



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

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.
14.12.23: Y4 Ukulele Concert: 9am in the school hall.
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.

01.12.2023

We believe that good school attendance is vital for all of our children and it is something we want to celebrate. Last Friday, we started our weekly 100% attendance prize draw in which the winner gets a £5 toy voucher. At the end of the term, we are also having a special draw for all those children with good attendance (over 95%). This will have a range of prizes, including a £50 family food voucher. Finally, in the build-up to Christmas, all those children with 100% attendance over the last two weeks of term will have their names put into our 'Ten Days of Christmas' draw. This has two £20 Vue Cinema vouchers as its prizes. We know that there are some seasonal illness going around at the moment and we realise that it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines to help you with this, [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

It gives advice about when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. We do have lots of exciting Christmas events and activities planned for the last two weeks of terms and we really hope that the children are in school every day – so they don't miss out on anything!

In the classroom this week

Y2 are finding out all about our weather, the climate and the seasons in their geography topic this term. To help support their work we have invested in a school weather station. This has been placed in God's Garden and it means that the children will be able to take air temperature readings, look at the wind direction and measure the amount of precipitation. We are hoping that the Y2 children can publish some of their results on our website when they have gathered enough data.

Weekly updates.... Sporting News

Our school took part in a netball match and a dodgeball competition this week. The netball match was played against St Marks RC Primary school and although we lost, the team showed great character and teamwork. We also had some of our Y5 & Y6 junior children taking part in an inter-school dodgeball competition. Again, they were fantastic and showed great spirit and teamwork. They also, and most importantly, had lots of fun! Well done to everyone who played and represented our school so well.

Reading Plus

As we explained in the newsletter last week, we are using the Reading Plus programme to support the junior children in developing their reading fluency, stamina and comprehension skills. The Y4, Y5 and Y6 classes are now all up and running with the programme. We hope that Y3 will be joining them by next week. The children in Y4, Y5 & Y6 have all taken home letters this week about how they can log onto Reading Plus at home. This means that they can supplement the reading work that they do in school by going online to use it at home.

Some pupils have made significant progress since starting the program; that have made progress equivalent to a school year in terms of text complexity. In assembly today, we gave out special Reading Plus certificates to recognise the children's hard work and achievements in the programme. You can read about these on our weekly 'Shout Out' sheet. You can also see how many words each of our junior classes have read and what our school's overall figure is! So far, our pupils have read an impressive 1,039,038 words, which means we have already passed the million words target! We are now going for two million!

Finally, we have challenged the junior pupils to reach a target of having read 50,000 words with 80% comprehension scores before the end of the term. Amazingly, we have already had one pupil reaching this target – well done Ethan in Y6! The feedback from the children about Reading Plus has been really positive so far and we look forward to celebrating many more reading achievements over the coming weeks.

Christmas Activities

Class Christmas Shows – In the week beginning Monday 04.12.23. Dates on the autumn term date list.

The classes are all going to be putting on their own special Christmas Shows for parents and carers to come and see. The children will be singing Christmas songs, reciting Christmas poems and sharing their Christmas thoughts. We really enjoyed the opportunity to do this in school last year and are very excited about giving you the chance to come into school again and share this special event with the children this year. The morning show will start at 9.00am and the afternoon services will start at 2.40pm. There will be two tickets per child for each of the performances. The children should come to school on the day of their Christmas show in festive Christmas clothes – such as Christmas jumpers, sparkles or Christmas colours.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 08.12.23.

This is a non-uniform fundraising day for the Save The Children charity. If they want to, the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper/clothing in return for an online donation of £1, payable by School Spider. It is also the day of our school Christmas lunch.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 08.12.23.

Special Christmas lunch in school – all children have the option to sign up for this meal cooked by our school kitchen.

Christmas Parties – EYFS/KS1 on Monday 11.12.23 and KS2 on Wednesday 13.12.23.

The children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on their class party day. Each class will have time in the hall to play party games and then complete Christmas activities in class whilst watching a Christmas film with some party food. We are asking for a contribution of a £1 per child towards the cost of the party food and prizes which will be payable online.

Panto – Friday 15.12.23.

Our annual Christmas panto this year by the Lada Theatre Group will be Sleeping Beauty. It will be watched by all the classes from Reception to Y6. We are asking for a contribution of a £4 per child towards the cost of the panto which will be payable online.

Last Day of Term – Friday 15.12.23

The children should come to school in their school uniform. The children will be watching a Christmas DVD and completing special Christmas activities in their classrooms.

Reminders from the office

- Raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now on sale on the School Spider App

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

Our collective worship theme over the next two weeks is going to be the Christmas story and looking at the real message of Christmas with the children.