



# West Ham Church School

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## Upper Key Stage Two

Weekly News Page

Spring 1, Week 5

4th February 2022



### A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

This week, I would like to give thanks to the wonderful teaching team at West Ham Church School, who have shown incredible resilience and **strength**, as they have pulled together to maintain the smooth running of the school. It is testament to the high calibre of teachers and support staff in the school that, despite high levels of staff absence, due in most part to covid, all classes were kept running and many staff were still able to attend essential professional training to develop their teaching practice. If you notice a different member of staff dismissing your child at the end of the day, please give them a **big thank you** for their hard work. To those staff members who have been poorly recently, we wish you a speedy recovery. Thank you for your patience, parents.

### Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*



Lord God,

**You promise to be always with us and never leave us.**

**When we are lonely, we can find you,**

**When we are afraid, we can know you are near.**

**Thank you that your promises never fail.**

**Amen.**

### Upper Key Stage 2 Staff

#### Teachers

Miss Shaw - Phase Leader

Miss Pandya - Year 5 Wolves

Miss Shaw & Mr. Forster- Year  
5&6 Kingfishers

Miss Thurman - Year 6 Eagles

#### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Siyani, Mrs. Mekuria,

Miss Sperger

### Bagel Grab and Go

We are providing bagels in the morning from 8:15-8:25am.

Children will be allowed through the St Lucia drive gate and into the hall to eat their bagel before the start of the day.

### Values

Our school value this term is

*Justice*

*treating people fairly*



### Collective Worship

During worship this week, Miss Jukes shared the Bible story of David and Goliath. Christians believe the story is God's way of letting us know that no matter how small we are, and no matter how big our problems might be, if we have trust in God then we can have courage to face our 'giants'.

The school councillors also spoke about our social justice projects and gave some insightful tips on how to raise awareness.

Miss Shaw told us the story of Jesus in the desert and the temptations that he faced. We discussed how Jesus showed strength and dignity and how we can show those values ourselves.



### Assessments

Over the next week, we will be continuing our standard termly assessments for the children in UKS2.

So far, we have been so impressed with the attitude and results shown by the children.

Year 5 - arithmetic and reasoning online

Year 6 - mock SATs in arithmetic and reasoning

*Please ensure the children have a good breakfast and sleep well each night to give them the best opportunity to do well.*

### Swimming

Please could you use large 'shopping' style bags for your child's swimming kit. These make it much easier for their belongings to stay together. Thank you!



### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health week with a theme of 'Growing Together'.

The aim is to give children the time and space to think about their own growth and how to deal with feeling a little bit 'stuck'.



### French

#### Phrase of the Week

We have been set a challenge by our French teacher, Madame Zucconi. Each week, we learn a new phrase to use as much as possible and gather points.

This week's phrase was:

*Bon Appetit!*

*Enjoy your meal*



### Women and Girls in Science - Competition



As part of our celebrations for "Women and Girls in Science Day" on Friday 11th February, we would like the children to research a female scientist of their choice and create a piece of artwork about them - the more creative the better!

The winner of the competition will be revealed in our special female scientist assembly on Friday 11th February. In school we will be finding out about a range of scientists, including Marie Curie, Asha de Vos and Wangari Maathai.



### School Council

School councillors in KS2 attended a very important conference in school on Monday.

They met online with other schools in the borough to discuss the importance of mental health and wellbeing, the role of a school councillor and planning events for the academic year. We will keep you posted!





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Upper Key Stage 2  
Curriculum  
Information



## English

- Planning and writing a setting description of a winter's morning
- Editing and peer assessing before publishing

## Focus Text



*Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,  
A blood-red orange, sets again.*

**Key word: brisk**

## Maths

Year 5

- Maths assessment
- Converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers

Year 6

- Maths assessment
- Finding percentages and missing values

## Foundation Subjects

History: the timeline of the Titanic

Science: healthy lifestyles and the effects of drugs and alcohol

Computing: inputting data

RSHE: what are our personal and global goals?

RE: strategies for coping with loss

Mathletics

## Mathletics

Please ensure that you use Mathletics at home to boost confidence and develop maths skills.

