



West Ham Church School

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A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

On Monday, the Ven Robin King, chair of the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) and **Archdeacon of Stansted** is visiting the school to celebrate our Gold award, RE Quality Mark achievement. We will be sharing our RE provision and the journey we have been on to develop high quality RE.

It is **No Name-Calling Week** at WHCS next week - we have decided to take a strong stance against name calling and want to raise children's awareness of the harm it can do to self-esteem and confidence. Each class will hold a school council meeting to discuss No name-calling Week. We are holding a competition for the best designed poster to raise awareness for our campaign to make West Ham Church School a No name-calling school. Children need to understand that whilst arguing is normal and part of life, name calling is abusive. It's ok to have differences, but, in line with our school values of compassion and harmony, there is no place for name calling in our school.

We have had several teachers and teaching assistants quite poorly and absent all week and appreciate your support when your child has had a different member of staff covering their class.

Get well soon wishes especially to Mrs. Aslam (Butterflies), Mrs. Jordan (Hedgehogs) and Mrs Mekuria (Otters). Children and staff alike have been suffering from particularly nasty coughs and colds. Next week, the weather is due to take a turn for the worse and so please wrap the children up well (hats and gloves time!).

Please pass on your congratulations to our **new parent governor**, Swetha Ushakala, who's son is in Year 2. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Warm regards,
Mrs. James

Newsletter

Autumn 2

Week 5

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

Lord God

Thank you that you love each and every single one of us.

Thank you that you have a plan for each of our lives that started way before we were born.

Please continue to show us what those plans might be so that we might make a difference in this world.

Amen

Did you know?

Due to popular demand, we will be offering afternoon Nursery places from January. Please contact the office to request a space.

PTA meeting

Monday 12th December
2:30pm

Please come and help us prepare for the Christmas Fayre



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**What's On At
 WHCS**

Dates for your Diary

Please note the following events before the end of term. We will give as much notice as possible if these change for any reason. We hope that you can join us!

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
Wednesday 7th Dec, 10-11am	Y3 and 4 Performance <i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i>	Parents/carers with young children	School Hall
Wednesday 7th Dec, 6-7pm	Y3 and 4 Performance <i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i>	Parents/carers (no children)	School Hall
Thursday 8th Dec, 2-3pm	Stay and Play Sensory Session	Parents of children 2+ years	Nursery
Friday 9th Dec, 9:30am	PTA meeting	Parents and staff	Staffroom
Wednesday 14th Dec, 9:30-10:30am	Y1 and 2 Performance <i>The Nativity</i>	Parents/carers with young children	School Hall
Wednesday 14th Dec, 2-3pm	Y1 and 2 Performance <i>The Nativity</i>	Parents/carers (no children)	School Hall
Thursday 15th Dec, 3-5pm	Christmas Fayre	School families	School Hall
Tuesday 20th Dec, 9:30- 10:30am	Nursery and Reception Performance <i>Celebrate with EYFS!</i>	Nursery and reception parents/carers/families	School Hall
Wednesday 21st Dec, 9:30-10:30am	Christingle Service (followed by hot drink and mince pie back at school)	Children and parents/carers	All Saints Church
Wednesday 21st Dec	Christmas Lunch School closes at 1:30pm		



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

This week we have enjoyed exploring our new poem 'Once'. The children listened carefully to the poem and made some predictions about what the characters would look like, and we discussed the similarities between 'Once' and 'Let Me Do It'. The children have designed their very own decorations, and have enjoyed mixing salt dough to make them, in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.



Next week

Next week we will be reading the Nativity story, and continuing to discuss why Christmas is a special time for Christians. We will also compare Christmas to other celebrations.

Reminders

The narrators for our performance, *Celebrate with EYFS*, will be receiving their lines, please support them to learn the words at home. We hope that you will join us on the 20th of December for our Early Years performance!

