



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Spring Term Dates

February

- 11.02.25: Safer Internet Day in school.
- 13.02.25: Reception class reward day.
- 14.02.25: Ambition Day in school.
- 14.02.25: Y4 class reward day.
- 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.
- 28.02.25: Class curriculum leaflets published.

March

- 04.03.25: Y5/Y6 Visit Bridgewater Hall - Halle for Youth Concert.
- 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.
- 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 – 5.30pm.
- 31.03.25: Community Easter cards brought into school.
- 31.03.25: Parents' evening from 3.30 – 5.30pm.

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.

07.02.2025

This week, we have celebrated Children's Mental Health week in school. This is something that we feel is really important and we have been working hard on embedding support for well-being across the school community. The excellent work on this has been co-ordinated by Ms Mitchell, our well-being leader, as we work towards our silver accreditation as an 'emotionally friendly school'. One of the exciting developments linked to this was our 'Meet the Services Drop-In' coffee morning. This gave parents and carers the chance to meet staff from a range of outside agencies to discuss the support that they could provide to children and families on an informal basis over a cup of coffee. The services represented included speech & language, the school's educational psychologist, Primary Inclusion Team IThrive and the Early Help Team. The feedback from the parents and carers who attended was very positive as it gave them a great opportunity to find out more about the support that is available for them.

In the classrooms this week acts of kindness.

As part of children's mental health week, we have been talking in school about the little acts of kindness that we can all show to each other on a daily basis. These acts can make a big difference to someone's feelings and fit in well with the values of our 'Wardley Way.' The children were able to give lots of examples of the acts of kindness they had seen from their class mates this week which was lovely to see. This included sharing a smile, including others in playground games and helping someone who was feeling upset. The staff also talked about the many children that they had seen showing kindness to each other.

Weekly Updates... Playground Pals

We had a wonderful response to our Wellbeing Champions invitation to the infant and junior children to come up with a badge design for our new playground pals. We have had lots of entries and the Wellbeing Champions and Ms Mitchell, our wellbeing lead, now have the difficult task of choosing their favourite design. We hope to be able to share this with you next week.

Parent Governor Election

We are sending out a letter today about a vacancy that we have on our governing board for a parent governor following the departure of Mr Done from his post. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and the support that he has given to Wardley CE Primary School during his time as a parent governor.

Ambition Day

We will be holding our school ambition day next week, 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!

Class Reward Days

Well done to our Reception and Y4 children as they are the first classes this academic year who have managed to fill their marble jars. They can look forward to their special class reward days next week. A separate letter has gone out to the Reception and Y4 parents & carers about this.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on the 11th of February 2025, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online**'

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. This year, Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

This Safer Internet Day, at Wardley, we will allow young people to share their experiences and ideas on how to tackle the problem. We'll build on the important e-safety work already being done in school to raise awareness of issues answering questions such as:

How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?

What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?

And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in looking at the information available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do contact the school.

Sporting News

Our school football team played their first competitive match of the year this week against St Lukes. The final score was 3 – 1 to St Lukes but we played really well and hit the woodwork 5 times! Well done to all the children who have represented our school so well. They were all brilliant and there will be lots more games to come this season. 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 league matches.

Reminders from the office

- Despite numerous reminders, we've noticed that some parents are still using the school car park when dropping off and picking up children from clubs. Please remember that the **car park is for staff use only**. This is to ensure the **safety of all our children** and to keep things running smoothly. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school safe!
- It will be Week 3 on the Dinner Menu next week
- Please ensure all dinner monies and club fees due are cleared before Friday 14th February

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme – Peace

This week in collective worship we looked at some of the people who have received the Nobel Peace Prize and reflected on why they had been awarded it. The children then thought about how they could be a peacemaker in their own lives. We shared their ideas in our thoughtful book worship and, as always, they came up with some fantastic thoughts.

Y4 Class Visit to All Saints Church

Our Y4 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 peace 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 Y4 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 three class and then later in the summer term our Y2 children will have the opportunity for their class visit to the church.

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 peace that we have been looking at in our collective worship this half-term. This week Sammy was given to Letty in Y3 for her fantastic work about Jesus – well done!