



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we can do all things'

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

April

04.04.25: Mr Foster's last day as headteacher at Wardley.
04.04.25: School closes for the Easter holiday at 3.15pm.
13.04.25: Palm Sunday Service at All Saints Church at 9.30am.
Sung Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.
17.04.25: Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Church at 7.30pm. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.
18.04.25: Good Friday Service at All Saints Church at 1.30pm.
Commemoration of the Lord's Death.
20.04.25: Easter Sunday Service at All Saints Church. Festival Service of the Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday.
22.04.25: School starts again after the Easter holiday.
22.04.25: Mrs Walker in post as acting headteacher and Mrs Flanagan as acting deputy headteacher.
22.04.25: 'Be Active' Wellbeing Day to welcome the children back to school.
23.04.25: Farm visit to the EYFS.

May

12.05.25: Y6 SATS and mid-term test week for the Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes.
14.05.25: Y2 class trip to The Lowry.
22.05.25: Class photos.
23.05.25: School closes for the Whit holiday at 3.15pm.

June

02.06.25: School closed for INSET day.
03.06.25: School starts again after the Whit holiday.
03.06.25: Wellbeing Day to welcome the children back to school.

04.04.2025

After fifteen years, today is my final day at Wardley. Serving as headteacher of Wardley CE Primary School has been an extraordinary privilege. It has been an honour to have been part of the school's journey and to have been able to work with its fantastic community. The school is a very special place and it is our wonderful children, staff, governors and parents that make it so special. I will always cherish the memories that my time at the school has given me. I would like to thank everyone for the lovely messages, cards and gifts that I have been given this week. I have been truly touched by them. I am able to leave knowing that the school is in very capable hands as Mrs Walker takes on the role of acting headteacher. The governing board, with the support of the Local Authority and the Diocese, are working hard on ensuring that the appointment of the next headteacher is the right one. I have every confidence that they will be successful in this, and the school will embark on the next stage of its journey.

In the classrooms this week Homework projects 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 projects on science and light with pupils looking at famous scientists such as Sir Isaac Newton in Y6; some wonderful work about the Maya and their cities, temples and beliefs in Y5; lots of fantastic world maps showing longitude and latitude in Y4; some brilliant science work on planting in Y3 (we look forward to seeing what grows over the coming weeks) ; we had lots of great science work on food chains in Y2 and finally some fantastic geography work in which the children had to do some research on a country of their choice in Y1.

Weekly Updates... Nursery Class Reward Day

Today, our nursery class had their class reward day. They all enjoyed their special party and had lots of fun with the party games and snacks. One of the highlights was an Easter Egg hunt – which the Reception children also joined in with. Both classes also joined in with our Thanksgiving Assembly in the hall and were absolute stars in taking part so sensibly. Well done children!

Wellbeing Days

When we come back after the holidays on Tuesday 22nd April we will be having another of our NHS '5 Ways of Wellbeing' days. This time the theme of the day will be 'Be Active'. Being active is not only great for your physical health and fitness. Evidence also shows it can also improve your mental wellbeing by:

- raising your self-esteem.
- helping you to set goals or challenges and achieve them.
- causing chemical changes in your brain which can help to positively change your mood.

It's best to find activities you enjoy and make them a part of your life. Here are some ideas to get you active!

- walk rather than use a car for a local journey.
- dance to your favourite song.
- walk a dog.
- join a sports team.
- play a game in the playground.
- walk or cycle to school.
- help in the garden.
- run a race with friends.
- make up your own sport.
- use stairs not a lift when you are out shopping.

We look forward to seeing what our day of being active brings for us!

Reminders from the office

- Dinner money due on 22nd April will be £8.40
- There will be a new dinner menu next term, which you can view on our website

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Easter Celebrations

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who came along to join the junior children at their Easter service at All Saints Church on Tuesday. They were all fantastic, and I am sure that you will agree that the Y6 senior pupils did a great job in leading the service and that the children all joined in brilliantly with the singing. As part of our Easter celebrations, we invited the children to make an Easter card for Father Jeremy to then distribute to members of the local community. We were amazed by the number of cards that the children had made and by the amount of effort that has been put into them – they will all bring a very big smile to someone's face when they are delivered by Father Jeremy this Easter. A huge thank you to all the children who took the time to support this Easter appeal.

On Wednesday we had a special Easter play being put on for the EYFS, infant and junior children by The B Tales Christian Drama Group. The children really enjoyed seeing the Easter story being brought to life in front of them and having the chance to think about the its Christian message of hope and joy.

Today, we had a special Easter service in the school hall for our youngest children. Once again, our Y6 senior pupils led the service and the children from Reception, Y1 and Y2 enjoyed joining in with the songs, prayers and reflections. They even got to sing their favourite Easter song as a special request from Mrs Flanagan. It was, of course, 'Spring Chicken' and I think the Y6 children enjoyed it as much as the younger ones!

Finally, we also had a special Easter Egg prize draw. This was to reward those children who had achieved 100% attendance over the spring term. Well done to all the winners – we hope they enjoy their prizes!

On behalf of everybody at the school we would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Easter at All Saints Church

Father Jeremy also extends his invitation to join the congregation at All Saints Church for the Easter services that will be taking place. He looks forward to welcoming parents, carers and children from our school to join him at the following services:

Palm Sunday: 13th April: 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.

Maundy Thursday: 17th April: 7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 18th April: 1.30pm Commemoration of the Lord's Death.

Easter Sunday: 20th April: Our Festival Service of the Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday.

The Ethos Committee – Non-Uniform Fund Raising Day

A huge thank you for everyone's support of the school's non-uniform fundraising day for the outdoor murals. The idea for this came from our Ethos Committee and, after consulting with the children, they decided that they wanted to decorate our school grounds with inspiring and uplifting murals. All the money that we raised today will go towards funding this project.