



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 1/5/26



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

Dear friends

Every one of you is awesome!

I could just leave it at that, and that might be all you need to hear! However I'll say a bit more.

This afternoon (29th April) I jumped ship. Not only to another school....but a Church of England school!

I led collective worship on the theme of the parable (story) of the lost coin. A woman had 10 coins and lost one. She was horrified, and turned the house upside down until she found it. Then she was over the moon and celebrated!

The point Jesus is making in the parable, is that even though she still had nine, she was concerned enough about the one that was lost.

When we get into trouble, become lost in life, when God seems far away, even though there are 7 billion of us in the world, He is concerned enough to search for us as though we were the only one. And when we are found again...when we are close to Him again, He's over the moon!

So....every one of you is awesome!

God bless you,

Rev Adrian

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that we matter to you. When we are lost you turn everything upside down until we're found again – until we're safe.

Help us to listen to what you're trying to teach us, so that we don't get lost in the first place. And help us to notice and look out for others around us who are going through a hard time.

Amen

Sports News

There were no sports competitions this week.

Year 5 had netball training on Tuesday. They are beginning to get to grips with the rules of netball and displayed wonderful teamwork and enthusiasm for the game.

Year 3 and 4 gathered on Thursday for cricket club. Mrs Salmon was again joined by Mr Meade from Nelson Cricket Club, inspiring our future cricketers. We have some real talent in this group of children!

Year 5, are taking part in 'jag tag' training with coach Nick, organised through Pendle Schools Sports Partnership. This introduces the children to American football. They all enjoyed the session on Friday afternoon, which continues this half term.



What's been happening in school this week

In Reception the children have been learning about volume and capacity in maths. In understanding the world the children have been learning about Beatrix Potter and how she loved plants and animals, they went for a walk around the school grounds to see if they could find their favourite plants and drew pictures of their favourite animals.

Year 3 have been sewing purses. They also led worship beautifully yesterday, telling us all about people who were called by God such as Samuel and Abraham. We are called by God to make good choices in our lives every day.

Year 3 and 4 have had a 'Bug Busters' workshop today learning about micro-organisms.

Year 2 have been learning to play the recorder in their music lessons.

Year 2 sewing club have made a great start on making their teddies.

What a fun week!



Diary Dates

7/5/26	Y2 worship	8:50am in the school hall
21/5/26	Y4 worship	8:50am 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.



Year 6 SATs

Just a reminder that SATs week for our Y6 children begins on 11th May. Assessments will take place each morning Monday to Thursday. The children are working so well and are fully prepared. Please ensure your child arrives on time so they can have a smooth start to each day.

Uniform

Just a polite reminder about our school uniform. Please can you ensure all footwear has a fastening or laces. Slip on shoes with no fastenings are not suitable. The children spend a lot of time playing out and running around. We do not allow jewellery in school. There has been lots of children coming to school with bracelets or wristbands. Please keep these for use at home. Please ensure long hair is tied back with a plain band in school colours. Thank you for your support.



Epworth Worship Together

This week's worship is led by Wheatley Lane! Scan the QR code to watch the worship at home.

Attendance Matters

Reception	98%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	91.8%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	98.7%



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	Imelda - Beautiful letter formation and neat handwriting
Y1	Poppy - Consistently giving 100% in all her work and ensuring it is always presented beautifully
Y2	Lucas - Great enthusiasm when discussing a story and has contributed imaginative ideas for his writing
Y3	Isabelle - Lovely manners and a warm sense of humour
Y4	Summer - Always putting 100% effort into her work
Y5	Leo - Continued effort in all subjects
Y6	Hope - Excellent effort, focus and brilliant presentation in all of her work



Headteacher Award

Iggy (Y1) - We had a great discussion about quarters this week and Iggy explained what they were so clearly.