



Warmingham CE Primary School

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'Let Your Light Shine'

Matthew 5:16

School Diary for the
Week Beginning:
28th September 2026

Monday

Hedgehogs PE
Dance Club

Tuesday

Squirrels & Badgers PE

Wednesday

Academy Photos
Woodland Art Club (KS2)

Thursday

Y3-Y5 Wider Op Music
Otters, Squirrels & Badgers
PE

Multi-Skills Club

Friday

Harvest Festival
Hedgehogs PE
Music with Mrs Henry
Choir

Last week, our Eco Warriors met with Simon Doorbar, Regional Manager for Chartwells, to explore ways to reduce food waste in school. Together they developed an action plan to help make our school even more environmentally friendly.

On Monday, the Eco Warriors introduced their food waste project to the whole school during worship, explaining why reducing food waste is important and how everyone can help make a difference. They have now started weighing and monitoring food waste each day to help them understand where waste is occurring and identify practical ways to reduce it.

On Wednesday, the children in Squirrels and Badgers Class had the amazing opportunity to take part in the Big Data Workshop delivered by the team from STFC Daresbury Laboratory. Throughout the day, the children explored the fascinating world of computing, coding, robotics and artificial intelligence through a range of practical, hands-on activities. They learned how technology is used in the real world, including discovering how Ocado uses innovative robots to process online shopping orders. The children thoroughly enjoyed developing their coding skills, solving problems collaboratively and, most of all, programming their own robot "pickers" to navigate a giant warehouse grid. It was a truly engaging experience which inspired the children to think about future careers in science, technology, engineering and computing.

Next Friday, we will be holding our Harvest Festival celebration. As a school community, we are proud to support St Paul's Food Pantry in Crewe, which provides vital assistance to individuals and families across our local area.

We know that the rising cost of living continues to make life challenging for many families, and organisations such as St Paul's Food Pantry play an important role in offering practical support when it is needed most. Any donations of non-perishable food items or household essentials will be gratefully received and will help make a real difference to those in our community. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

Update from the PTA

The PTA group would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent survey. The comments and feedback are appreciated and will help the team to plan events and activities for the year ahead with the dual aim of offering exciting experiences for our children as well as raising funds for the school.

More details will be shared once plans are confirmed (including the much-loved Lights Disco), but you'll see events in the run up to Christmas have now made it into the calendar and we can't wait to see you there!

In the meantime, we'd like to invite you to join a Warmingham Community WhatsApp group which will be used to share details of events and activities.



Save the Date - PTA Events

Please make a note of the following PTA events in your diaries:



🎵 **16th October** - Lights Disco

🎬 **3rd December** - Film Night

🎄 **11th December** - Christmas Fayre

More details about each event will be shared soon. Thank you to our PTA for their continued support in organising these exciting opportunities for our children and families. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Financial Assistance Available

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulties and are committed to ensuring that every child can access the opportunities that enrich school life. Financial assistance may be available towards educational visits, residential trips, school uniform and other school activities.

Applications are considered individually and in strict confidence. If you would like to apply for support with an upcoming residential visit, please submit your application **by 30th September 2026 – next Wednesday.**

Financial Assistance Application forms can be downloaded from our website and returned to the school office in a sealed envelope marked Private and Confidential.

Download the [Financial Assistance Form](#) from our website.



COMPASS Update

On 2nd October, parents and carers will receive an email from Compass with login details and information about downloading the app. Once logged in, we would appreciate it if you could check your child's details, particularly their GP and medical information. Any updates you make will be reviewed and approved by Mrs Marsden before appearing on the system.



On 5th October, parents will receive a notification enabling them to book their Parents' Evening appointment (or SEN Review meeting where applicable).

After half term, all school communications, Parents' Evening bookings and club bookings will take place through COMPASS, replacing School Spider.

We are introducing Compass gradually to ensure a smooth transition and to allow us to resolve any teething problems along the way. Further changes, including medical notifications and online payments, will follow later in the year, and we will keep you fully informed well in advance.

We are excited about the move and hope that having everything in one place will make life much easier for our families.

