



# West Ham Church School

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Newsletter  
Autumn 1  
Week 1



## A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

We are deeply saddened by the announcement from Buckingham Palace yesterday that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has died. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family, the nation and commonwealth. During our collective worship today, we remembered and paid tribute to the Queen and held a minute of silence to pay our respects. We will continue to offer reassurance and answer the children's questions with honesty using age appropriate language. If you are unsure on how to talk to your child about the death of the Queen, the following website offers sound advice:



<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

We will be in contact with you when we have further information regarding schools and plans for the day of the Queen's funeral. In the meantime, the children are expressing their thoughts and reflections about the Queen on a small postcard in school. We will be inviting staff and parents to express their condolences in a Memory Book which will be available to sign in the school's reception area during the day and playground at the end of the school day. Parents, you may like to consider taking your children to the Borough's Proclamation Ceremony. This event is the formal proclamation of the ascension of His Majesty King Charles III in the Borough and will be made by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor, from the balcony of Stratford Town Hall at 2p.m. on Sunday 11th September. This historic event will be the first in 70 years.

Warm regards, Mrs. James, Headteacher

## School Vision

**Our Vision** is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

## Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Values

Our school value this term is

**Thankfulness**

## Meet the teacher

8:45-9:15am

**Monday 12th & 19th Sept**

Please gather in the playground where you will be escorted to your child's phase leaders' class for the meeting.



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When?	What? Where?	Who?
Monday 12th Sept, 8:45am	Meet the teacher meeting	Parents, please meet in playground and you will be shown to the correct classroom for the meeting
Thursday 15th Sept 2:30pm	Y5&6 St Briavel's Castle Residential Meeting	Parents meeting with staff attending residential
Monday 19th Sept, 8:45am	Meet the teacher meeting	If you missed the first meeting or would like to attend to meet a second child's teacher, please meet in the playground where you will be shown to the correct classroom for the meeting
Wednesday 21st- Friday 23rd Sept	Y5&6 Residential	Details to be discussed at the meeting on the 15th Sept
Thursday 6th October	Harvest Festival All Saints Church	Date to be confirmed

We have been really impressed with the children's behaviour this week as they returned to school smartly dressed in their school uniform ready to learn. They have quickly settled back into school routines and our new reception and nursery children, are doing exceptionally well making new friends and exploring their new classrooms and outdoor areas. All classes have been completing a topic on Creation Stories as part of the R.E. curriculum. It's a joy to have the school abuzz with activity. A great start to the new academic year!



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**EYFS & KS1**

Weekly News Page  
Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers



## Early Years Foundation Stage

### **This week**

We have said a big “Welcome!” to all of our new starters, and a big “Welcome back!” to all of our nursery children. It has been a delight to see how quickly they have settled into their new routines, and how smart they all look in their new grey jumpers! The children have focused on getting to know each other, learning their classroom routines, and trying hard to follow their class rules. Using the book “The Colour Monster”, we have supported the children with understanding their feelings. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about your child’s transition.

### **Next week**

We will continue to explore feelings and friendships, using the story “*Hello, Friend*”. We will also continue our work on the Christian Creation Story, and find out how Christians believe the world began.

### **Reminders**

Please ensure that your child’s uniform is clearly named so that we can return any lost property. Your child should also bring a named water bottle and a waterproof jacket to school every day.

## Key Stage 1

### **This week**

Children in Year 1 and 2 returned to school with enthusiasm and settled into their new classes quickly. We resumed all of our activities including P.E, music and Forest Schools. Our School Values were revisited as we explored what they mean to us personally and as a class. We also learned about our class names, ‘Hedgehogs’ and ‘Squirrels’, both woodland animals but did you know that hedgehogs like to hibernate between March and November, using leaves to make their winter bed and that squirrels can find food buried beneath 30cm of snow!

### **Next week**

The whole school has been learning about creation stories, particularly what most Christians believe. We will be writing what we have learned and in preparation, please support your child by asking them what they remember. The KS1 team look forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our Curriculum meeting where we will share our exciting plans for the year!

