

## Spring Term Dates

### March

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.

01.04.25: Y6 class visit to Moorside High School to see a drama production.

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 – all the money raised will go towards funding murals for the school grounds. The idea for this project was the result of the work of the school's Ethos Committee.

04.04.25: Easter service in school for the Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils led by our Y6 senior pupils.

04.04.25: Easter Egg 'Spin the wheel' A lucky attendance winner in each class will receive an Easter egg to take home.

04.04.25: Mr Foster's last day as headteacher at Wardley.

04.04.25: School closes for the Easter holiday.

13.04.25: Palm Sunday Service at All Saints Church at 9.30am. Sung Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.

17.04.25: Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Church at 7.30pm. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

18.04.25: Good Friday Service at All Saints Church at 1.30pm. Commemoration of the Lord's Death.

20.04.25: Easter Sunday Service at All Saints Church. Festival Service of the Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday.

22.04.25: School starts again after the Easter holiday.

## 28.03.2025

The school's governing board, with the support of the Local Authority and Diocese, have been working hard on the recruitment process for finding the school's next headteacher. It is an important appointment and their focus is on ensuring they have the right person in position to lead the school on the next stage of its journey forward. The post has been advertised but there has not been sufficient response to enable them to proceed with the recruitment process at this point. Plans were already in place for Mrs Walker to take on the role of acting headteacher over the summer term. The decision has now been made to extend this into the autumn term. The governing board will then re-advertise the post in the autumn with the aim of securing a new headteacher to start in January 2026. Whilst Mrs Walker is in the role of acting headteacher she will be released from her class teaching duties. In her place, we have appointed Miss Woodward as a class teacher and, together with Mr D Foster, she will be teaching our Y6 class over the coming summer term.

**In the classrooms this week .....** In Nursery, we have been reading Errol's Garden. After reading this, we have planted some cress to watch it grow. Next week, we will be enjoying our cress on cress and soft-cheese sandwiches! In Reception, we have been reading 'Winnie the Pooh Helps the Bees'. We have been learning about what bees need to be happy, how to help the bees and why bees are important. Today, we are tasting honey! Ask your child if they liked it. After the holidays - we have a special surprise planned for the children in the EYFS. Little Barn Farm will be visiting school bringing along their new baby lambs and calves for the children to meet. We have had Little Barn Farm in school many times over the years and it is always a magical experience and brings new life to Wardley. The EYFS team would like to say Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums - we hope you like your special cards!

### **Weekly Updates... PE Clothes**

On your child's PE day they should come to school in their school PE kit. This can be navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with a plain white tee shirt or polo shirt. They can wear their school navy cardigan or sweatshirt over this. They should have black trainers on their feet. They should not come to school wearing football tops or brightly coloured tops, leggings or trainers. We thank you for your support with this.

## **Sporting Success**

Both boys football teams were in action this week. On Wednesday, one team was involved in a round robin tournament at St Peter's. We played four games in total against Moorside and St Peter's and won all four. We had a number of Year 5 children score their first goal for the school. Thank you to St Peter's for hosting and organising the event. On Thursday, a different group of players played against St Mary's R C Primary School. It was a game played with a huge level of commitment and skill. The last minute saw the opposition hit the post that would have made it 2-2. We went straight up the other end of the pitch to score to make the final result 3-1. Thank you to the players across both teams. They represented Wardley wonderfully well as always.

## **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
- Don't forget next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April is non school uniform day and we are asking for a £1 donation in order to raise money for our school funds.

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

### **Easter Celebrations in School**

We recognise that Easter is a very special time in the Christian calendar. Our collective worship this half-term, in the build up to Easter week, has been focused on the theme of Lent. We have been using resources from the Archbishop of York for this collective worship to help the children to 'Look Out and Look In' and think about the communities that they are part of. This reminds us of the time of reflection over forty days and nights that Jesus spent fasting in the desert leading up to Easter week. Now, as we arrive in the final school week before Easter, we will be hosting a whole range of Easter activities in school for the children.

Firstly, we are inviting all the children to make an Easter card at home, and bring it into school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. These cards will then be collected by Father Jeremy to distribute to members of the local community. The Easter cards should have the message along the lines of 'Wishing You A Happy Easter from Wardley CE Primary School' inside. This is something that we have now done over the past few years and we have had some lovely thank-you messages sent to school from the people who have received them.

Then on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, all the junior classes (Y3 – Y6) will all be attending an Easter Service led by Father Jeremy and our Y6 senior pupils at All Saints Church at 10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. The service will see our Y6 senior pupils sharing Easter readings and prayers and all the junior children will be joining in and singing Easter songs.

Next, we will have the B Tales Christian drama group visiting the school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. They will be putting on a special show for our children all about the Easter story and its Christian message of hope. They will do this for our junior children (Y3 to Y6) in the morning and then another special show for our youngest infant and foundation stage children in the reception, Y1 and Y2 classes in the afternoon.

Finally, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Easter service in school for our youngest infant and EYFS children. This will be led by our Y6 senior pupils and will give the chance for all our children from the Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 to join in with Easter songs, prayers and celebrations in the school hall.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, there will also be an Easter Egg 'Spin the wheel.' A lucky attendance winner in each class will receive an Easter egg to take home.

Father Jeremy also extends his invitation to join the congregation at All Saints Church for the Easter services that will be taking place. He looks forward to welcoming parents, carers and children from our school to join him at the following services:

Palm Sunday: 13<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.

Maundy Thursday: 17<sup>th</sup> April: 7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 18<sup>th</sup> April: 1.30pm Commemoration of the Lord's Death.

Easter Sunday: 20<sup>th</sup> April: Our Festival Service of the Sung Eucharist for Easter Sunday.

### **The Ethos Committee**

The Ethos Committee met this week to look at how we could make the school an even better place. This links into our Lent collective worship theme of Looking Out and Looking In. As part of this we have been looking at the different groups we are part of and thinking about what they give to us and also how we might help them. One of these groups was school and part of the discussion is about the ways we could make it even better for everyone. The Ethos counsellors all talked to their classes about this theme to gather the children's ideas. The meeting gave them the opportunity to share what the children had said and it was clear from the discussion that they had lots of ideas. After much discussion the counsellors thought that the idea of putting up some encouraging and inspiring murals in the outdoor areas was the best. We will be using the money raised through our school fund non-uniform day next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, to fund this project. So please get behind it and help us make it happen!

### **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 Lottie and Mia in Y3 for their fantastic work— well done!