



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

OCTOBER

- 18.10.24: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.
- 28.10.24: School closed for staff INSET training day.
- 29.10.24: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 29th October.
- 29.10.24: Five Ways to Wellbeing Day – Take Notice.
- 30.10.24: Poppy appeal launched in school.

NOVEMBER

- 04.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 11.11.24: Remembrance Day Worship in school.
- 11.11.24: National Anti-Bullying Week.
- 12.11.24: Odd Socks Day.
- 12.11.24: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes.
- 14.11.24: School individual photographs.
- 15.11.24: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 16.11.24: The school choir open the All Saints Church Christmas Fair at 11am.
- 18.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 27.11.24: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

DECEMBER

- 09.12.24: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.
- 10.12.24: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.
- 11.12.24: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.
- 12.12.24: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.
- 13.12.24: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.
- 16.12.24: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.
- 18.12.24: Junior Christmas party.
- 19.12.24: Christmas Panto in school.
- 19.12.24: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

- JANUARY** 06.01.25: Back to school on Monday 6th January.

18.10.2024

It has been a busy end to our first half-term! There have been lots and lots of wonderful homework projects coming into school – we really have been amazed at the children's creativity, enthusiasm and hard work. This week also saw our Ethos Committee having its first meeting of this academic year. This gave the ethos counsellors the chance to talk to the children in their classes about the ways in which school has helped them to grow as a person and to consider how we can do even better at this in the future. They did a great job in consulting the children and sharing their ideas in the committee meeting. You can read all about the wonderful work they in their newsletter, which has been posted on the school website. Finally, we would like to say a very big thank you for all your support for the school over this half-term and we hope the children all have a very well deserved and enjoyable break over the holiday.

In the classroom this week

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 WWII tanks, planes, air raid shelters and battle scenes in Y6; some wonderful Ancient Greek temples and gods in Y5; lots of fantastic Anglo-Saxon creations in Y4; some brilliant Stone Age settlements in Y3; we had lots of scenes from the Fire of London in Y2 and finally some fantastic work on their 'all about me' projects by Y1 – well done to everyone who took part. Take a look on our school website at the class blogs to see their amazing creativity.

Weekly Updates... Five Ways to Wellbeing – Take Notice

The children will be welcomed back into school on Tuesday 29th October with a wellbeing day. The day will be dedicated to focusing on the theme "Take Notice," from the Five Ways to Wellbeing (see our dedicated website area for more details on this). This day is all about engaging in activities that encourage us to be present, appreciate our surroundings and genuinely enjoy the company of each other and our pupils.

Improved Attendance Awards

We were delighted to be able to give out improved attendance certificates to thirteen children in our assembly today. Each of them had shown an improvement in their attendance over the course of this half-term which is a fantastic achievement. We are hoping that we will be able to give out more improved attendance certificates at the end of next half-term.

Term Time Holidays

We have seen a marked rise in the number of children being taken out of school over recent weeks for term time holidays. **The school's attendance policy clearly sets out that no absence for term time holidays will be authorised. This means that if children are missing school due to a term time holiday, it will be recorded as unauthorised absence.**

New Legislation came into force on 19th August 2024 regarding the issuing of penalty notices relating to none school attendance. The following changes have come into force for penalty notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

There is a single National Threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England and Wales of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any type of unauthorised absences.

Since 19th August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country are now £160, discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no discount given for early repayment.

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/25 academic year will be treated under the new Legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19 August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked.

Should a third absence be taken within the three-year period, a parent may be summoned to the Magistrates Court for knowingly failing to secure good attendance at school (Section 444 (1A) of Education Act 1996).

Class Attendance Champions

Our whole school assembly this Wednesday was led by our class attendance champions. They fed back on the ideas that they had gathered from their classes about the ways they thought that our school could help support children improve their attendance. From all their wonderful ideas the following steps are going to be put into place:

- The class who wins Barney (our attendance mascot) the most times over a term will have a special treat day at the end of the term. This was a suggestion from Y5.
- Any class with a 100% attendance over a week will get an extra 10 minutes play time on Monday. This was a suggestion from Y5 and Y6.
- Make sure we are a welcoming school in which we are all nice to people so they want to come in - This was a suggestion from Y4 and Y6.
- An attendance trophy that is awarded at the end of each half-term to the class with the best attendance that half-term. This was a suggestion from Y3.
- A class spin to win on Friday afternoon with the names of all the children with 100% attendance for that week will win for a special prize. This was a suggestion from Y2 and Y6.

Well done to our attendance champions for helping to put these ideas into place.

Poppy Appeal

As we always do, this year we will continue to support the Poppy Appeal. From Wednesday 30th October we will be selling a range of poppy appeal items to support this wonderful cause. **Pupils will need to bring in cash to pay for these items.** Their class teacher will collect in any monies during registration time and send an order list through to our senior pupils who will sort the orders and deliver items back to classes later in the morning. Items for sale are as follows:

Slap bands - £1.50, reflective poppies - £1.00, wristbands - £1.50 and poppies for a donation of at least 50p.

We thank you in advance for your support during this appeal. As a school we are always amazed at just how much money we raise for this fabulous cause and we know that it is very much appreciated by The Royal British Legion.

Reminders from the office

- The new dinner menu starts on the 29th October – it will be week 3 on the new menu
- Dinner money for the first week back will be £8.40 payable on the School Gateway
- Please return any outstanding data collection sheets to the office

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

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, we had eighteen children taking part. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian value of courage that we have been looking at in our collective worship this half-term. This week, our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) was awarded to Lyanna from Y3 for all her wonderful home worship work.

All Saints Church Christmas Fair - Saturday 16.11.24.

Our school choir will open the All Saints Church Christmas Fair at 11am on Saturday 16th November. Come along to support the Church and listen to the children sing some festive carols.