### **Reminders**

Please ensure all belongings are labelled. Reading books should be returned on Tuesday and homework will be distributed on a Friday, including spellings which can be found in homework books.



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**KS2**

Weekly News Page  
Assistant Head: Miss Jukes



## Lower Key Stage 2

### **This week**

This week, we have enjoyed learning about the Hindu creation story. Children have been well prepared to learn about Hinduism as they completed research for their home learning. Some children were delighted to share their knowledge with their peers. In LKS2 we have been completing activities to remind us of our school values. Children were able to reflect on the school values and shared what the words **wonder**, **harmony**, **compassion** and **strength** mean to them. We have also completed our first times tables challenge: quizzing children on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

### **Next week**

In the forthcoming week, we will be introducing the text, '**How the Stars Came to Be**' by, **Poonam Mistry**. We would like all children to be fluent in all of their times tables. In the next week we will be refreshing our 2,5 and 10 times tables. We encourage you to practise at home with your child.

**Reminders** Please ensure all belongings are labelled. Reading books should be returned on Thursday. Homework will be uploaded to Google classroom. If your child cannot access Google Classroom we welcome them to come along to homework club. Please contact the office if you would like your child to join homework club.

## Upper Key Stage 2

This week, the children have enjoyed learning about the Christian Creation story and have published their own. They have also been researching other world views on creation and made their own presentations in school.

### **Next week**

We will be reading the book *Rose Blanche* and exploring illustrations, this is linked to our topic of Conflict and consequences. We will be carrying out a times tables test so please ensure that daily practise is happening at home.

**Reminders** Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school and that all belongings and clothing are labelled. Homework will be uploaded to Google classroom on Friday. If your child cannot access Google Classroom, we welcome them to come along to homework club. Please contact the office if you would like your child to join homework club. Please come along to our 'Meet the teacher' event on Monday morning. We look forward to seeing you



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## Celebration Page

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

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



**Foxes**



### Headteacher's Awards

**Wonder: Sadman** (Y6, Kingfishers) for asking deep questions and sharing his thoughts eloquently

**Harmony:** Faiza (Year 3 Otters) for modelling harmony at the time, especially when taking part in group work.

**Compassion: Andreea** (Y1, Ladybirds) for showing kindness and patience when helping new children settle into class.

**Strength: Ibrahim** (Reception) for participating in a range of activities and making new friends.



**Little Owls (Nursery): Miroslava**, for being a kind, compassionate friend to others.

**Dragonflies (Reception): Albert**, for settling so well into his new class and making new friends.

**Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Emil** for his excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

**Butterflies (Y1): Harley** for his excellent behaviour and working hard in all activities.

**Hedgehogs (Y2): Jahaziel** for his contribution in our discussion about the creation story.

**Squirrels (Y2): Daniel**, for having wonderful manners.

**Otters (Y3): Sophie** has been fantastic at listening in class this week and has contributed well to class discussions.

**Badgers (Y3&4): Emily** has completed fantastic work both at home and school this week!

**Foxes (Y4): Zayyan** has been working hard and been a great role model this week.

**Swallows (Y5): Dricia**, for her enthusiasm and thirst for learning, making her a great role model to the rest of the class.

**Eagles (Y5&6): Juwairiyah**, for her excellent attitude to learning and impressive creation story writing.

**Kingfishers (Y6): Halemah** for amazing attitude to learning.

### Mathletics

Please encourage your children to complete the challenges on Mathletics. If you do not have a device to use at home, we invite children to join homework club.

**Gold:**

**Silver:**

**Bronze:**



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**WHCS**  
**Song Sheet**

The words of the National Anthem are as follows:

God save our gracious King!

Long live our noble King!

God save the King!

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store

On he be pleased to pour,

Long may he reign.

May he defend our laws,

And ever give us cause,

To sing with heart and voice,

God save the King.