Squirrels Class Becoming 'Agents of Change'

A huge well done to some of our wonderful pupils in Squirrels Class (led by Harper), who have been showing true initiative and compassion! The children have been busy crafting handmade dreamcatchers, which they plan to sell to raise vital funds for Young Minds, a charity dedicated to supporting young people's mental health.

This initiative is a brilliant example of Courageous Advocacy in action at our school. We empower our pupils to look beyond themselves, speak up for important causes, and take meaningful steps to make a positive difference in the world. We are so proud of Harper and the team for using their creativity to champion mental health awareness! Details on how to buy a dreamcatcher will be shared soon.



Harvest Supper



Everyone is warmly invited to the Warmingham Harvest Supper on Friday 2nd October. This is always a wonderful community event and a lovely opportunity to come together, enjoy good food and spend time with friends and neighbours. If you are able to attend, it promises to be a very sociable and enjoyable evening while giving thanks for the harvest season. For more information see the poster.

Car Park and Site Reminders

As always, thank you for your support in helping us keep our school site safe and welcoming for everyone.

When using the school car park, please park considerately and be mindful of other vehicles to ensure there is enough space for all families. A little extra care when parking can make a big difference, particularly at our busiest times of the day.

Earlier this week, I also sent a reminder that we are a mobile phone-free site and that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds unless they are registered assistance dogs. These measures help us to maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.



Music Matters

We have been absolutely delighted by the enthusiasm shown during our music lessons over the past couple of weeks. In Squirrels' Class, the children have begun learning to play the ukulele and, for perhaps the first time since I have been at Warmingham, every child has been eager to take their instrument home. Several children have even been practicing between lessons, and they arrive each week genuinely excited to learn and improve. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and enjoyment.



Yesterday, our Year 5 children also continued with their clarinet lessons, developing their skills and growing in confidence as young musicians.

Learning a musical instrument teaches so much more than music alone. It helps children develop perseverance, concentration, self-discipline and confidence, while encouraging creativity and self-expression. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude our children are showing and look forward to seeing their musical journeys continue throughout the year.

Over the course of the year, the children will be working towards a very exciting opportunity to perform alongside the Hallé Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. This is always a truly magical experience; there is something very special about watching the children's faces as they listen to a professional orchestra perform and then have the chance to play alongside the musicians themselves. We are incredibly fortunate to be part of this programme and know it will be an inspiring musical journey for everyone involved.

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CHURCH
WARMINGHAM

A TIME
TO GIVE
THANKS

Harvest SUPPER

FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER
WARMINGHAM VILLAGE HALL



HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
in Church
6:30pm



SUPPER
to follow at
the Village Hall

£10
TICKET

PIE AND PEA SUPPER
HOMEMADE DESSERTS
BRING YOUR OWN
DRINKS

RAFFLE
ON THE
NIGHT!

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:

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Let Your Light Shine ~ Ours Stars this Week:

Otters (Reception/Nursery) ~ All of Otters Class for the joy they have shown in their first few weeks at school.

Hedgehogs (Y1) ~ Ronnie for the service you have shown to your reading. Your hard work is paying off.

Hedgehogs (Y2) ~ Sebastian for the wisdom you have shown in our science lessons.

Squirrels (Y3) ~ Jack for his service shown in handwriting, producing beautiful writing – a joy to read.

Squirrels (Y4) ~ Ted for his joy shown in Art, during our Woodland Art Club and then continuing this in his own time, inspiring others.

Badgers (Y5) ~ Dinah for the hard work and perseverance she has shown in all areas of her learning this week - well done!

Badgers (Y6) ~ Charlotte for the joy she showed during the 'Big Data Workshop'

Mrs Appleby's Headteacher Award ~ Lewis for the service and perseverance he has shown this term – particularly with his writing. It has made such a difference.

House Points

House	Birch	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
This Week	201	190	191	212
Top of the House	Izzie	Olivia B	Ava and Opal	Verity
This Year	201	190	191	212



Let Your Light Shine ~ Ethos Award:

Hedgehogs Class: Teddy for being a good friend.

Squirrels Class: Penny for playing with a classmate when they were feeling upset.

Badgers Class: Lewis for persevering even though he feels unwell.



This term in worship we will be exploring different aspects of wellbeing through Bible stories, reflection and prayer. Together, we will think about how we can develop resilience, kindness, gratitude and hope, helping us to care for our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing as they flourish and let their light shine.

