



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

February

- 16.02.24: School closes for the half-term holiday.
- 26.02.24: School starts again after the half-term holiday.
- 26.02.24: Connect Wellbeing Day in school.
- 27.02.24: Y6 Class Marble Jar Treat Day
- 28.02.24: Y4 at the All Saints Church morning service – 10am.
- 28.02.24: Y5 Class Marble Jar Treat Day

March

- 01.03.24: Class curriculum leaflets published.
- 04.03.24: Y4 class visit to the River Mersey.
- 07.03.24: World Book Day celebrated in school. The children can come to school dressed in their comfy reading clothes.
- 11.03.24: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.
- 12.03.24: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.
- 14.03.24: International Maths Day celebrated in school.
- 15.03.24: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.
- 18.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 20.03.24: B-Tales Easter drama for the KS2 junior classes.
- 25.03.24: Deadline for submission in school of British Science Week posters.
- 25.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 25.03.24: Community Easter cards brought into school.
- 26.03.24: Nursery class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
- 27.03.24: Y1 class Easter songs – 9am.
- 27.03.24: Reception class Easter songs – 2.40pm.
- 28.03.24: Y2 trip to The Lowry
- 28.03.24: Easter Service (Y3 – Y6) at All Saints Church - 10am.
- 28.03.24: School closes for the Easter holiday.

April 15.04.24: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

16.02.2024

It has been a very busy end to the half-term. It was our ambition day in school today, and it was wonderful to see so many children taking part and thinking about what they aspire to do when they are older. There was lots of great discussion in school about possible career paths and the skills and attitudes you need to have to get there. Also, this week, all the infant and junior children have been working hard on their mid-term tests. The teachers are now marking and analysing the test papers. They will be able to share the outcomes with you at the spring term parent evenings. We have also looked at how the younger children are progressing with their phonics and we are really pleased with how well they all did! Finally, we have celebrated the achievements of the first classes to fill their class marble jar this year. Well done to Y5 and Y6 who will be having their treat reward days in the first week back after the holiday. I wonder which class will be next? Have a great half-term break.

In the classroom this week

The children have been bringing in some fantastic homework projects this week. It is always great to see the range of work that the children bring in and the enthusiasm they have in talking about their work. We very much appreciate all the support that is given at home to support the children with their topic work. Take a look on our school website to see some of the wonderful projects on the class blogs.

Weekly Updates... Spring Term Parents' Evening Appointments The spring term parent evening appointments give you a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and look at the children's work. Our spring term parents' evenings will be held in school and are set to run over two Monday evenings - 18th March and 25th March. Each parent evening slot will be ten minutes long. All the parent evening times will be booked through our online system – simply log on and choose which of the available slots you would like. The booking system goes live on School Spider today (16th February) at 6pm.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 7th March. The theme of World Book Day this year is, 'Read Your Way' and here at Wardley we want to keep the focus of our World Book Day celebrations firmly on this idea. 'Read Your Way' calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. However, research from the National Literacy Trust found that fewer than 1 in 2 (47.8%) children now say they enjoy reading; this is the lowest level since 2005, and reading enjoyment is lowest among children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Happily, here at Wardley our School Council recently found that a much larger proportion of our children see reading as something they enjoy. Over 75% of the children in our infant and junior classes said that they really enjoy reading. This is fantastic – but we want to see all of our children feeling this way!

We will be inviting all the children to make up an A4 poster that shows what 'reading your way' means to them. The children can ask their class teacher for some A4 paper to take home for their poster. The poster can show what books they enjoy reading, where they like to read and what they like about reading. They can illustrate and write on their poster in any way they choose. All the children who bring a poster in will have the opportunity to share it with the rest of the school in a special world book day assembly. We will also be choosing one poster from each class to put in a frame and display in our school reading area. These winners will all receive a book of their choice.

We want the day to be a real celebration of reading. The children will all be invited to bring in a copy of one of their favourite books from home. The staff will also be sharing their favourite children's books with their classes. We will have lots of fun reading activities going on in school throughout the day.

Finally, if your child also wants to, they can come to school in their comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas to represent reading as a relaxing and pleasurable activity. It will be lovely to see how they enjoy reading and we will celebrate this in school. The day is all about getting the children to see themselves as readers, and we're so excited to see their posters, favourite books and comfy reading clothes!

Connect Wellbeing Day – Monday 26th February

We are thrilled to introduce our 'Wellbeing Day' initiative, which will take place on the first day back after every school holiday. We understand that returning to school after a break can be a little overwhelming for many children, so we have dedicated this day to focusing on their wellbeing and easing any stress or uncertainty.

