



Weekly

1.5.26

Newsletter

Classroom Highlights

Here at Wardley, it has been a wonderful week full of curiosity, creativity and kindness across the school.

In **Nursery**, children have been enjoying the story Oliver's Vegetables. The children loved talking about their favourite vegetables and sharing their own healthy choices. There were lots of exciting discussions and smiles as the children explored how eating well helps us stay happy and healthy.

This week in **Reception**, children have been enjoying the story Tad, as they have learned all about the life-cycle of a frog. They were very curious and asked lots of fantastic questions as we explored how frogs grow and change.

Year 1 have been showing their creative side. They produced lovely writing and drawings about how Christians show thanks to God. They also shared their own ideas about how they can help take care of our world. Their suggestions included planting seeds, looking after animals, putting litter in the bin, and being kind to others.

In **Year 2**, children have been budding geographers as they explored the locations of London and Nairobi. The class also enjoyed identifying and sorting human features (such as buildings, roads, and landmarks) and physical features (including rivers, parks, and natural landscapes) found in each city.

In **Year 3**, children have been busy becoming super scientists. They explored non-contact forces, learned about gravity and Charles Darwin and investigated magnetism. They asked brilliant questions and enjoyed trying out different activities to see how forces work.

In **Year 4**, children have started their new Science topic on electricity. They had great fun using real equipment to make simple circuits and were very excited when they managed to light up their bulbs. There were lots of smiles and plenty of teamwork as they experimented.

This week, **Year 5** have been reading biographies about inspirational scientists as part of their English learning. This is helping to inspire them as they prepare to write their own biographies. In maths, children have been learning all about percentages and how to calculate them in different ways, showing great focus and determination.

Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved break from their revision by designing and creating their very own board games, inspired by the classic Snakes and Ladders. We are incredibly proud of every pupil for showing such wonderful independence, resilience, and ownership of their learning. What a fantastic way to learn through play!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have been working incredibly hard in school and making the most of the glorious summer sunshine. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, positivity, and dedication to their learning.

A big thank you goes to the School Council, who met this week to share thoughtful ideas about how we can continue to improve our school community. Their commitment and teamwork are greatly appreciated.

We would also like to give a special mention to members of the Year 4 class, who have been busy planting flowers and seeds in God's Garden. Their efforts are helping to make our school environment even more beautiful and welcoming.

Finally, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Flanagan, who spent her final week at Wardley. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her every success and happiness at her new school.

Thank you, as always, to all our children and families for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 11th - 15th May - Assessment Week (Y1-6)
- 11th - 15th May - Y6 SATs Week
- Tuesday, 19th May - Ethos Committee
- Friday, 22nd May - Non-Uniform Day

Half Term Holiday - 25th May - 1st June

We return to school on Tuesday, 2nd June

Reminders

School is **CLOSED** on **Monday, 4th May**, as it is the Early May Bank Holiday.



'With God's Love We Can Do All Things'

Christian Value

The value of **Hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!



Collective Worship Theme

During Collective Worship this week, children have been learning about the Bible story of 'The Emmaus Road' and what it means for us today. They reflected upon how the disciples felt confused and sad at first and how their feelings changed when they realised Jesus had been walking alongside them all along.

As part of our Worship, the children have been talking about **Hope** and what it means to them. They were asked a special question:
"What would my symbol of Hope be?"

The children had some lovely ideas and shared them with each other. They thought carefully about things that make them feel happy, safe or positive about the future. They wrote and drew their ideas in their Thoughtful Books, and we were really impressed by how kind, creative and thoughtful they were.

You might like to chat about this at home by asking your child:
"**What would your symbol of Hope be?**"

It's a great question that can lead to some really special conversations.

Attendance

Attendance Award - Year 2



Well done to **Year 2**, who received our award for the best attendance last week, with 96.3%.

Thank you once again for your continued support, as we work together to promote the importance of good attendance here at Wardley.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent

