



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 24/4/26



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

Dear friends

During my week off after Easter I got myself a couple of recliner chairs and a coffee table for the conservatory. Of course they were flat-packed, which meant that I had to assemble them myself. 'How hard can it be?' I asked myself. Then I looked at the diagrams and instructions!

There was a point when I was close to giving up and leaving it half assembled. But I decided to push through and complete the job. Now I sit in the chairs (which even recline!) and feel well chuffed that I got there.

Sometimes we might look at the Bible and feel like it doesn't make sense...or it's too complicated...or that it's just impossible. And the temptation to give up can be very strong.

Easter is a good example of such a time. We don't really understand how Jesus, who came to show us love and point us to God, could be arrested, sentenced, crucified, and then rise to new life. But we don't need to give up just because we don't understand it all.

We can be confident that the Bible and all its instruction will get us there if we persist and trust. It has all we need to live life in all its fulness.

And then if we have stuck with it and pushed on with the help of God, one day we will sit back and be able to say 'we did it'!

Prayer

Dear God, sometimes a lot about you, about the Bible, about life, doesn't make much sense. Even though we might be tempted to give up, please help us trust and have faith that you will help us to do all that we need to do.

Amen

Sports News

On Wednesday after school, some of our Y5/6 boys represented Wheatley Lane in the last round of the football league. They played exceptionally as a team and showed great sportsmanship throughout. We are very proud of them all!

Well done Archie, Jaxon, Jude, Dougie, Joseph, Zach and Oscar.

Thank you to Mr Meade from Nelson Cricket Club for giving up his time to coach and inspire our y3/4 cricketers. The children learnt many new skills and thoroughly enjoyed the training session on Thursday.

Good luck from everyone at Wheatley Lane to Melissa (Oliver's mummy) who is running the London Marathon this weekend. Reception class are making good luck cards and banners and have learnt all about what a marathon is.



What's been happening in school this week

Our worship group have been preparing a worship for all of our Trust schools to be shown next week. The theme was 'inclusivity' which is one of our Trust values. They told the 'Parable of the Great Feast' and explored the message of how God's love is for everyone - no matter who you are. Thank you to Elijah, Megan, Jaxon, Bismah, Husnain, Lucia and Ava.

In Reception, the topic of 'adventures on wheels, wings and rocket beams' is well underway too as they looked at vehicles from the past. In maths they've enjoyed starting their new story time maths unit and reading 'Bear in a Square'. They learned about different shapes and made their own outside just like shape bear who was surrounded by shapes. They have also learnt about 'Earth Day'.

Year 1 have been dissecting plants as part of their science lesson.

Year 4 have been learning about the highest mountain ranges in the United Kingdom. They have looked at OS maps to see how physical and human geography is demarcated and made 'potato mountains', drawing on contour lines to show their height and terrain.



Diary Dates

30/4/26	Y3 worship	8:50am in the school hall
30/4/36	Y1 phonics meeting	3:25pm and 5pm
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
16/7/26	Reception worship	8:50am in the school hall
21/7/26	Y6 leavers' service	2pm in church



Phonics meeting for Y1 parents

The Y1 Phonics Screening Test takes place during the week beginning the 8th June. We are holding a meeting on Thursday 30th April to explain what this will look like and how best to support your child.

The meeting will take place straight after school in the Y1 classroom (feel free to bring your children) and then will be repeated at 5pm.

We would love to see you all there.



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 Mrs Burkes, our Executive Education Lead and Hub Lead. Mrs Burkes is a regular visitor in school.

Scan the QR code to watch the worship at home.

Attendance Matters

Reception	98.3%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	98%



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	Jasmine - Always follows the Wheatley Way by being kind, listening carefully, and making great choices
Y1	Penny - Fantastic doubles work in maths
Y2	Lucas - Trying so hard with his handwriting
Y3	Emilia - Great work on measures in maths
Y4	Aaliyah - Showing excellent resilience and always trying her best
Y5	Ava - Great effort and a willingness to keep trying
Y6	Amelia - For being an exceptional role-model when being ready, respectful and safe



Headteacher Award

Finn (Rec) - I've really enjoyed chatting with Finn this week. He always has lots to tell me and is so polite.