



# Wardley CE Primary School

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

## Newsletter

### Summer Term 1

#### May

02.05.25 – Father Jeremy in school to bless and distribute palm crosses

05.05.25 – School closed – Bank Holiday Monday

07.05.25 – Parliament Education and Engagement Service in school to speak to Key stage 2 pupils.

08.05.25 – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day – pupils to wear red/white/blue

12.05.25 – TEST WEEK BEGINS for all pupils

12.05.25 – SAT Test Week for Year 6 pupils

12.05.25 – Spelling and Punctuation Paper

13.05.25 – Reading Paper

14.05.25 – Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper

15.05.05 - Maths Reasoning Paper

23.05.25 – School closes for the Whitsun Holiday

#### June

02.06.25 – School closes INSET Day for Report Writing

03.06.25 – School Opens

25.04.2025

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you had some lovely family time over the extended Easter weekend and that plenty of chocolate has been consumed.

As we return for your summer term, we have lots going on in school.

This week saw us celebrating our well-being on the first day back with our Well-Being Champions leading their classes in 'Getting Active'. There was plenty of movement going on around the school along with sports and games outside. The children were certainly active and there were lots of smiling faces to be seen.

We now have the **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day** to look forward to. Children are encouraged to come into school wearing red, white and blue clothing and we will be hosting some celebrations to school to commemorate this special day on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**.

### A special Thank You

Goal! School netball team scores new kit with community backing.

We wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks to both All Saints Church and our parents. All Saints Church kindly agreed to host a coffee morning with the proceeds going towards our new school netball kit. Our parents also generously contributed towards the cause.

Once again, the Wardley community has been a great support to the school and specifically our netballers, who will now take to the court in a school branded uniform. Your generosity means so much to our teams and helps foster a strong sense of pride and unity. Thank you for backing our players.

### Weekly Updates... Silver Awards

We have been able to hand out more silver awards this week. Well done to Roman and Holly in Y2 who received the award for following the values of our Wardley Way. They should all be very proud of their achievement and are now working towards their gold award. We look forward to seeing who the next children to receive the silver award will be.

Ralph and Phoebe in Y6, Ava-Leigh, Alexis and Gabriel in Y5 and Delilah in Y4 all received their Bronze Award this morning. They are now working towards their Silver Award. Well done to all of you!

## **Reminders from the office .....**

- It will be Week 2 on the dinner menu next week
- Dinner money next week is £10.50 and is due on Monday morning

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Collective Worship Theme – Trust**

This week in collective worship we looked at the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. The children then thought about how if we lose someone's trust, it can be difficult to re-build. In class worship, the children thought out what makes someone trustworthy and their thoughts were shared in our Thoughtful Book Worship yesterday. Our Year 6 Senior Pupils did a wonderful job reading out these thoughts and Olivia read a beautiful prayer about Trust for all to reflect upon.

### **Home Worship Books**

We had lots of children bringing 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 Trust that we have been looking at in our collective worship this week. This week Sammy was given to Ada G in Y1 for her fantastic work about the cross; her picture looked like a beautiful stained-glass window.

### **Home School Values**

Please find a copy of this term's home school values leaflet linked to our collective worship theme of TRUST. Here there are a number of activities and tasks that you might like to discuss and carry out with your children at home to reinforce our learning in school.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your well-wishes and support this week. The new school term has had a fantastic start and the children, as always, have done us all proud.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Mrs Walker



This term we will be focussing in school on the value TRUST.  
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

## TALK TOGETHER about Trust

**Trust** is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"  
*Anonymous*



## FASCINATING FACTS

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat



## READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not **trust** me?"

Bible story based on Mark 4:35-41



## QUIZ Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1 2 3 4

Jam is stored in this

5 6 7

Opposite of dark

8 9 10 11

Used to carry money

12 13 14 15

Break the code to discover the message in the story:

1 10 4 1 3 14 3 2 12 8 4 14  
11 7 13 14 11 4 1 5 9 14 13 14





## FAMILY FOCUS

### Get Knotting

Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

We all use knots occasionally to hold something securely in place. See if you can master these knots:

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail.

Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water.



## HALL OF FAME

### Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three lifeboats. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was their only hope! Putting their complete **trust** in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the **trust** he inspired in his men live on in legend.