Wednesday 27th September. Being a courageous advocate means that they take on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on an issue or problem that they feel strongly about. They can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a group.

Ethos Committee Elections

We ran our class elections for the ethos committee representatives this week. It was great to see so many children preparing speeches and looking to stand for the committee. Every class voted for their representative and the following children will be serving on the committee:

Y2: Georgie Y3: Mila Y4: Lola Y5: Charlie Y6: Millie Well done to all!