Next week's Bible verse:

G is for Growth ~ John 12:23-24

H is for Hope ~ Psalm 42:5-6

Let Your Light Shine - Out of Darkness






Georgie was player of the week in football this week for her performance in the match last weekend and for her effort and good team spirit in training.

Amelia O did a hand spring off the high beam during her gymnastics lesson.



Autumn 2026

23rd September ~ Big Data Workshop for Squirrels and Badgers' Classes

29th September ~ Forest Church with Reverend Paul

30th September ~ Academy Photos

2nd October ~Harvest Festival @ 10am

8th October ~ Y3-6 Cross Country @Cledford Primary@ 3.30pm

12th October ~ NSPCC Speak Out Workshops for Hedgehogs and Badgers' Classes

13th October ~ CDAT Inter-School Y5/6 Tag Rugby @Brereton Primary 9.30am

16th October ~ PTA Lights Disco

19th October ~ Immunisation Flu 9.15am

19th October ~ Home Learning Showcase

19th October to 23rd October TT Rockstar Battle

19th October to 23rd October ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan

20th October ~ PTA AGM

21st October ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP

23rd October ~ TT Rockstar Day

2nd & 4th November ~ Parents Evening

5th November ~ Y5/6 Tag Rugby MHS @ 3.30pm

11th November ~ Remembrance Service @ 10:30am

2nd December ~ Y5/6 Dodgeball MHS @3.30pm

3rd December ~ Messy Church

3rd December ~ PTA Film Night

4th December ~ Christingle Service @ 10am

11th December ~ Theatre Trip for Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Badgers' Classes

11th December ~ PTA Christmas Fayre

14th December ~Home Learning Showcase

14th December ~ Nine Lessons and Carols ~ Squirrels and Badgers @6.30pm

16th December ~ Experience Christmas followed by Christmas Dinner

18th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day

18th December ~ Nativity Service ~ Otters and Hedgehogs @ 10am

Spring 2027

8th January – 19th March ~ Y4-6 Swimming lessons @Sandbach Leisure Centre

13th January ~ CDAT Inter-School Y4-6 Boccia, Archery, Fencing @Brereton Primary 9.30am

13th January ~ Phonics Workshop for Year 1 @6pm

8th February ~Home Learning Showcase

8th February to 12th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan

9th February ~ Shrove Tuesday

10th February ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP

11th February~ Y5/6 Indoor Hockey MHS @3.30pm

17th March ~ CDAT Inter-School Y3/4 Tag Rugby @ Brereton Primary 9.30am

18th March ~ Y5/6 Netball MHS @ 3.30pm

22nd March ~Home Learning Showcase

23rd & 25th February ~ Parents Evening

23rd March ~ Easter Service @ 10am

23rd March ~ Explore Easter

24th and 25th March ~ Squirrels' Residential Trip

Summer 2027

21st April ~ Year 6 Leavers' Photos

29th and 30th April ~ Hedgehogs Residential

1st May ~ Warmingham Wakes

10th May to 13th May ~ KS2 SATs Week

14th May ~ Y6 Leavers' trip to London

19th May ~ CDAT Inter-School Y5/6 Hockey @ Brereton Primary 9.30am

20th May ~Football MHS (Astro) @ 3.30pm

24th May ~ Home Learning Showcase

24th May to 26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with a SEN Support plan

26th May ~ SEN Reviews for children with an EHCP

7th June to 18th June ~ MTC Screening (Y4 children)

10th June ~ Y5/6 Rounders Middlewich Primary@ 3.30pm

14th June to 18th June ~ Phonics Screening (Y1 and Y2 children)

17th June~ Sports Day

23rd June ~ Y3-6 Town Sports Middlewich Primary @3.30

24th June ~Reserve Sports Day

7th July ~ CDAT Inter-School Y3/4 Hockey @Brereton Primary 9.30am

9th July Children's end of Year Reports

14th to 16th July ~ Badgers' Residential

19th July ~Home Learning Showcase

20th July ~Break the Rules Day

20th July ~ Y6 Prom (Y5 welcome)

21st July~ Celebration Service @ 10am

TERM Dates & INSET Days