



Wardley CE Primary School

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

Newsletter

Autumn Term Dates

07.11.2025

NOVEMBER

10.11.24: National Anti-Bullying Week: wear odd socks to school

10.11.25: Antibullying Performance from the B Tales KS2 children

10.11.25: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

11.11.25: Remembrance Day Worship in school and 11am respectful silence.

14.11.25: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.

17.11.25: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.

20.11.25 – Individual photos in school

24.11.25: Governor visits in school

26.11.25: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

DECEMBER

08.12.25: **9am – Y1** Christmas Show: **2:30pm – Y2** Christmas Show

09.12.25: **9am – Nursery** Christmas Show: **2:30pm – Reception** Class Christmas Show

10.12.25: **9am – Y3** Christmas Show: **2:30pm – Y4** Christmas Show

11.12.25: **9am – Y6** Christmas Show: **2:30pm – Y5** Christmas Show

12.12.25: Christmas Jumper Day – Christmas Dinner Day

15.12.25: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party Day – wear your party clothes

17.12.25: KS2 Christmas Party Day – wear your party clothes

18.12.25: Christmas Panto in school – Last Day!

Welcome back everyone after a well-earned half term break.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school with huge smiles on their faces.

I have been popping into lessons again this week and it is fantastic to see how settled and focused everyone is.

I saw Nursery class successfully completing their first set of sounds – you guys were amazing and so confident. Keep it up! Our Reception class were busy in their phonics groups sounding and blending words, Year 1 were partitioning numbers to make equivalents, Year 2 were making number sense with multiples of ten, Year 3 were counting from negative numbers into positive numbers, Year 4 setting up science experiments to prove a hypothesis, Year 5 were reading and analysing play scripts and Year 6 were creating war poetry...and all in the first week back! I can't wait to see what next week has in store.

Take a look on the class pages on our school website to see an overview of this half term's learning and what their homework projects will be.

Beat The Street

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated in the Beat The Street initiative. Getting ourselves up and active is an important way to promote a healthy lifestyle and the Wardley community has certainly risen to the challenge. Our school came in 2nd place within the Swinton and Pendlebury area. We were beaten by our friends over at St Peters by just 2 points!

Congratulations to Finn in Year 5 and his mum who came top of our school's leaderboard. They clocked up over 200 miles between them and showed real dedication to the scheme. Finn was awarded a teddy of the Beat The Street Mascot in today's Thankful Worship in recognition of his efforts. Well done to him and to everyone who took part. I hope you all enjoyed the experience and is something that you would be happy to participate in again if they decided to run the scheme in the future.

All Saints Christmas Fair

The merry tunes of Christmas are already ringing through the corridors at Wardley because our Key Stage 2 choir are in fine voice as they rehearse to open the All Saints Christmas Fair next Saturday 15th November at 11am. Please come along to support the church where there will be lots of lovely items on sale and where you can hear our beautiful choir. A leaflet has been handed out to your child that offers further details.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week where the children really focus on what bullying means and what we can do to stop it. At Wardley, we use the acronym **STOP** for bullying which stands for "**Several Times on Purpose**". This phrase helps children understand that bullying is not an isolated incident but a repeated pattern of intentionally hurtful behaviour. On Monday, our school will be visited by The B Tales, a Christian theatre group who will perform for pupils in key stage 2 (Year 3 – Year 6). We invite all children to come into school on Monday wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. We look forward to seeing your fun socks!

