



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

OCTOBER

- 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

- 02.11.23: Y6 Visit to Swinton Cenotaph.
- 06.11.23: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 07.11.23: Y5 Trip to Salford Quays.
- 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 performance for the junior classes
- 17.11.23: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 18.11.23: All Saints Church Christmas Fair: 11am.
- 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.

20.10.2023

It has been a busy end to our first half-term! The children from Y2 to Y6 have been working hard on their mid-term tests. There have also been lots and lots of wonderful homework projects coming into school – we really have been amazed at the children's creativity, enthusiasm and hard work. This week also saw our Ethos Committee having its first meeting of this academic year. This gave the ethos counsellors the chance to talk to the children in their classes about our collective worship in school and consider how we can make it even better in the future. They did a great job in consulting the children and sharing their ideas in the committee meeting. You will be able to read all about the wonderful work they in their newsletter, which has been emailed out to you. Finally, we would like to say a very big thank you for all your support for the school over this half-term and we hope the children all have a very well deserved and enjoyable break over the holiday.

In the classroom this week We have seen some wonderful homework projects this week. One of the really nice aspects is just how creative the children have been. We have had WWII tanks, planes, air raid shelters and battle scenes in Y6; Anglo-Saxon armour and weapons in Y5; Roman shields, helmets and swords in Y4; wonderful Stone Age creations in Y3; we had lots of wonderful planes in Y2 and finally some fantastic work on their 'all about me' projects by Y1 – well done to everyone who took part. Take a look on our school website at the class blogs to see their amazing creativity.

Weekly updates.... Sporting News

Our school football team played another two matches this week. The first match was on Tuesday against St Mary's Primary School. The game was played with great spirit and enthusiasm and ended in a 0-0 draw. The second match was on Thursday against The Deans, and this time we won with a final score of 3-1. Once again, well done to everyone who played and represented our school so well. Also, another very big thank you to Mr Houston and Mr D. Foster who are giving up their time to coach the children and attend the matches.

Parents' Evenings

You will be able to go online to book a slot for our autumn term parents' evenings from 6pm on Friday 27th October. The parent evening meetings will take place after school on Monday 6th and Monday 13th November. You will have the chance to discuss how your child has settled into their new class with their class teacher. There will also be the opportunity to look at all their work from the year so far.

School Council Newsletter

The school council have been very busy this half term deciding what we should spend some school fundraising money on. Last year's Year 6 generated money after their enterprise scheme and some of our current Year 6 pupils have kindly donated money after they raised money after fund raising outside of school. After discussions with pupils in every class from Y1 – Y6, it was decided that the money should be spent on new playground equipment. After setting a budget, the school counsellors quickly got to the task of identifying exactly what equipment the children would like and how much we could afford.

We are pleased to inform you that we have been able to purchase most of the items requested by our pupils and that the new equipment will out on the playgrounds after half term. Our new equipment includes hula hoops, footballs, bats and balls, chalk boards, frisbees, Velcro bats and balls, tennis balls, skipping ropes, stilts, giant Jenga and musical instruments. We look forward to watching the children enjoying their new playtime equipment.

Poppy Appeal

As we always do, this year we will continue to support the Poppy Appeal. From Tuesday 31st October we will be selling a range of poppy appeal items to support this wonderful cause. **Pupils will need to bring in cash to pay for these items.** Their class teacher will collect in any monies during registration time and send an order list through to our senior pupils who will sort the orders and deliver items back to classes later in the morning. Items for sale are as follows:

Light-up pens - £2.50, slap bands - £1.50, reflective poppies - £1.00, zipper tag – 50p, bracelets - £2.00, wristbands - £1.00 and poppies for a donation of at least 50p.

We thank you in advance for your support during this appeal. As a school we are always amazed at just how much money we raise for this fabulous cause and we know that it is very much appreciated by The Royal British Legion.

Mid Term Tests

We did our mid-term assessments with our Y2 infant children and all the junior children this week to see how they are getting on with their English and maths. The teachers were very pleased with the positive attitude that the children showed in these tests. They will now analyse the results from these tests and use them to help shape the curriculum that they deliver after the half-term break. They will also be able to give feedback on the results to you in the autumn term parent evening meetings.

Sleep

This week, we have sent out an information sheet from the National Sleep Helpline. At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

They have a free helpline which is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. They can talk to young people directly, or parents (they can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Reminders from the office

- Dinner money w/b 30th October is £8.40 payable at www.schoolgateway.com

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Home Worship Books

Each Thursday we give the children the opportunity to bring in their home worship books to share with the school in our collective worship. We are always delighted to see the children's amazing books and we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one of them. This week Sammy was given to Letty in Y1 to look after for her fantastic worship work about friendship and keeping safe.

Collective Worship Reflection

The ethos committee helped lead our worship this week and they shared the children's ideas about our worship this half-term worship. You will be able to read more about this in the ethos committee newsletter which has been posted on the school website.