



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

January

- 10.01.25: Class curriculum leaflets published.
- 21.01.25: Fire Service visit to the Y5 class.
- 22.01.25: Y4 class visit to Tatton park for an Anglo-Saxon Day.
- 22.01.25: Courageous Advocates.

February

- 03.02.25: Children's Mental Health week celebrated in school.
- 04.02.25: Meet the Services Event held in school.
- 11.02.25: Safer Internet Day in school.
- 14.02.25: Ambition Day in school.
- 14.02.25: School closes for the half-term holiday.
- 24.02.25: Staff INSET Training Day – school closed.
- 25.02.25: School starts again after the half-term holiday.
- 25.02.25: 5 Steps To well Being Day
- 27.02.25: Y5 Class visit to Jodrell Bank (TBC).
- 28.02.25: Class curriculum leaflets published.

March

- 06.03.25: World Book Day celebrated in school.
- 10.03.25: British Science Week celebrated in school this week.
- 14.03.25: International Maths Day celebrated in school.
- 17.03.24: Parents' evening from 3.30 – 6pm.
- 18.03.25: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.
- 21.03.25: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.
- 24.03.25: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 31.03.25: Community Easter cards brought into school.

April

- 01.04.25: KS2 Easter Service at All Saints Church at 10am.
- 02.04.25: B-Tales Easter drama for the children in school.
- 04.04.25: Non-uniform fundraising day for the school fund.
- 04.04.25: School closes for the Easter holiday.
- 22.04.25: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

10.01.2025

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and we wish everyone all the very best for the coming year. The children have already made a great start to 2025, and we have lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead. The teachers will be putting a copy of their curriculum leaflets up on the website to explain what topics the children will be covering over the coming weeks, together with other information about class life. One of the themes we will be looking at is 'Dreams and Goals'. This is the focus of our PSHE work this half-term and it will involve the children thinking about what their aspirations for the future are and how they can go about achieving them. It is a topic that really fits in with our aspirational school motto that, 'We can do all things.' The work we do around this theme will culminate in our ambition day at the end of the term on Friday 14th February. There is more detail about this event over the page.

In the classrooms this week 5 Steps to Wellbeing Day Our Wellbeing Day on Monday marked a delightful start to the first day back after the holiday, focusing on the importance of friendship and kindness through connecting. This special day was designed to help everyone settle back into the school environment in a calm and welcoming manner. One highlight was the creation of a "Classroom Quilt," where each student added a personalised square, representing themselves and illustrating something significant to them. Children also participated in various creative exercises, such as crafting "Kindness Cards" to promote sharing joy, and joining a "Friendship Chain," where they shared positive notes about classmates. These activities have enriched their understanding of what makes friendships meaningful and the true art of kindness, all while ensuring a smooth and joyful return to school life.

Weekly Updates... Senior Pupils

A new group of senior pupils have taken on the role of school counsellors for this spring half-term. Over the course of the year, all the Y6 senior pupils will have the opportunity to take on the role. We look forwards to seeing the contribution that they can make to our school community over the coming term – I am sure that they will all be fantastic!

Site Officer News

Mr Waverley has taken on the role of site officer at the school following the retirement of Mr Connor. He has made a great start and ensured that the school site was safe and ready for us to open each day this week despite the snowy and icy weather. Mr Connor has also been in touch with us to pass on his thanks for all the very kind gifts that he received on his retirement. He said he was overwhelmed with everyone's kind words and best wishes for him.

Attendance

We gave out the attendance certificates and letters for the autumn term today. We had 49 children with 100% attendance over this period and they all received a special 100% certificate. There were also 76 children who had over 95% attendance, and they all got a good attendance certificate. The Y3 class will also be getting a special extra playtime for having the best class attendance over the autumn term – well done Y3! We will continue to reward and promote good attendance over this coming term in the following ways:

Every Monday morning our attendance mascot (Barney The Bear) will be given to the class with the best attendance over the previous week.

Every Monday morning, there will be a 'spin to win' prize draw for all the children with 100% attendance and arriving for school on time over the previous week.

At the end of this half-term, on 14th February, there will be a special prize draw for all the children with 96% or better attendance and arriving for school over this half-term, with the winning child getting a £20 toy voucher.

There will also be good attendance certificates and badges given out again at the end of the spring term.

Ambition Day

Last year was the second time we ran our school ambition day, and the response to it was so positive that we wanted to do it again this year. So, we are going to have our third school ambition day on Friday 14th 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!

Reminders from the office

- Dinner money is £10.50 per week and payable in advance on Monday morning
- It will be week 3 on the dinner menu next week
- The car park is for staff use only and should not be used when dropping off or picking children up from clubs.

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme – Peace

We will be looking at a new Christian value in our collective worship this half-term – peace. The children will be looking at what this value means to Christians and think about what peace means to them in their own lives. We will be sending out a sheet with information about how you can support the children in thinking about this value at home over the coming weeks. They could record some of their responses to this in their home worship books and bring them into school on Thursday to share in our collective worship.

Courageous Advocates

Each term, we give the infant and junior children (who want to) the chance to take on the role of being a courageous advocate in our Collective Worship. Being a courageous advocate means that they take on the role of speaking to the rest of the school on a subject that they feel strongly about. They can either speak to the school by themselves or as part of a group. The date for this half-term's courageous advocate's assembly is Wednesday 22nd January.

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.