



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

NOVEMBER

- 04.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 06.11.24: Y6 class visit to the Swinton War Memorial.
- 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.
- 26.11.24: Nursery class visit to Swinton library.
- 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.

01.11.2024

It has been a good start to the new half-term with lots of exciting activities planned for the children over the coming weeks. You can find out more detail about what the children will be learning in the curriculum leaflets that the teachers are sending out. They are also sharing details of the homework projects for this half-term. Getting involved with these projects is a fantastic way to support the children's learning at home. Our autumn term parent evening meetings are also fast approaching. If you have not done so already, you can go online to book a slot for our autumn term parents' evenings. The parent evening meetings will take place on 4th and 18th November. You will have the chance to discuss how your child has settled into their new class with their class teacher. There will also be the opportunity to look at all their work from the year so far. Finally, we were delighted to give out the first of our new behaviour certificates this week to four children who have been showing the values of our Wardley Way. Well done to Olivia, Savannah and Georgie in Y3 and Darcie-Lea in Y4.

In the classroom this week Five Ways to Wellbeing – Take Notice

The children were welcomed back into school on Tuesday this week with a wellbeing day. The day focused on the theme "Take Notice," from the Five Ways to Wellbeing (see our dedicated website area for more details on this). The children took part in fun and engaging in activities which encouraged them to be present and appreciate their surroundings such as an autumn leaf walk around the school grounds.

Weekly Updates... To help parents to make an informed decision around when their child is ready for social media, we have been directed to the Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media which is a fantastic non-profit website which takes a holistic look at different apps and gives an age rating based on the content and risk. It is a really helpful site that has lots of information relating to online safety and helping parents and carers to understand what the apps their child uses actually 'do'.

Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it is essential. All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. Good attendance is directly linked to improved academic performance which should in turn lead to better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop the children's friendships, social & life skills.

Parents are responsible for making sure their children receive full-time education. Parents are legally responsible for making sure that children go to school. If your child doesn't go to school, you could get fined or prosecuted.

Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life. Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults. Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class.

If your child is at school for only 90 per cent of the school year then they will have missed 19 days - almost four whole weeks of school. For primary-age children, this can mean almost 120 guided learning hours. This is a big gap for any child to make up.

For all of these reasons, we closely monitor the children's attendance at school over each half-term. Today we are sending out good attendance certificates for those children who have met the school's attendance target and information letters for those who have fallen below it. We want to celebrate good attendance and also ensure all our parents & carers are aware of what their child's attendance figure for the half-term has been. Sometimes, parents & carers do not realise what an impact absence or lateness can have on their child's attendance figure.

We will continue to monitor attendance over this coming half-term and we will be sending out more certificates and information letters at the end of it. We will also celebrate attendance each week in school with weekly 'spin to win' prize draw and our school attendance mascot, Barney Bear, being awarded to the class with the highest attendance. At the end of the term the class with the best attendance will get a special treat day.

Poppy Appeal

As we always do, this year we will continue to support the Poppy Appeal in the build up to Remembrance Day. We are 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. 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.

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme

Our collective worship is based upon a set of sixteen Christian values that we cover over a three-year cycle. We spend half a term looking at each value in our daily act of collective worship. The value that we will be looking at this half-term is Creativity. Each week the children look at different aspects of this value and what it means to them in their daily lives. In our weekly thoughtful book assembly, we share some of these ideas with the school. We will be sending home a sheet about this value so you can support the work the children are doing in collective worship at home. We hope you find the ideas useful as you explore the value together and have fun doing it!

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 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 Amelia from Y5 for all her wonderful home worship work about our 'Wardley Way' values.

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.