Key Stage 1

This week

In KS1, we have been rehearsing for our Nativity. We have been busy Practising our lines and singing wonderful songs. Year 2 had a fantastic 'Paddington' movie night, and will now compare how the film contrasts with the writing from the book. In English, we have been looking at how to write a diary and what features it needs to include. In Year 1, the children have been exploring poetry and rhyming couplets in English and working on being able to identify odd and even numbers in Maths. They have also been learning about their address and how to write an address to send a letter.



Next week

Year 2 will be completing assessments in reading and writing. These will help the children and teachers to identify individual strengths as well as areas that need to be focused on.

Reminders

You can phone the school office to book your tickets for the Nativity on December 14th. There will be two performances, 9.30-10.30am (with young children) and 2.00-3.00pm (without young children).



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KS2

Weekly News Page
Assistant Head: Miss Jukes



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

This week children have received their Times Table Rockstars password and username. This will support the children with their speedy recall of times tables facts, which are essential to confidence in maths. Please encourage your child to engage with TTR at home.

Next week

Children will be taking part in our production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* - please support your child so that they can say their lines clearly and confidently. Tickets can be booked through the school office. We will also have our first TTR battle in LKS2 between the Badgers, Foxes and Otters. Let the battle commence to see which class will be the champions!

Reminders

Next week there will be no swimming due to our production. Children will be completing a dress rehearsal, and selected year groups will watch their fantastic performance in school.



Upper Key Stage 2

This week

The children took part in a history project: 'Proud Places', where they learnt about the history and restoration of Queen Mary's Arch in Stratford. In English, we finished our work on 'Wonder' by making a documentary to teach others about how to show our school values and to 'Choose Kind'. We are going to share the documentaries with younger children to help them make positive choices.

Next week

We will be learning how to multiply fractions in maths. In English, we will be role playing and writing about 'The Christmas Truce'.

Reminders

If you have any odd socks or materials that you could donate for our 'Make Do and Mend' decorations, please send them in.





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Attendance

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



Ladybirds



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



Headteacher's Awards

Wonder (LKS2): Joshua, for being really enthusiastic about our topic in science (electricity) and asking lots of questions.

Harmony (UKS2): Isaura, for her effort to play in harmony with members of her new class.

Compassion (EYFS): Sofia, for including other children in her games and activity choices.

Strength (KS1): Analia, for her constant determination in everything she does and ability to try again even when she finds things difficult.

Mathletics

Gold: LKS2 - Tawhid (Otters)

UKS2- Aaron (Eagles)

Silver: KS1 - Georgiana (Squirrels), **LKS2** -

Ana-Sofia, Tasnia (Otters), **UKS2** - Tohfa (Swallows)

Iasmina (Eagles)

Bronze: LKS2 - Emily, **UKS2** - Ahana

(Eagles) Nicoleta (Eagles) Fatema, Reeha, Nanija,

Jaeden, Ivan, Yulian (Kingfishers)



Little Owls (Nursery): Elias, for working alongside other children.

Dragonflies (Reception): Fabeha, for her consistent effort and determination in maths.

Ladybirds (YR & Y1): Moussa, for working hard in maths and showing determination in his writing activities.

Butterflies (Y1): Michael, for his excellent effort when blending in phonics.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Georgi, for pushing himself and taking pride in his learning.

Squirrels (Y2): Jude, for being a supportive friend and helping within the classroom.

Otters (Y3): Tawhid for working consistently hard in maths and improving his times tables.

Badgers (Y3&4): Hashir J, for being a fantastic role model this week, particularly in rehearsals.

Foxes (Y4): Levon, for his exemplary behaviour during our play rehearsals.

Swallows (Y5): Moses, for his fantastic Proud Places poem.

Eagles (Y5&6): Jeremy, for his brilliant contributions in English and character comparisons.

Kingfishers (Y6): Fatema for thoughtful and detailed responses in RE



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WHCS Song Sheet
Feliz Navidad



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Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

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Prospero Ano y Felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas

From the bottom of my heart.

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From the bottom of my heart.

(repeat)