



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 27/2/26



This half term, Mrs Brassington will be writing the weekly message on behalf of Wheatley Lane Methodist Church.

Hello,
Last week, the first in Lent, started so well for me. A clear out of the 'fridge and my cupboards prompted me to use up foodstuffs for pancakes and for a stack of homemade soups and stews which are now in the freezer. My resolve to stick to healthier food was high. Here comes the 'however'.

However, a week of celebrating birthdays and visiting family around the country has made a serious dent in that resolve and there may have been a few relapses on my part. Time for another reset!

This year Lent and the Muslim observance of Ramadan falls at the same time. It is an opportunity to remember connections between faith traditions and to seek blessings on members of our community reflecting and refocusing on spiritual things at this time.

Father God,

Thank you for times when we are encouraged to focus on matters that lie beyond physical needs and daily distractions. Bless our school and local community as we proceed through times of prayer, reflection and fasting.

Amen

Love from Mrs.B

Stakeholder Surveys Extended until 2nd March

Please fill in the parental survey you have been emailed. Your feedback matters and helps us make informed decisions that improve the experience for all. By sharing your thoughts, you are helping us identify areas where we can grow, as well as recognising the strengths we should continue to build upon. Your honest responses will directly inform our plans and make sure we meet the needs of our pupils, staff, and families.

Thank you



Spring Term Dates



5/3/26	World Book Day
13/3/26	Red Nose Day
13/3/26	Reception Class worship 8:50am
18/3/26	Y1 Class Worship in school 8:50am
23/3/26	Parents' Evening 2:30-6pm
26/3/26	Easter Service in church led by Y5 9am



Can you help?

We are looking for a Builder to help us with a Memorial garden project that we are currently working on in the school field. This is to install a Moon Arch that we need to be installed, please see attached image and instructions from the webpage.

<https://weather-it.co.uk/product/corten-steel-moongate-2-meter-ring/>

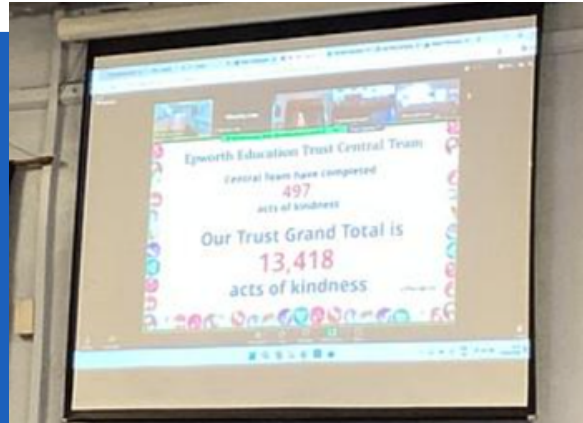
If you are able to help please call the school office on 01282 617214 or email office@wheatleylane.epworthtrust.org.uk.

What's been happening in school this week

It's been lovely to have everyone back in school this week.

On Wednesday we had our Epworth Live worship with all of the schools in our Trust to celebrate The Big Serve. We watched videos from every school of all of their acts of kindness. It was wonderful to see the difference that all our children made. As a Trust, we have completed 13,418 acts of kindness. We were all blown away by that amazing figure. Thank you to each of our children who are definitely making the world a better place.

Year 6 led worship on Thursday morning and told us all about Lent. Their worship fit in beautifully with The Big Serve as they challenged us to make a difference during Lent. What are you going to do?



World Book Day

This is taking place on Thursday 5th March. Please come dressed as your favourite book character or come in your comfies. We will be taking part in lots of book activities during the day such as designing a book cover competition and staff will be swapping classes to read their favourite books.

If you have any books in good condition that are no longer needed, please bring in to swap with your classmates.

We also have an online book fair taking place over the next two weeks. All purchases earn money for school to buy new books. Please visit <https://clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-DRVHFWL1> to order.

After School Club

Please may we politely remind you not to use your mobile phones when picking up from After School Club and to wait in the hall or Rainbow Room for your child. Thank you



World Book Day Celebration



- Teachers will read a story in another class
- Swap your old books with other people's books
- Pair up with another class and read to each other
- Design a book cover competition

Come in comfy attire or dress as your favourite book character/author

Edukid

This morning some of our Year 6 children were lucky enough to have a live zoom call with one of the Edukid's schools in Uganda. Edukids is a charity that Wheatley Lane supports and we were fortunate to speak to Boniface (a child we directly support) and other children in her class.

The children asked many questions and discovered the stark difference between the school in Uganda and Wheatley Lane but also discovered the many similarities too.

For 30 minutes, the children spoke about their families, their journey to school, favourite football teams, favourite animals and what life was like in each of the schools. We were blown away by their love of education and how fortunate the children felt to be able to go to school, to have a library, to have time to play with each other and how education supports them in the careers they want to do (many of the children wanted to be doctors or engineers).

The children at school were surprised to hear that some classes have over 100 children to one teacher, the school day lasts for 10-11 hours and many children at the school walk up to 2 hours each morning and evening to attend. What stood out though was the excitement and love the children had for the school and the privilege of education. The Year 6 children on the call reflected on this and spoke about how lucky they were to have a right to education and to be part of Wheatley Lane school.

To finish our call, the children taught us how to say thank you in the local language (Acoli). It was a real privilege to be part of the call and hope to be able to speak to them again soon.





**Weekly
Winners**

This week's attendance

Reception	97.3%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	99.7%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	97%

175

days

FOR FAMILY TIME,
VISITS, HOLIDAYS AND
OTHER APPOINTMENTS



190

school days

TO ACHIEVE WELL, DEVELOP
SOCIAL SKILLS, BUILD
FRIENDSHIPS AND ENHANCE
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

**Together we can support
every child to feel connected
and ready to succeed**



Special Awards

REC	Oliver - Beautiful letter formation and writing about the adventures of Superworm
Y1	William - Showing lots of enthusiasm in his writing in and out of school
Y2	Aiyla - Showing a keen interest in our new topics and always trying her best
Y3	Grace - Super progress in maths
Y4	Olivia - Fantastic singing in worship every day (I've also noticed this Olivia and it is always lovely to hear - Mrs Butterfield)
Y5	Zach - Marvellous breadmaking skills
Y6	April - Outstanding effort in everything she does and always following the Wheatley Way



Headteacher Award

Olive (Y2) - Always setting a super example to others