



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

DECEMBER

- 01.12.24: The school choir taking part in 'The Big Sing' at Audacious Church – 2.30pm.
04.12.24: History workshops in Y6 & Y4.
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: Christmas raffle drawn in school.
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.

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We believe that good school attendance is vital for all of our children and it is something we want to celebrate. Each week we have our 'spin the wheel' prize draw. At the end of the term, we are also having a special draw for all those children with good attendance (over 95%). This will have a range of prizes, including a £50 family food voucher. Finally, in the build-up to Christmas, all those children with 100% attendance over the last two weeks of term will have their names put into our 'Ten Days of Christmas' draw. This has two £20 Vue Cinema vouchers as its prizes. We know that there are some seasonal illness going around at the moment and we realise that it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines to help you with this, [is my child too ill for school?](#) It gives advice about when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. We do have lots of exciting Christmas events and activities planned for the last weeks of terms and we really hope that the children are in school every day – so they don't miss out on anything!

In the classroom this week Nursery visit to Swinton Library

This week, our lovely Nursery class visited the Children's Library at Swinton Gateway. They met the librarian who talked to the children about what happens in a library and read them a story. Afterwards, the children had a look around the library at the different books and each chose a book to borrow. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to the library and helped to make the visit a success.

Weekly Updates... Sporting News

Our school netball team played another competitive match this week against Bridgewater 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 matches.

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 Shows – In the week beginning Monday 09.12.24. Dates on the autumn term date list.

The classes are all going to be putting on their own special Christmas Shows 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 show 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 show in festive Christmas party clothes – such as Christmas jumpers, sparkles or Christmas colours. We do not want any parents or carers feeling that they have to buy something special for this. Party clothes will be fine if they do not have any special Christmas items!

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13.12.24.

This is a non-uniform fundraising day for the Save The Children charity. If they want to, the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper/festive party clothing. We do not want any parents or carers feeling that they have to buy something special for this. Party clothes will be fine if they do not have any special Christmas items! It is also the day of our school Christmas lunch.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 13.12.24.

Special Christmas lunch in school – all children have the option to sign up for this meal cooked by our school kitchen. If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like a school dinner please complete the form on the school spider and if your child is not entitled to free school meals please pay on the School Gateway App.

Christmas Parties – EYFS/KS1 on Monday 16.12.24 and KS2 on Wednesday 18.12.24.

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 is payable via the School Spider App.

Christmas Raffle – Monday 16.12.24.

The school's Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday 16.12.24. All the money raised will be used to help buy items to support the children. Tickets cost £1.00 each and are available on the School Spider App.

Panto – Thursday 19.12.24.

Our annual Christmas panto this year by the Lada Theatre Group will be Dick Whittington. It will be watched by all the classes from Reception to Y6. We are asking for a contribution of a £4.60 per child towards the cost of the panto payable via the School Spider App.

Last Day of Term – Thursday 19.12.24.

The children should come to school in their school uniform. The children will be watching the panto and then doing special Christmas activities in their classrooms.

Reminders from the office

- There will none of the following after school clubs during the last week of term (week beginning Monday 16th December): Sport clubs, drama club, science club, chess club and art club.
- Anthem music will carry on in the last week of this term as will the before and after school club.
- Thank you for all the kind donations to our Christmas Raffle, it is not too late to donate we are still accepting prizes.

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

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 creativity 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.