



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 22/5/26



This half term the weekly message from Wheatley Lane Methodist Church will be written by Rev. Adrian

Dear friends

Yesterday I had the opportunity to be in collective worship to play for a hymn that the children have been learning – ‘Love Divine’ - one of the great hymns written by Charles Wesley, brother of John, who founded the Methodist Church.

But more than the hymn, I got to hear Y4 in their class assembly tell the whole school and proud parents, about the Wesley’s – who they were – what they achieved – and what they stood for. Because it was Wesley Day in school, I then took the chance to sit in on reception and Y2 classes, as they learnt more, and how we can follow John Wesley’s example of spreading love and hope, and encouraging others to do likewise.

I was deeply humbled and found it quite moving.

It reminded me of what an exemplary school we have – how blessed we are to have staff and volunteers who also spread love and hope with the children – not just by their teaching – but how they interact with them.

On Friday 15th May I also had the privilege of cutting the ribbon to open the reflection garden. Through the thoughts of some of those who have lost loved ones and the dedication of those who put those thoughts into reality, we have this wonderful space for us all to use when we just need to sit and be quiet.

All this reminds me of a God who listens to our thoughts, provides for our needs, and invites us to experience the love and hope that He offers to us all.

May He bless you richly during this 2 week break, and I hope you are all able to get some much needed rest!

Rev Adrian

Dear God

Thank you for John and Charles Wesley, and the way you inspired them to spread love and hope to anyone who would listen.

Thank you that you are a God who listens and inspires us too.

Thank you for our children, staff, volunteers and families who give so much of themselves. Please bless and protect them during this break, and may they come back refreshed and ready for the next lap!

Amen



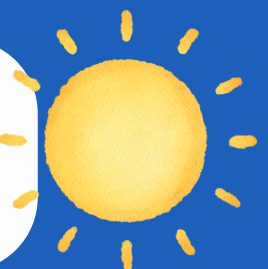
Rare Disease Day

Today we supported Rare Disease Day in school to help raise awareness and show our support for Reggie, who has a rare disease. Mrs Birro, Mrs Smith and Mr Dugdale led an assembly for the whole school and children enjoyed different activities in class linked to kindness, inclusion and celebrating differences. Thank you so much for your kind donations. We raised £157.



Half-term

School is now closed for half-term. We hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you on 8th June. Let's hope the sun keeps shining!



What's been happening in school this week

What a fantastic week for our last week in school before the half-term holiday!

On Tuesday Y6 went canoeing at Finsley Gate Wharf and learnt all about canals. They had a great time even though they were drenched!.

On Wednesday night, we held our choir concert. Choir wowed us with their varied repertoire from worship songs to Disney tunes. Three talented musicians also played their flute and saxophones. It was a wonderful evening and the audience were great. We raised £216 for Edukid.

Thursday was our celebration of **John Wesley**, the founder of Methodism. Year 4 began the day by leading worship and telling us all about how John's heart was 'strangely warmed' on what we now know as Aldersgate Day. They reminded us that John wanted us to 'do all you can' to make our world a better and fairer place. We sang 'Love Divine' which was written by John's brother, Charles. Thank you to Rev. Adrian for playing for us.

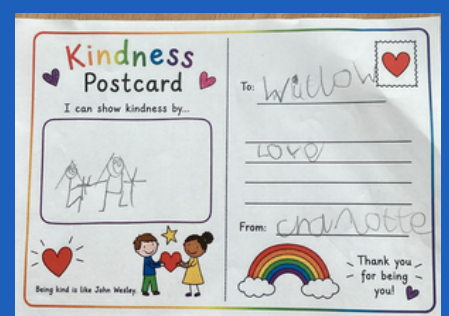
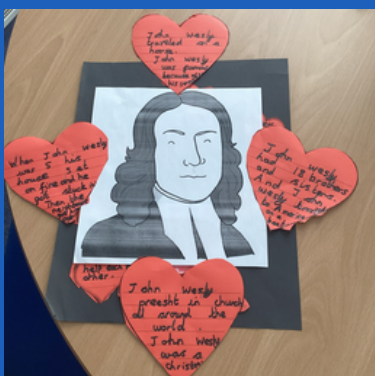
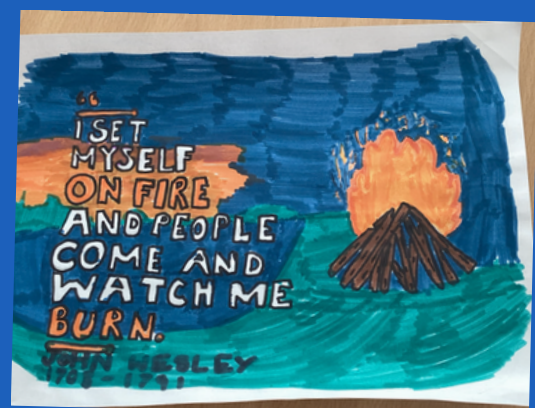
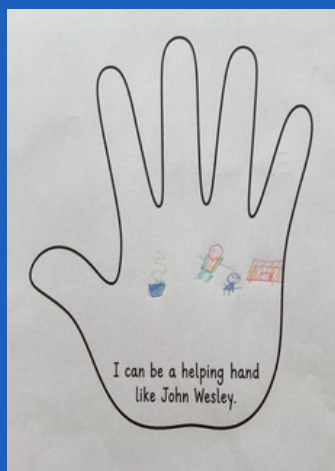
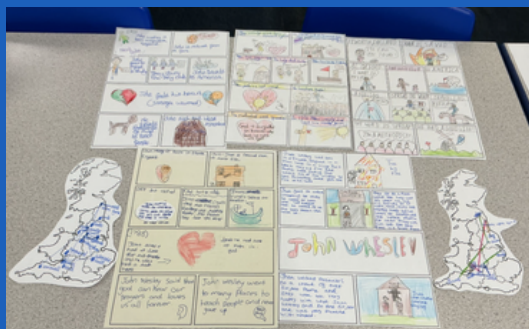
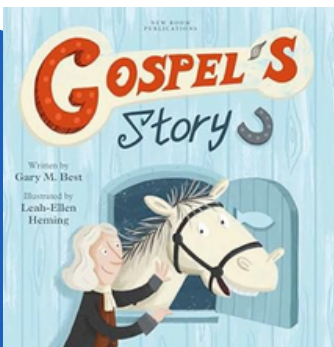
Each class participated in different activities to find out more about John and his life. We enjoyed reading 'Gospel's Story' - a book told from the viewpoint of John's horse.

