



# Wardley CE Primary School

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

## Newsletter

### Summer Term 2 Dates

#### June

- 18.06.25 – Athletics Championships at Cleavley Running Track for Y6 pupils 2 – 5pm
- 24.06.25 – Athletics Championships at Cleavley Running Track for Y5 pupils 2 – 5pm
- 25.06.25 – Y4 out at The Lowry for their Ukulele performance
- 26.06.25 – Y6 Transition Day to high school
- 27.06.26 – Y6 Transition Day to high school
- 27.06.25 – Pupils to meet their new class teacher for the next academic year
- 30.06.25 – Nursery parent drop in – 3:30pm

#### July

- 01.07.25 – Reception drop in for parents – 3:20pm
- 02.06.25 – Courageous Advocates – children are invited to talk the whole school about a topic close their hearts and with which they want to make a change.
- 04.07.25 – Y6 Fiver Challenge – pupils invited to bring 50p or £1 to spend at the enterprise stalls hosted by out Y6 pupils

13.06.2025

#### Dates continued...

- 07.07.25 – Y1 and Y2 Meet the teacher for next academic year – 3:20pm
- 08.07.25 – Y5 and Y6 Meet the teacher for next academic year – 3:20pm
- 09.09.25 – Y3 and Y4 Meet the teacher for next academic year – 3:20pm
- 10.07.25 – Yr3 and Y4 Sports Day – 9:00am
- 11.07.25 – Yr5 and Yr6 Sports Day – 9:00am
- 14.07.25 – Yr1 and Yr2 Sports Day – 9:00am
- 15.07.25 – EYFS Sports Day – 9:00am
- 16.07.25 – Y6 overnight Residential to The Anderton Centre
- 21.07.25 – Yr6 Leavers Show – Oliver With A Twist – 5:00pm
- 22.07.25 – Y6 Summer Party
- 23.07.25 – School Closes at 3:15pm

### This Week in School

Our Year 4 pupils have done a wonderful job with their Multiplication Check. All pupils completed the test with a positive attitude and Miss Millington was very proud of them. Results for the test will be available in a couple of weeks and pupils and their parents will be informed.

### Weekly Updates... Wardley Way Awards

This week had just two children achieving their award – well done to Emilia in Y1 who has now achieved her Bronze award and to Mila in Y4 who has achieved her Gold Award! Bravo girls! I look forward to seeing who will receive an award next week. We always encourage the children to bring in achievements from outside of school into our Celebration Assembly on Fridays. It is lovely to see what they get up to in their time. This week we celebrated the achievements of a gymnast, a ballerina, a footballer and a dodgeball champion! Well done to you all.

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

- We have a large number of items in our lost property bin outside the office. If your child has lost anything, please check before Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Any items not collected by this date will be discarded.
- Parents are kindly reminded not to use the school carpark during drop off and pick up including before and after school club.
- Next week will be week 3 on the lunch menu.
- Dinner money next week is £10.50 and is due on Monday morning.

## **Other news**

### **Salford Schools' Athletics Championships**

Over recent weeks, we have held athletics trials after school to put together an athletics team who will then be taking part in the Salford Schools' Athletics championship.

It was great to see many of our children wanting to showcase their talents and represent our school and we thank each and every one of them for giving up their time. Thank you also to parents and carers for supporting them.

This year, there will be two events held at Cleavley's Athletics Track -

**Year 6 – Wednesday 18th June 2025**

**Year 5 – Tuesday 24th June 2025**

Those chosen will receive more information about the event.

### **Anxiety Workshop for Parents**

This week saw the second of set of workshops held for parents who would like further advice on how to deal with stress and anxiety in children and it was once again, very well-attended. The workshop is run by members from the PIT in the Local Authority and was incredibly well attended and we look forward to welcoming you back into school next week.

### **School Uniform**

A polite reminder that full school uniform should be worn by all pupils. As we near the end of the academic year, I appreciate that parents do now wish to be going out to buy new school shoes which will no doubt not fit them in September. Therefore, we always see an increase in trainers at this time of year. I kindly ask, that if your child has to wear trainers for this reason, can they please be plain, dark trainers and not some of the brightly coloured ones I have noticed recently.

School ties should be worn by our key stage 2 pupils; if it is warm, we always allow them to remove them.

Finally, PE kit is a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt; no colours or large images please.

Thank you for your support in this matter. We are always so proud of how smart our pupils look and it is regularly commented on by visitors to the school.

### **Collective Worship – Forgiveness**

We have continued with our theme of 'Forgiveness' this week. The children listened to the story of Zacchaeus the tax man. We looked at how he was treated because of his job and how the attitudes of those around us can affect our behaviour. We learnt about Jesus' forgiveness and how he showed Zacchaeus love and support instead of negativity. The children seemed to really enjoy this story and the teachings within it.

Please find attached a copy of our Forgiveness Newsletter produced by the Diocese.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week.

Take care & God Bless

*K. Walker*

Mrs K. Walker

Acting Head Teacher

# FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

## TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible.

Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

*Desmond Tutu*



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



## READ TOGETHER...

### Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!



## QUIZ

### Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.





## ★ HALL OF FAME

### Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



## FASCINATING FACTS

### Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



### The Jewish New Year Tradition

New Year for Jews normally falls during September. On the first afternoon of the new year, the festival of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. Families visit a nearby stream, river or even the sea for the ritual of Tashlich (in Hebrew, the language in which the Jews' holy book the Torah was written, Tashlich means throw away).

After a celebration meal Jewish families gather left over breadcrumbs. These crumbs represent the words or deeds that each family member feels sorry about. When the crumbs have been thrown into the water, fish eat them or they are washed away. This symbolises the way that God **forgives** the bad things that people have done and washes them away so that there can be a fresh start for the New Year. During the ceremony the following words from the Torah are read aloud, "You (God) will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our transgressions into the depths of the sea." Micah 7: 19