



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.
 - 12.12.23: Christmas Raffle
 - 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.

24.11.2023

At Wardley, we are passionate about reading and we are always looking for ways in which we can help support the children in developing this vital skill. One new way in which we will be doing this is the introduction of Reading Plus for our junior KS2 children. This is a personalised online program that helps the children develop the skills that they need to be confident, capable readers and lifelong learners. The junior children have done an initial assessment in school and are now following their own individual lessons based on the outcomes from this. In addition to the work they do on Reading Plus in school the children can log on at home to do additional work on Reading Plus. We will be looking at ways we can celebrate their achievements in school as they reach key milestones – such as the number of words that they have read. We already have two children who have read over 20,000 words in the program. We will be sending out letters with each child's log-in details next week.

In the classroom this week

On Wednesday, Year 3 visited Chester Zoo to support their science work on the way animals adapt to their habitats. As part of their geography fieldwork, they also completed mapwork on the journey to the zoo. The class had great fun exploring the zoo and the children's behaviour was superb. They were even complemented by members of the public and zoo staff. Well done Y3!

Weekly updates.... Sporting News

Our school football team played another competitive match this week against The Deans Primary School. They played really well and although they lost, they showed great team spirit. Well done to all the children who took part - they were all brilliant. Also, a big thank you to our team coaches, Mr D. Foster and Mr Houston, who give up their time to coach the children and organise the league matches.

Y4 Ukulele Concert

Our Y4 class have been learning how to play the Ukulele in their music lessons this year. Each week a tutor from the Salford Music and Performing Arts Service has been coming into school to work with the class. We are delighted with their progress and we are very pleased that they have reached a point where they are able to put on a short concert for the Y4 parents & carers. This will take place on Thursday 14th December at 9am in the school hall. Y4 parents & carers are very welcome. Entrance into the hall will be through the hall side doors – these are the ones that open directly into the hall from the footpath that runs past the nursery class.

Christmas Activities

Christmas is a very special and exciting time of the year in a primary school and as always, we will endeavour to make it a special time for all of our children here at Wardley.

Class Christmas Service – 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 Service 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 services 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 service 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, for a £1 donation the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper/clothing. It is also the day of our school Christmas lunch.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 08.12.23.

Special Christmas lunch in school – if your child is on packed lunches and would like this special meal please complete the form on the School Spider App before Friday 1st December.

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 do Christmas activities in class and watch 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 on the School Spider App.

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 is payable on the School Spider App.

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 doing special Christmas activities in their classrooms.

Reminders from the office

- We are still accepting donations for our Christmas Raffle e.g. Bottles, chocolates, toys, gift sets etc.
- Raffle tickets are now on sale on the School Spider App at the cost of £1.00 per ticket

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

Our collective worship theme this half-term is the Christian value of wisdom. This week in collective worship we looked at the Bible story about the wisdom of King Solomon. The children then thought about what being wise means and the wisdom that is needed when making important decisions. They had lots of lovely ideas and we shared some of these in the hall in our collective worship on Thursday.

Y5 All Saints Church Visit

Our Y5 children took part in the morning service at All Saints Church this week. They gave an input during the service about the Christian value of wisdom which we have been looking at in our collective worship. It was lovely to hear the children being praised for their good behaviour and their presentations during the service. It was also fabulous to see so many Y5 parents and carers joining the congregation to support the children – thank you! We are aiming to take one class along each half-term to take part in a morning service. Next, it will be the turn of our year four class to do this in the spring term.

All Saints Christmas Fair

Our school choir did a brilliant job in opening the All Saints Christmas Fair last Saturday. Their singing was fantastic and we have received lots of lovely comments about how much everyone enjoyed their performance. The fair itself was a great success and raised £3,000 for the All Saints Church fund. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped support the children and the event.

Home Worship Books

It was lovely to see lots of children bringing their books into school on Thursday to share with everyone. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian values of wisdom and perseverance, the environment and our Anti-Bullying Week and Attendance work. Each week we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one child. This week it was Leo in Y5 for all his wonderful home worship work about Wisdom.