



Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we enjoy and excel'

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

February

- 12.02.24: Mid-term tests for the infant and junior children.
- 16.02.24: Ambition Day in school.
- 16.02.24: School closes for the half-term holiday.
- 26.02.24: School starts again after the half-term holiday.
- 28.02.24: Y4 at the All Saints Church morning service – 10am.

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.
- 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: 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: Easter Service (Y2 – 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.

09.02.2024

This week, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health week in school. This is something that we feel is really important to our school community. We have also been working hard on embedding our support for well-being across the school community. The excellent work on this has been co-ordinated by Mrs Mitchell, our well-being leader. One of the exciting developments linked to this was our first 'Meet the Services Drop-In' coffee morning today. This gave parents and carers the chance to meet staff from a range of outside agencies to discuss the support that they could provide to children and families on an informal basis over a cup of coffee. The services represented included speech & language, the school's educational psychologist, IThrive and the NHS 0 – 19 Team. The feedback from the parents and carers who attended was very positive as it gave them a great opportunity to find out more about the support that is available for them. We will be looking to host more events like this in the future.

In the classroom this week

On Tuesday, the Nursery class had a visit to Swinton Library. The children had a great time looking at the books, joining in with story time and meeting the Librarian. Swinton Library is a wonderful resource in our local community and is a great place for the children to start developing a love of books and reading. Thank you to all the nursery parents who came along with us for making the visit a success. Miss Hargreaves will be putting a blog on the school website all about the visit.

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 next Friday (16th February) at 6pm.

Ambition Day

We will be holding our school ambition day next week, on Friday 16th February. The aim is to get the children thinking about what their career ambitions for the future might be. Our school motto is 'We can do all things', and we want the children to have exciting aspirations about the types of job they wish to have when they are older. On the day, we will be getting the children to think about possible future career paths and the qualifications and experience that they will need to follow them.

As part of our ambition day, there are also some optional elements that the children can take part in - if they so wish. They can come to school dressed in the types of clothes that they would have to wear in the job that they want to have. We are also inviting the children to do some research about their dream job, and bring in a poster about it on the day. If they choose to make a poster, it should explain what skills, experience and qualifications they will need for the job that they want. It should also explain why they would like to do that particular job. We look forward to seeing what our children aspire to be when they grow up!

Safer Internet Day

This week, the infant and junior classes took part in the 2024 Safer Internet Day through their computing lessons. The theme was, '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.**' As part of this, the children thought about what safe online behaviour looks like and what to do if they see something inappropriate. There was some great work on these themes, and we were able to celebrate some examples of our children making really sensible choices about staying safe online.

After-School Clubs

The UK Sport after school clubs will all start again in spring term two (in the week after the February half-term). Places on these clubs can be booked through School Spider from 6pm on Wednesday 14th February. There is a limit to the number of children that can attend each club:

Y1/2 Multi-Skills: Tuesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm.

Y3/4 Multi-Sports: Wednesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm.

In addition, school staff will be running the following clubs:

Y5/6 netball: Wednesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm with Mr D. Foster.

Y5/6 football: Thursdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm with Mr Houston.

Both of these clubs are full at the moment.

Finally, the Anthem music lessons are continuing in school after half-term as normal.

Reminders from the office

- Please ensure all dinner money and club fees are cleared before we break up for the holidays on 16th February

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Rearranged Date for the Y4 Class Visit to All Saints Church

Unfortunately, after discussion with Father Jeremy, we have had to cancel the planned Y4 class visit to the All Saints Church morning service next Wednesday 14th February. We are very sorry for any inconvenience that this causes. However, we have managed to rearrange another date with Father Jeremy. The Y4 class visit to the All Saints morning service will now 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 Alexis in Y4 for her fantastic work about her a whole range of topics and values that have been looking at in school – well done!

Collective Worship Theme – Perseverance

This week in collective worship we looked at one of Aesop's Fables about the Hare and the Tortoise and the perseverance that the tortoise showed in winning the race at its own pace. They then thought about the lessons we can learn from fables and how these could help us in our own lives. Our Y2 children have written a lovely prayer about perseverance:

Dear Lord,

*Thank you for giving us wisdom,
Courage and perseverance.*

Please help us make wise decisions.

Prove to us that we can try as hard as we can to get better at all things.

Help us to keep on trying to be peaceful.

Teach us that we should try again and again and never quit.

Show us how to never give up on ourselves.

Help us to follow the Wardley Way.

Amen.