Children will also be completing activities in class.

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

## Year 5 Spellings

stationary  
stationery  
steal  
steel  
way  
weary  
who's  
whose  
fate  
fete



## Year 6 Spellings

commit  
committee  
transmit  
submit  
commitment  
emit  
permit  
intermittent  
omit  
unremitting

## Useful Links

### English

1. Read an e-book  
<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com>
2. Bedrock  
vocabulary:<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

### Maths:

1. Education City:  
<https://www.educationcity.com/>
2. SATs Companion  
<https://app.satscompanion.com/login>
3. Mathletics

## Home Learning

Our home learning will be posted on Google Classroom. It is important that pupils complete these activities to consolidate their learning from this week.

**If your child does not have access to a device or internet, please contact the office and we will arrange a loan.**



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## Upper Key Stage 2 Celebration Page



### Mathletics Certificates

#### Bronze - 1000 points

Aaron  
Markuss  
Jamal  
Luiza  
Faizan  
Nadia

#### Silver - 5 Bronze certificates

Aaron      Markuss

#### Gold - 5 Silver certificates

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards

### Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 last week was

### Badgers

Congratulations!



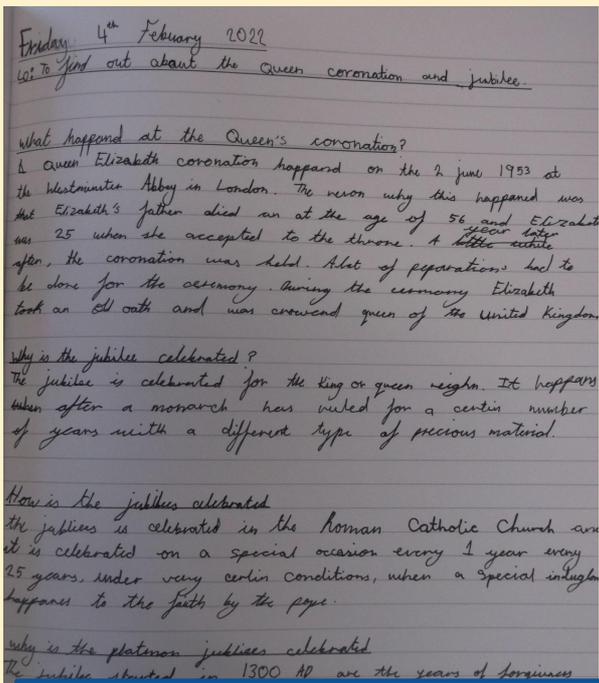
**Jarif** for showing compassion for others in the classroom and outside



**Wolves:** Rayme for listening to peer's advice, responding and having a positive attitude to learning

**Kingfishers:** **Ayman** for working hard in maths and showing strength in challenging situations

**Eagles:** **Nahya** for working hard during assessment week and showing excellent focus.



### Our Work



We made chocolate biscuit cake - one of the Queen's favourite treats!



We learnt about the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the events that have occurred during her reign.



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## WHCS Song Sheet

King of Me

*My God's the king of the giants*

*My God's the king of the lions*

*My God's the king of the creatures of the deep*

*My God's the king of me.*

Have you heard the story about my friend King  
Dave?

Wouldn't let the giant stand in his way

He said, "Hand me my sling 'cause he's not that  
tall"

"My God is bigger, and I'll watch him fall"

*My God's the king of the giants*

*My God's the king of the lions*

*My God's the king of the creatures of the deep*

*My God's the king of me.*

Have you heard the one about this guy called  
Dan?

Yes, he was a mighty holy praying man

They said, "Throw him to the den of the scary  
beasts"

But God saved our hero from the lion's teeth

*My God's the king of the giants*

*My God's the king of the lions*

*My God's the king of the creatures of the deep*

*My God's the king of me.*

This is more than history

He will do the same for me

Like Jonah and the whale at sea

When I'm lost and afraid, all alone in the dark

You're with me

Oh, You're with me!

*My God's the king of the giants*

*My God's the king of the lions*

*My God's the king of the creatures of the deep*

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*Thank you to the team from All Saints Church who are helping us to learn this new song!*

