



Weekly

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Newsletter

Classroom Highlights

It has been lovely to spend time in each of the classes this week and see the children settling in so well. The school has been buzzing with excitement as the children have taken part in a range of welcome-back activities, caught up with friends and begun revisiting important skills such as arithmetic and handwriting.

From next week, our curriculum will be fully underway, with lessons starting promptly at 8:45am each morning. We are already seeing a fantastic attitude to learning and cannot wait to see all of the amazing work the children will produce throughout the year.

We are also looking forward to restarting our Friday Celebration Collective Worship, where we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

If your child has achieved something outside of school and would like to share it with us, they are very welcome to bring in any trophies, medals, badges or certificates. We love hearing about the children's successes and giving them the opportunity to celebrate them with the rest of the school. 🌟🏆👏

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, 8th Sept - Y1 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- W.C 22st September - Ethos Committee and Attendance Ambassador Elections
- Friday, 25th September - European Day of Languages
- Monday, 28th September - Harvest Collection in school (details to follow)

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. The school has quickly been filled with happy faces, excited chatter and lots of enthusiasm for learning.

It has been lovely to see all of the children looking so smart and ready for the year ahead. Their eagerness, positivity and fantastic smiles have made the first few days fly by and have made the start of our new academic year even more enjoyable.

We have also been delighted to welcome two new members of staff to the Wardley family. Miss Jones has joined us as our Reception teacher, and Mrs Mountcastle has joined our team as Year 6 teacher (with Mrs Walker) and school SENDCo. We are thrilled to have them with us and know they will soon feel part of our wonderful Wardley community. We wish them every success as they begin their journey with us.

We have started to compile our diary dates for the year ahead. Over the next couple of weeks, more dates will be added and shared with parents, so please keep an eye out for further updates.

As we begin another exciting academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. The whole Wardley team and I look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year as we continue to develop and improve our school, following the Wardley Way.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs Kelly



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

Christian Value

The value of **Generosity** is about more than sharing things. It means showing kindness, helping others and including everyone. Through our words and actions, we can help others feel valued, cared for and that they belong.



Collective Worship Theme

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and see the children settling so well into their new classes. There has been lots of excitement, smiling faces and a great start to the new school year.

During Collective Worship this week, we came together for our Welcome Back Assembly and reflected on what it means to be part of the Wardley family. We revisited our school values of **Respect, Friendship, Trust, Courage** and **Perserverence** and thought about how we can show these every day.

We also listened to the Bible story of Jesus Welcoming the Children and discussed how Jesus showed that every child is important and valued. This reminded us that everyone at Wardley matters and belongs.

We finished by reflecting on our Big Question:

"How can I live the Wardley Way so that everyone at Wardley knows that they belong?"

Next week, we will begin exploring our half-term value of **Generosity**. Together, we will think about how we can show generosity through our kindness, time and actions. Even small gestures, such as a kind word, helping hand or including others, can make a big difference.

We look forward to seeing the many ways our children help make Wardley a place where everyone feels valued and included. ❤️ 💙

Attendance

Next week, each class will elect an Attendance Ambassador to help promote the importance of good attendance across our school. The children chosen for this special role will work with staff to encourage positive attendance habits and celebrate success within their classes.

Each Attendance Ambassador will receive a badge to wear proudly on their school tie or jumper, and these will be presented during next Friday's Celebration Collective Worship.

Being in school every day really does make a difference. Good attendance helps children build friendships, develop confidence and make the most of every learning opportunity. We love celebrating excellent attendance at Wardley, with Barney Bear and class certificates awarded each week to the class with the highest attendance.



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



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**

GIVE ATTENDANCE 100% EFFORT

Every Child ✓

In School ✓

On Time ✓

Every Day ✓

We Can Do All Things

GENEROSITY

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT GENEROSITY TOGETHER...

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities.

Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?
- | Selfish | | Generous |
|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 | |
- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
 - Who is the most **generous** person you know?



READ TOGETHER...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

Bible story based on Mark 12:41-44



A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.

In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Corinthians 9:7

New King James Version® of the Bible



QUIZ

Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.



x l s h k
d b f p j
r y
q a
w z j o s n v
c

★ HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **generous** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



FAMILY FOCUS

Secret St Nick

Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges





Dates for Diary - Autumn Term 2026

September	
Wed 2 nd September	School reopens for Autumn Term
Tues 8 th September	Y1 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
W.C 21 st September	Ethos Committee and Attendance Ambassador Elections (Y2-Y6)
Fri 25 th September	European Day of Languages
Mon 28 th September	Harvest Collection in school
October	
Mon 5 th October	Y6 B-Safe Project
W.C 5 th October	Mid-term test week
Fri 9 th October	World Mental Health Day (10 th October)
Mon 12 th October	EYFS/KS1 Online Safety Workshop for Parents – 9:00 a.m
Thurs 22 nd October	Non-uniform Day – Fundraising Dau for School Fund School Disco: EYFS 2pm-3pm. Y1-3 4pm-5pm Y4-6 5:15-6:15pm
Fri 23 rd October	Harvest Assembly School closes for half-term
November	
Half Term Holidays – Mon 23rd October – Mon 2nd November	
Mon 2 nd November	School closed for staff INSET training
Tues 3 rd November	School reopens
Fri 6 th November	Ethos Committee Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
Mon 9 th November	Autumn Term Parents' Evening 1 (3:30-6p.m)
Wed 11 th November	Remembrance Day Worship in school
Fri 13 th November	Children in Need – Non-uniform Day - Fundraising
Sat 14 th November	Church Fair
W.C Mon 16 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 16 th Nov	Odd Socks and Anti-bullying performance - B-Tales – Key Stage 2 Autumn Term Parents' Evening 2 (3:30-6p.m)
Thurs 19 th November	Individual Photographs
Mon 23 rd November	Governor Visits in school
December	
W.C 7 th December	Christmas Plays Week - TBC
Thurs 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
W.C 14 th December	Christmas Party Days - TBC
Fri 18 th December	School closes for Christmas
School reopens for Spring Term on Monday, 4th January	

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