



# Wardley CE Primary School

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

## Newsletter

### Spring Term Dates

#### March

- 04.03.25: Y5/Y6 Visit Bridgewater Hall - Halle for Youth Concert.
- 05.03.25: Y3 Class Reward Day.
- 06.03.25: World Book Day celebrated in school.
- 07.03.25: FA Let Girls Play tournament - Y5/6 girls' team.
- 10.03.25: Closing date for parent governor ballot.
- 10.03.25: British Science Week celebrated in school.
- 12.03.25: Fire service visit to Y5.
- 14.03.25: International Maths Day celebrated in school.
- 18.03.25: Y6 class visit to Crucial Crew.
- 19.03.25: Courageous advocates in collective worship.
- 20.03.25: School development football team game at St Marys.
- 21.03.25: Red Nose Day celebrated in school – non-uniform day.
- 24.03.25: Parents' evening from 3.20 – 6pm.
- 24.03.25: Deadline for the British Science Week posters.
- 26.03.25: School football team league game at Moorside.
- 27.03.25: School development football team game at St Marys.
- 31.03.25: Community Easter cards brought into school.
- 31.03.25: Parents' evening from 3.30 – 6pm.

#### 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.
- 02.04.25: School football team league game at Moorside.
- 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.

### 28.02.2025

It has been a very busy start to the new half-term. On Tuesday we had another of our Wellbeing Day linked to the NHS Five Ways of Wellbeing initiative. We understand that returning to school after a break can be a little overwhelming for many children, so we dedicate the first day back after a school holiday to focusing on their wellbeing and easing any stress or uncertainty. Our Y3 children also filled their class marble jar this week and will be having their reward treat day next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Well done Y3! Finally, thanks to the money that was raised for the school through the Asda Money for Schools Scheme, we were delighted to be able to purchase three class sets of art smocks, one for each key stage. The children will now be able to wear these for any art and design activities they do in school to protect their school uniform. We would like to thank everyone who supported the school through this scheme, altogether it raised for the school.

**In the classrooms this week .... Y5 Class trip to Jodrell Bank** Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank this week to support their learning on 'Earth and Space'. It was a real treat for myself and Mrs MacLeod to take the children - their behaviour, which was commented and complimented on by members of the public, was excellent. We gazed in awe and wonder at the Lovell telescope, had an educational talk on the universe and black holes by a radio wave scientist and were immersed in the importance of the work that continues to happen at Jodrell Bank. The highlight, amongst the host of super exhibitions and activities, was undoubtedly the planetarium. Well done Year 5. (A very proud) Mr Houston and Mrs MacLeod.

**Weekly Updates... Sporting Success** Our school netball team took part in a match against Bridgewater this week. The team played brilliantly and showed great team work to win one of their matches. We also have a group of girls from Y5 and Y6 taking part in a football tournament against other local primary schools this afternoon – we will let you know how they got on next week. Well done to all the children who represent our school so well and many thanks to all the parents & carers who come to cheer them on; and to the team coaches – Mr. D. Foster and Mr Houston.

## Parent Governor Elections

We have received two nominations for the parent governor vacancy, therefore an election will need to be held. The closing date of the ballot will be Monday 10th March 2025. All eligible parents will be sent a voting paper which contains the statements from the two candidates.

## Spring Term Parents' Evening Appointments

The spring term parent evening appointments give you a great opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and look at the children's work. Our spring term parents' evenings will be held in school and are set to run over two Monday evenings - 24<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> March. Each parent evening slot will be ten minutes long. The parent evening times can be booked through our online system, which will go live at 6pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Simply log on to the School Spider App and choose which of the available slots you would like to attend.

## World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The theme of World Book Day this year is, 'Book an Adventure.'

Reading for pleasure improves children's life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. However, research from the National Literacy Trust found that fewer than 1 in 2 (47.8%) children now say they enjoy reading; this is the lowest level since 2005, and reading enjoyment is lowest among children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Happily, here at Wardley our School Council have found that a much larger proportion of our children see reading as something they enjoy. This is fantastic – but we want to see all of our children feeling this way!

We will be inviting all the children to make up an A4 poster that shows what an adventure reading can be. The children can ask their class teacher for some A4 paper to take home for their poster. The poster can show how they feel that books can lead to a world of adventure. They can illustrate and write on their poster in any way they choose. All the children who bring a poster in will have the opportunity to share it with the rest of the school in a special world book day assembly. We will also be choosing one poster from each class to put in a frame and display in our school reading area. These winners will all receive a book of their choice.

We want the day to be a real celebration of reading. The children will all be invited to bring in a copy of one of their favourite books from home. The staff will also be sharing their favourite children's books with their classes. We will have lots of fun reading activities going on in school throughout the day.

Finally, if your child also wants to, they can come to school in their comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas to represent reading as a relaxing and pleasurable activity. It will be lovely to see how they enjoy reading and we will celebrate this in school. The day is all about getting the children to see themselves as readers, and we're so excited to see their posters, favourite books and comfy reading clothes!

## British Science Week

The British Science Week 2025 poster competition is now open! Over the last few years, we have had some fabulous entries from all year groups. We would love for more of the same this year.

**The theme is 'Change and adapt' and is open to all children. This year, primary aged children, aged 8-11, who are interested, can choose to enter either the 'Change and adapt' competition or the secondary special competition category.**

Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well they have been made or drawn. More information will be sent home with each child or please visit [www.britishscienceweek.org](http://www.britishscienceweek.org) for further information. The deadline for bringing your poster into school is Monday 24th March 2025. Please hand your entry to Mr Houston or your child's class teacher.

## **Attendance Prizes**

We had a special prize draw for a £20 voucher for all the children who had achieved a 100% attendance over last half-term. The winner was Penny from Y6 – well done! We will have another prize draw at the end of this half-term. We also looked to see which class had won Barney (our attendance mascot) the most often over last half-term, and it was Y4. Well done Y4! Their prize for this achievement is our school attendance trophy.

## **Reminders from the office .....**

- It will be week 3 on the dinner menu next week
- Dinner money next week is £10.50 please pay on Monday morning
- If your child has a trip coming up and you haven't already donated, please consider contributing. Without enough donations, these trips may not be able to go ahead.

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Lent**

The focus of our collective worship this half-term will be Lent during the build-up to Easter. We will be looking at why this is such an important time in the Christian calendar. This will involve the children thinking about Lent as a period of reflection and a chance to look in on themselves and also out at others.

### **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 last half-term. This week, Sammy was given to Luna in Y2 for her fantastic poster about tolerance and accepting difference – well done! We would also like to say a huge thank you to Penny in Y6 and Edith in Y2 who treated Sammy to a 'spa day' over the holiday. He thoroughly enjoyed the day and has certainly come back to school with sparkle in his eye and gleaming fur!