



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

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: 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.

06.12.2024

The build up to Christmas is always an exciting time in school. It will be particularly special this Christmas for me, as it will be my last one as headteacher at Wardley. This week, I have informed the school's governing board that I will be resigning from my post as headteacher at Wardley CE Primary School at the end of the coming spring term. Serving as headteacher of Wardley CE Primary School has been an extraordinary privilege. I would like to express my gratitude for all the support that I have received from the governors, staff, children and parents since taking on the role in September 2010. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together in upholding the values that make Wardley CE Primary School such a special place. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and vision of everyone involved in our wonderful school community. However, for personal reasons, it is now the right time for me to step down from the role of headteacher and start my retirement. It has been an honour to serve this remarkable school, and I will always treasure the memories of my time here. I am now committed to working with the school's governing board and staff to ensure that all arrangements are made for a seamless transition as the school begins the next chapter of its story.

In the classroom this week History Workshops. The Year 6 class was visited by historian Richard White on Wednesday this week where they looked at artefacts from WWII. They were told information about the rise of The Third Reich and the invasion of Poland in 1939 and how this affected the people of Britain. They also looked at a wide range of propaganda posters and rationed food portions. The best part though was holding real shrapnel and an incendiary bomb! Later on, he visited the Year 4 class where they learned about the Anglo-Saxons and dressed up in clothes appropriate to the era. They also got to hold swords, shields and spears. It is safe to say that all of the children thoroughly enjoyed their session and we look forward to welcoming him back in the future.

Weekly Updates... Emotionally Friendly Setting. Building on our successfully Emotionally Friendly Setting Bronze Award, we are now proud to be working towards achieving the Silver Award. We want to celebrate that wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do. Please visit our school website to view our work on mental health and wellbeing. Your EFS wellbeing champions – Mrs Mitchell and Mr Houston.

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. **We have the space in the hall to safely accommodate two people per child to come and see each of the performances. We will not be giving out tickets but we do ask that you please respect the limits to the number of people that we can have coming to see the show.** 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. The £1 donation can be paid on the School Spider App.

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. Dinner money can be paid 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 will be payable via the School Spider App.

Christmas Raffle – Monday 16.12.24.

The school's electronic 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 and can be purchased on the School Spider.

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 which will be payable on 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.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who shopped at Asda and supported us through the Cashpot for Schools initiative. Thanks to your amazing efforts, we've earned an incredible £481.59!

We truly appreciate your support, which will make a real difference to our school. Thank you again!

Reminders from the office

- There will no after-school UK Sport clubs next week.
- It will be week 1 on the dinner menu next week

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

The Big Sing Event

The School Choir performed at The Big Sing event in Manchester on Sunday 1st December. The children were absolutely amazing and a credit to the school. They sang their hearts out and their performance of 'O Holy Night' was truly outstanding! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family friends who came along to support the children and taxi them into the middle of Manchester at this very busy time of year. Mrs Walker looks forward to performing with the choir at more events next year.

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 creativity 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 Lucy from Y4 for all her wonderful home worship work.