Reception sent kindness postcards to their friends and thought how they could be a helping hand just like John.

Year 2 looked at the life of John Wesley and decided how they could warm each other's hearts with their kind actions.

Year 5 created a comic strip retelling about the life and times of John Wesley. They also plotted his journey around England onto a map.

Year 6 looked up interesting information about John then created clues for the crossword around what they'd found out. They also looked at some of his most famous quotes and created some art work around them.



Wheatley Way Winners

Here are this half term's Wheatley Way Winners chosen by our welfare staff.

Reception - Charlotte

Year 1 - Oliver

Year 2 - Elsie

Year 3 - Prunella

Year 4 - Benjamin

Year 5 - Jakub

Year 6 - Grace

Overall winner - Rohan (Y2)



Diary Dates

9/6/26	Y1 parents' evening	2:30 - 6pm in the school hall
25/6/26	Y5 worship	8:50am in the school hall
29/6/26	Sports Day	Infants 9:30am Juniors 1:30pm
2/7/26	Y1 worship	8:50am in the school hall
14/7/26	Y5/6 play	The Hippodrome, Colne (evening)
16/7/26	Reception worship	8:50am in the school hall
21/7/26	Y6 leavers' service	2pm in church



Phonics Screening Test

The Y1 Phonics Screening Test takes place during the week beginning the 8th June. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. The information is on the Y1 Classdojo page.



Site supervisor vacancy

Are you our next site supervisor? Do you know someone who would be perfect for the role?

Please find all the details below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/150581/EDV-2026-WLMP>



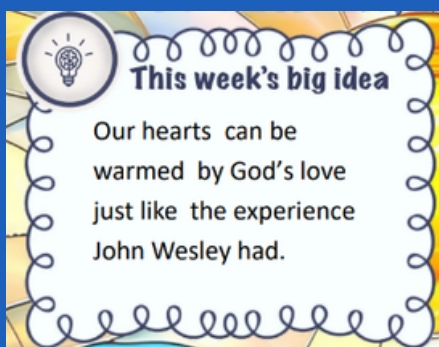
Sports News

On Thursday 10 of our year 6 pupils attended a fun day organised by 'Pendle School Sports Partnership'. They took part in various cricket activities throughout the morning, followed by an afternoon of rock climbing, archery and bowls. The afternoon was finished off with a colour run. The children thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities on offer and represented Wheatley Lane with pride and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone!

Epworth Worship Together

This week's worship is led by Hey with Zion Primary School.

Scan the QR code to watch at home.



Attendance Matters

Reception	97.7%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	88.2%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	97%



No school days missed	100%	Fantastic future
2 days absent	99%	10 learning hours lost
4 days absent	98%	20 learning hours lost
6 days absent	97%	30 learning hours lost
7.5 days absent	96%	37.5 learning hours lost
9.5 days absent	95%	47.5 learning hours lost
11 days absent	94%	55 learning hours lost
13 days absent	93%	65 learning hours lost
15 days / 3 weeks absent	92%	75 learning hours lost
17 days absent	91%	85 learning hours lost
19 days absent	90%	95 learning hours lost

Special Awards

REC	Summer - For painting a wonderful Starry Night picture by Van Gogh
Y1	Joey - Working really hard in maths and persisting with more challenging questions
Y2	Theo S - Amazing arithmetic!
Y3	Monty - Consistent effort in all subjects
Y4	Everyone - A fantastic worship for Aldersgate Day
Y5	Joseph - A good attitude towards his learning and producing a great piece of work about John Wesley
Y6	Chloe - Always giving her all to everything and showing compassion to others



Headteacher Award

Emmie (Y4) - Spreading kindness and showing compassion to others



Children's Clothes

Recycle drop-in

at
Wheatley Lane
Methodist Church

Monday 8th June

Tuesday 9th June

Wednesday 10th June

Light
refreshments
too

8.30-10am & 2.30-4pm each day

Why buy new when there's good clothes
that someone can't use but you can.
(Small donations accepted).



Children's clothes

(including school, scout & guide uniforms etc.)

for more info contact Elaine or Kath

email: egreenall150@gmail.com

kathheyworth@hotmail.co.uk



FWLS



Colour run

When?

Friday 19th June

2pm

Parents enter
through the school
gates
Race will be
completed on the
track

Where?

What?

Music
Refreshments
Colour
Lots of fun!



Wellbeing Matters

WAYS TO BE HELPFUL AT HOME

Make my own bed



Put dirty clothes in the hamper



Put toys away after playing



Clean my plate after meals



Help set the table



Help clear the table



Clean my study desk



Water the plants



Put shoes where they belong



Hang up my backpack or coat



Wipe up spills



Throw away trash



Help unload groceries



Fold and put away laundry



Sweep up crumbs



Help make a meal or snack



Pack my things for school



Feed our pet



Put books back on the shelf



Recycle



Say, "Thank you"



Cheer someone on



Help my younger sibling or cousin



Comfort someone who is upset



Ask: "How can I help?"