Remembrance Day

The poppy related items have sold extremely well in school and it fantastic to see so many of you getting behind this worthy cause. On Tuesday 11th November, we will be thinking about the importance of this day and why we wear the poppy. Children who are members of the Scouts or Girl Guides Associations such as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies etc may come into school wearing their uniform on this day if they would like to. At 11am we will honour all of our fallen soldiers with a 2 minute silence in school. Our Year 6 senior pupils will lead this honour in God's Garden whilst the rest of the school will line up on the playground, 'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

Selection Box Appeal

Thank you so much for the donations of selection boxes that have already started to come in to school. You may remember that before the holiday I informed you of a plea from a friend of mine who is a counsellor working on the child trauma unit at St Mary's Hospital. She has kindly asked that if anyone is happy to donate a selection box to be handed out to the children on this ward, they will be very much appreciated. Any donations can be handed in to the class teacher, the school office or directly to me. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Children In Need

Next Friday, 14th November, sees us work together to raise money for Children In Need. To help raise funds, we will be hosting a non-uniform day where all donations made via School Spider will be passed on to this worthy cause. Children can simply wear what they feel comfortable in but if they have Children In need t-shirts, jumpers, Pudsey ears etc, please feel free to wear them. We will also be raffling a beautiful Pudsey Bear teddy which has been kindly donated by one of our school governors to help raise money. Tickets can be bought for £1 each via School Spider and the winning ticket will be drawn in next week's Thankful Worship on Friday. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reminders from the office

- Next week will be week 3 on the lunch menu.
- Dinner money next week is £10.50 and is due on Monday morning.

Our Christian values and thoughtful time

Collective Worship Theme – Thankfulness

We have started a new theme this week which will run throughout this half term and the main idea is that of Thankfulness. In our collective worship this week, I shared the Bible story of Jesus and the lepers where only one leper thanked Jesus for curing him. We asked the children to think about a time when they were so excited and caught up in the moment that they might have forgotten to thank those around them. In their classes they considered what they were thankful for and how they could show their appreciation. Please see the leaflet at the end of this Newsletter for ideas to support our theme at home.

Home Worship Books

We did not look at Home Worship books on Thursday due to the shortened week but please encourage your children to bring them in next week where we take a look at their reflections, prayers and pictures to see what they have been thinking about at home in relation to our collective worship. As always, I look forward to seeing their beautiful ideas and having the challenging yet rewarding task of choosing SOMEONE to look after Sammy the worship mascot for the week.

Have a wonderful weekend & God Bless you all

Mrs Walker

THANKFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value **THANKFULNESS**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Thankfulness

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thinks** you!

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank** you?"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank** you!".

Illustration based on Luke 17:11-19



QUIZ

Jumbled Words

Unjumble the words (that are known as anagrams), to discover words from the story.

r sleep _____

per day _____

net _____

sly rope _____

heed al _____

had kent _____

sue js _____



FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever thought about how many people we have to **thank** for some of the everyday things that we take for granted? For example the milk we drink.

Thank you Mum & Dad for buying the milk.

Thank you supermarket workers for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills.

Thank you lorry driver for bringing cartons of milk to the supermarket.

Thank you workers in the packaging factory.

Thank you milk tanker driver for collecting the milk from the farms and bringing it to the factory.

Thank you farmers for milking the cows.



☆ HALL OF FAME

Laura Trott Track Cyclist

At the age of just 20 Laura won two gold medals in Track Cycling at the London 2012 Olympics. Then four years later in Rio, she won another two, making her the first British woman in any sport to win four Olympic gold medals.

It wasn't easy – as a child she suffered from asthma but enjoyed and competed in trampolining until she had to give up due to breathing problems. Then as a young teenager she took up cycling and at 17 won a junior title racing in the British championships.

Her inspiration to train and succeed as a cyclist came from a meeting with Sir Bradley Wiggins for which she will always be **thankful**. She chatted to him and wore his gold medal for a few moments. It felt amazing!

After her success in the Rio 2016 Olympics, Laura talked about her training programme – it is not just her hard work that brings success. She really is **thankful** for the whole team – managers, coaches, doctors, mechanics, therapists and so many more people – who encourage, motivate and support her.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you **thank**?

Make a **thank** you chain and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.



FAMILY FOCUS

Time to say "Thank you"

Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together.

Choose one day and ask every one to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say **thank** you for. Draw a picture of what you are **thankful** for in each segment.