Each 'Wellbeing Day' will feature non-academic activities centred around different themes linked to The Five Ways of Wellbeing, designed to help pupils' transition back into school life in a safe and supportive manner. Our theme for Monday 26 February will be 'connect', emphasising the importance of human connection in boosting wellbeing.

Some ideas you could try at home include: Taking some time each day to talk to each person in your family. Asking them how they are feeling. What was the best part of their day? What did they find tricky? How can you help them? Or why not try the Smile Challenge? Every time we smile, it releases happy chemicals in our brains. How many times can you smile in one day? Count how many people smile back at you. Please visit our website for more information on the theme.

The British Science Week 2024 poster competition is now open!

Over the last few years, we have had some fabulous entries from all year groups and we would love for more of the same this year. The theme for 2024 is 'Time'. The half-term break gives the children a perfect 'Time' to get planning!

Time is key to so many discoveries in science, technology, engineering and maths. Children could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

The posters submitted to the competition will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well they have been made or drawn. More information will be sent home with each child or please visit www.britishtimeceweek.org for further ideas.

The deadline for bringing your poster into school is Monday 25th March 2024. Any poster entries should either be handed directly to our science leader (Mr Houston) or to your child's class teacher.

Salford Community Leisure Activities

Please see below information regarding some activities that Salford Community Leisure are advertising at present:

Mondays

The Valley Youth Club (multi-sports, arts & crafts, console gaming) – The Valley Community Centre, Swinton, M27 5UX – 6:30 till 8pm – 8 to 16-year olds, FREE, show up on the day.

Thursdays

Soccerstars Swinton (A 6-week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Swinton Pendlebury Leisure Centre, M27 9SZ – 4:30 till 5:15pm- 5 to 11-year olds, £31.80 per 6-week block. Spaces currently limited but open to book for new customers from 15/02. Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

Soccerstars Eccles (A 6-week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Eccles Leisure Centre, M30 0DD – 4:00 till 4:45pm- 5 to 11-year olds, £31.80 per 6-week block. More spaces available open to book for new customers from 15/02 - Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

Fridays

Soccerstars Salford Sport Village (6 week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Salford Sports Village , M7 3NQ– 5:00 till 5:45pm- 5 to 11 year old, £31.80 per 6 week block. more spaces available open to book for new customers from 16/02 Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

February Half Term

Playstreets at St Thomas Church (Action packed multisport, crafts and games session) – St Thomas Church Clifton, M27 8GL – Wednesday 21st Feb 10am-12pm – 5 to 11 year old, FREE to attend, Meal and drink provided, booking is required and can be done following the link [Playstreets St Thomas Church with Salford Community Leisure · Eequ](#)

Playstreets at The Valley Youth Club (Action packed multisport, crafts and games session) – The Valley Community Centre, Swinton, M27 5UX 8GL – Friday 23rd Feb 1pm-3pm – 5 to 11 year old, FREE to attend, Meal and drink provided, booking is required and can be done following the link [Playstreets The Valley CC with Salford Community Leisure · Eequ](#)

For any further information don't hesitate to contact them at activecommunities@scll.co.uk or by checking out their Facebook page at [Active Communities | Salford | Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Update

As a new part of the newsletter we will be bringing you regular safeguarding updates about a range of topics. We are going to start with online safety and some information about Snapchat. We have, in the past, experienced issues with some of our older children using this platform. This is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up and use Snapchat. Users can send message (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g. 10 seconds, and users can also upload snaps to stories which disappear after 24 hours.

Reminders from the office

- Parents' Evening goes live on the School Spider App at 6pm today
- Places are still available on the School Spider App for some of the sports clubs starting next ½ term

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Ethos Committee

Our ethos committee met this week to talk to the children about collective worship and how they feel our school vision is being lived out. They discussed what they have enjoyed, what they have learnt and what they might want to see being done differently. They came up with lots of ideas, and, as a result of their discussions, the committee decided upon a range of actions that we will be taking. These are all explained in the ethos committee newsletter which you can find on the school website.

Rearranged Date for the Y4 Class Visit to All Saints Church

The Y4 class visit to the All Saints morning service will take place on Wednesday 28th February. The service is at 10.00am and all the Y4 parents and carers are welcome to join the class at All Saints Church.

Home Worship Books

Each week, 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 Jeevan in Y2 for her fantastic work about hoping for peace in our world and an end to wars - well done!

Collective Worship Theme – Lent

This week in collective worship we looked at the importance of Lent in the Christian Calendar and the part Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday play in this. The colour of the cloth on our worship table turned to Purple to mark the start of Lent. We will be exploring the Christian ideas behind this after the Half-term break in our build up to Easter and Holy Week.