



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 4/9/26



Diary Dates

This half-term our weekly message from Wheatley Lane Methodist Church is written by Mrs Brassington.

Hello and welcome back!

I hope this sunny summer has treated all of you kindly and you are refreshed and ready for a new school year.

I've just worked out that during the summer I have spent only just over a week at home and the rest of the time I have been travelling around by road and rail to see family and friends. I've been to the seaside, to the countryside and to towns and cities. I've had holiday days, dog-sitting days and grandma duties. There have been day-out times and down-time days. I was a wedding guest and a mourner at a funeral. I have seen old friends and made new ones. So much experience of life across a few short weeks.

In the Christian faith we often think of our lives as a journey and every new year is full of potential for so much experience as we travel on. Whatever we encounter the Bible tells us that we travel with our ever-faithful God on the journey.

Bless us as we step into a new part of our journey, loving Lord God.

Jesus be our friend and guide.

Holy Spirit give us your strength and reassurance.

Be with us, always,
Amen.

Love from Mrs. B

9/9/26 Meet the Teacher Y6 and Y2
3:30pm - 4pm
4:30pm-5pm

10/9/26 Meet the Teacher Y1, Y3,
Y4, Y5
3:30-4pm
4:30-5pm
In classrooms

21/9/26 at 9:15am
Sleep workshop for Rec and KS1

24/9/26 at 8:55am Hall
Y5 leading worship

1/10/26 at 8:55am Hall
Y4 leading worship

5/10/26 Snow White Production
Whole School at 9:30am

13/10/26 Photographs

15/10/26 at 8:55 Hall
Y2 leading worship

22/10/26 at 8:55 Hall
Y1 leading worship

22/10/26 2:30pm-6pm Hall
Parents' Evening

Reminders

The children all look very smart in their uniforms. Please remember to send them with a waterproof coat every day.

They will also need:

- a water bottle
- book bag
- a pair of wellies

Please name everything.



We have a no earring policy at Wheatley Lane.



What's been happening in school this week?

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our children plus our new starters in Reception and other classes. The children have settled well into their new classes and new routines.

We have also welcomed some new staff - Mrs Hawkrigg, Miss Brennan and Miss Thurstan. We are thrilled they are joining the Wheatley Lane team.

In worship this week, we have been thinking about new beginnings and our hopes for the future linked to our school vision "With God's help, we do all we can to be the best we can be." We also met our prayer bear Wesley - more on him later!

The children have looked very smart and have made a great start to the new school year.



Meet Wesley

Wesley is another new addition to Wheatley Lane. He is always on the look out for children who demonstrate our Christian Values. This half-term our value is friendship. Mrs Butterfield and Wesley will decide which child receives the Headteacher's award for demonstrating friendship.

They will be able to take Wesley home for the weekend and write a prayer if they would like to and we will share it in our Monday morning worship.

Headteacher's Award

This week our award goes to

Ruqayah (Y4)

for

Being a lovely friend to a new pupil in her class and helping them to settle in.

Thank you Ruqayah!

You are the very first Wheatley Lane pupil to look after Wesley!

Weekly Awards

Being the best I can be

Teachers will be choosing someone each week who lives out our school vision:
"With God's help, we do all we can to be the best we can be"

REC	We will start next week for Reception class
Y1	Jasmine - Being kind, enthusiastic about learning and always doing the right thing
Y2	Poppy - An excellent start to Y2 and being a super role model
Y3	Laia - Super use of noun phrases
Y4	Kenley - Always trying his best
Y5	Zosia - Always being ready and setting a wonderful example to others
Y6	Zach - A fantastic attitude to learning and has shown himself to be a real role model for all in school

Attendance Matters

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

Who to contact

For any questions or issues relating to payments, Arbor, extended services or dinners, please contact Nicola in the office.
office@wheatleylane.epworthtrust.org.uk
01282 617214

For anything about your child, the classteacher is your first port of call.

Sara Butterfield is the attendance lead for the school.
sbutterfield@wheatleylane.epworthtrust.org.uk

Be on time for quarter to nine!

Absence from school

To report your child's absence, please leave a message on the school answerphone before 8:45am with your child's name, year group and reason for absence. If your child is ill, please tell us what is wrong e.g. sickness bug rather than unwell.

For sickness or diarrhoea, your child must remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

If your child has an appointment, please show the office staff the appointment card or text. We kindly ask that all routine appointments are booked outside of the school day.

Epworth Worship Together

Each week, a Trust school or member of staff leads worship for everyone in Epworth Trust. We watch these every Friday and share them with our wider school family.

This week's worship is lead by Mrs Hewitt, our CEO. There is a QR code to scan to watch. There are also ideas for activities you can do at home linked to this week's theme.

EPWORTH WORSHIP TOGETHER.

**THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION**
WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO I WANT TO BECOME?


**BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK**


"JESUS GREW IN WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOUR WITH GOD AND MAN."
Luke 2:52

EXPLORING TOGETHER
IMAGINE A TINY SEED. A SEED HAS EVERYTHING INSIDE IT THAT IT NEEDS TO BECOME SOMETHING AMAZING - BUT IT STILL NEEDS WATER, LIGHT, GOOD SOIL AND CARE TO HELP IT GROW.
WHAT HELPS PEOPLE TO GROW AND FLOURISH?
TALK TOGETHER:

- WHAT QUALITIES MAKE SOMEONE A GOOD PERSON?
- WHO HELPS YOU TO BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF?
- WHICH OF OUR EPWORTH VALUES COULD HELP YOU GROW THIS YEAR?
- IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP?
- HOW CAN WE HELP OTHER PEOPLE TO FLOURISH TOO?

TRY THIS:
CHOOSE ONE WORD THAT DESCRIBES THE PERSON YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME. YOU COULD WRITE IT DOWN, DRAW IT, SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE OR KEEP IT QUIETLY IN YOUR MIND.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER**
Dear God,
Thank you that each one of us is unique and still growing. Help us to grow in wisdom, just as Jesus did. Help us to be kind, brave and generous, to make wise choices, to welcome others and to do what is right. As we begin this new year, guide us as we discover more about who we are and who we are becoming.
Amen.

**THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SONG**
"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE" - YOUTUBE


**FLOURISHING AT HOME**
Ask someone at home: "What kind of person did you hope you would become when you were my age?"
Then ask: "What do you think helps a person to grow into the best version of themselves?"
You might be surprised by their answer! You could also tell them the one word you chose during worship to describe the person you would like to become.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**
"Becoming the person we are called to be happens one choice, one action and one day at a time."

**PICTURE INSPIRATION**

**THIS WEEK'S FLOURISHING CHALLENGE**
CHOOSE ONE SMALL ACTION THIS WEEK THAT HELPS YOU BECOME THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE.