



# Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 3/7/26



## Upcoming events

9/7/26 Music concert  
8:55am in the school hall

10/7/26 Summer Fair  
3:30pm onwards

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

22/7/26 Last day of term  
2pm finish

### Music concert

Year 3 would love to perform for their families to showcase their wonderful ukulele skills. There will be a music concert on 9<sup>th</sup> July at 8:55am in the school hall. Our guitar and keyboard players will also be playing. Please come along and join us.



## What's been happening in school this week

We started the week in great style with our sports day. Thank you to everyone who came and cheered us all on.

Our worship theme for the rest of this term is '**perseverance**'. This was introduced in Monday's worship and we certainly saw perseverance on Monday during sports day particularly with the race involving keeping a ball between the legs!

On Tuesday we spent time in our new classrooms with our new teachers. It was lovely to welcome Miss Brennan and Mrs Hawkrigg to Wheatley Lane and they are even more excited to start in September after meeting their new classes.

On Wednesday, Y4 were learning all about food preparation and prepared some delicious toasted sandwiches. They smelled so good!

On Thursday, many of our Y6 pupils had the opportunity to spend time at their new high schools. We hope they had a wonderful day (or 2 for some). School was very quiet without them.

Our Y1 class led worship all about perseverance. They spoke about how it takes perseverance for lots of things and like little seeds, growth needs perseverance but it is worth it in the end!



### 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-WLMPS-22016>





## Diary Dates

|         |                     |                                 |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
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### Classes for next year

We are delighted to have two new staff joining us in September - Sally Brennan and Louise Hawkrigg. Welcome to the Wheatley Lane team!

Rec - Ms Lyndsey Jennings and Mrs Laura Birro

Y1 - Miss Sally Brennan

Y2 - Mrs Louise Hawkrigg

Y3 - Mrs Catherine Riley

Y4 - Mrs Helen Hargreaves

Y5 - Mrs Salma Abbas

Y6 - Mr Dave Metcalfe and Mr Craig Latham



### Epworth Worship Together

This week's worship is all about Freedom with Responsibility led by Wesley. Click on the link to watch the video.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN9gWNI\\_GMg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nN9gWNI_GMg)

#### Explore further at home



Record what responsibilities you have both at home at school. This may include chores, looking after a pet or even tidying your room!



## Attendance Matters

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Reception | 98%   |
| Year 1    | 97%   |
| Year 2    | 92%   |
| Year 3    | 98.7% |
| Year 4    | 96.2% |
| Year 5    | 92%   |
| Year 6    | 99.7% |



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

## Special Awards

|     |                                                                                                                  |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| REC | Millie - For always doing the right things!                                                                      |
| Y1  | Hugo - trying hard in all areas and producing some excellent writing.                                            |
| Y2  | Isaac - Working hard with the adults in class.                                                                   |
| Y3  | Harriet.R - Always being ready to learn                                                                          |
| Y4  | Niamh - for showing great teamwork and empathy when explaining a maths task to someone who didn't understand it. |
| Y5  | Lucia - Producing a fantastic Highway Man poem inspired board game!                                              |
| Y6  | Eva - For giving her all in our show rehearsals!                                                                 |

## Headteacher Award

Jack Y5 - For showing great bravery and courage!



# Wellbeing Matters

## Supporting A Child Through Disappointment

A child holds onto hope like a balloon – a dream, a plan, or an expectation. It grows bigger and brighter, only to pop in an instant. No warning. No time to adjust. When you want to downplay it and say, "It's not a big deal," remember the pop. Your role isn't to dismiss their feelings, it's to help them cope with the shock and, when the time is right, find a "new balloon" to hold onto.



### THE STEPS: WHAT TO THINK, WHAT TO SAY



#### 1. Acknowledge the pop

Make eye contact, stay close, and give them space to feel their disappointment. Avoid offering solutions or trying to make it better right away, the goal is to acknowledge their emotions first.

Say: "I know. That's really disappointing. It's okay to feel upset. I'm here for you."



#### 2. Offer a new balloon

Give them a little time to calm down before offering alternatives. If you rush into giving choices too early, they may feel even more upset. Wait until they seem ready to listen.

Say: "We can't do what we planned, but I have an idea. Maybe we can come up with something fun together. What do you think?"



#### 3. Build resilience

Later on, even the next day, help them reflect on the situation by naming what happened and what they did to get through it. This helps them connect "I survived that" to "I can handle challenges ahead."

Say: "That was a tough one, and I'm proud of how you handled it. You showed a lot of strength."

### POWER SCRIPTS

#### When they're mid-upset

"I can't fix this, but I'm right here with you."

#### When they say it's not fair

"I hear you. I get why you're upset. It's frustrating when things feel unfair."

#### When they push you away

"I'll stay close. I'm here if you want to talk, or just need quiet."

### WHEN THERE IS NO "NEW BALLOON"

Sometimes, disappointment can't be replaced – a lost game, a missed invitation, or a friend's 'no.' In these moments, just be there without offering a solution. Skip step 2.

Step 1 might take longer. Just sit with them, acknowledge the loss, and avoid trying to make it better right away.

Step 3 is key. Remind them later that they overcame this before, helping build their confidence for next time.



  
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## ***Tombola donations needed!***

We need donations of:

- Pop/soda
- Bubble bath/lotions etc
- Chocolates
- Sweets

***Please bring to the  
school office***