



# West Ham Church School

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Newsletter  
Spring 1  
Week 2

**2023**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

## A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

Happy New Year! We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week. **We have some fabulous news to share with you too.**

**We are gold! We are delighted that we are now a Transport for London STARS gold accredited school!**



Thanks to Miss Jukes, KS2 Assistant Head, for all your hard work preparing our travel plan submission. This means we are among the **top 10% of London schools**, setting high standards to inspire others to transform travel habits - we promote best practices and have seen a measurable reduction in the number of journeys made by car every day. Thank you so much for supporting this work parents - our children are healthier as a result. Walking to school is so good for their health and wellbeing!

This term, we are having a real push on tutoring and mentoring before and after school to help the children make progress in their learning. Teachers are giving more of their time after school to support targeted pupils in phonics, maths and reading. If your child has been asked to attend, please ensure they do so consistently so the tutoring has an impact.

We have welcomed lots of new children to the school this week. Our afternoon sessions in the nursery have begun and we also welcome Miss Cassidy, our new teacher, who has spent a busy week getting to know the children in the Nursery and completing home visits for new families.

Please join us for our Celebration Assembly on a Friday at 9am - open to all parents and carers every week.

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*

*Lord,  
Whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to give thanks.*

*Thank you for being with me every day of every year.  
Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings.*

## Values

Our school value this term is

**Perseverance**



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**EYFS & KS1**

Weekly News Page  
Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers

## Early Years Foundation Stage

This week:

It has been lovely to welcome the children back, whilst also welcoming some new children to both our nursery and Reception classes. We have started to explore our new topic 'What happens at night time?', as well as discovering our new text for literacy, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The children in Dragonflies received an unusual box, and tried to use the clues to guess what was inside! Can your child remember? We were also very excited to see that the bulbs we planted last term have started to grow; we can't wait to watch them get even bigger!



Next week:

We will be finding out all about Lunar New Year, and thinking of how it is celebrated around the world. We will continue to explore the book *Lost and Found*, and Dragonflies will also be going on a visit to the Discover Centre on the 19th January! What a busy week we have in store!

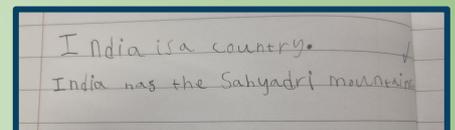
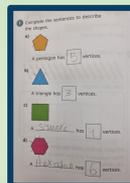
Reminders:

Due to popular demand, we are now offering an afternoon nursery session. Please contact the office if you would like more information for you, or anyone you know with a child who is 3 or 4.

## Key Stage 1

This week:

We have had a lovely first week back and start to the new term. The children have enjoyed starting their new topic in English, focusing on the book *Pattan's Pumpkin*. We have also started our exciting history topic, 'Significant Explorers' and enjoyed finding out about Ibn Battuta this week. Year 1 have been finding different ways to compose 8 and learning these bonds, whilst Year 2 have been focusing on lines of symmetry in 2D shapes.



Next week:

In History, we will learn about Neil Armstrong, another significant explorer. In our R.E topic on Sikhism, we will be discussing right and wrong choices and finding out about Guru Nanak.

Reminders:

Homework and reading books are to be returned to school every **Tuesday** please. If you have any school reading books still at home, please return them. You are welcome to attend our maths morning on the **Monday 23rd January**.



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**KS2**

Weekly News Page  
Assistant Head: Miss Jukes

## Lower Key Stage 2

This week:

We have had a fantastic first week back at school! For PSHE this term we will be learning about Goals and Dreams, and have enjoyed discussing what we would like to achieve this year, as well as in the future. We have started our new text, *The Great Kapok Tree* which has led to lots of interesting discussions about the rainforests and sustainability. The children were excited to share the information that they had discovered during their home learning over the holiday - have a look at some of the wonderful projects completed during the break.



Next week:

We will be continuing to learn all about the Amazon Rainforest and South America.

Reminders:

Please ensure children come to school everyday with their correct PE kit. Foxes will be swimming on Tuesdays and will need to bring their full swimming costume.

## Upper Key Stage 2

This week:

We have enjoyed being back in school and starting our new topics. In science, we have been finding out how scientists tackle enquiries and discovering how we know so much about space. Our English and history lessons have introduced us to the Ancient Greeks, and in RE we have started to find out why Mohammed (PBUH) is so significant in Islam. We also enjoyed the children sharing the wonderful projects they created during the holidays.



Next week:

We will be taking part in a space-themed STEM project on Wednesday. Eagles will be visiting the British Museum on Monday 16th January - please ensure that you have read and returned the completed consent form.

Reminders:

Year 6 tutoring with our teachers and academic mentoring will be continuing until the end of the Spring term. Please encourage your child to complete their daily homework and attend tutoring sessions. PE kits must be in school every Monday, and can be taken home on Friday.



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## Attendance

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



## 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' Awards

**Wonder: (KS1) Jude**, for completing a wonderful project into facts about space exploration.

**Harmony: (LKS2) Karina**, for helping children with their learning in an encouraging way.

**Compassion (UKS2): Achsah**, for helping our new classmates feel welcome and comfortable.

**Strength (EYFS): Elizah**, for taking risks when trying new activities, and trying to interact with new people.



**Little Owls (Nursery): Sacha**, for his enthusiasm when trying new activities.

**Dragonflies (Reception): Amoya**, for settling into her new class.

**Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Kamiyah** for being kind and thoughtful to others.

**Butterflies (Y1): Ishaq**, for his excellent recall and high quality answers.

**Hedgehogs (Y2): Anisa**, for settling into a new school and joining in with lessons.

**Squirrels (Y2): Andreea**, for settling back into our routines with an eagerness to learn.

**Otters (Y3): Victor**, for excellent concentration and improved attitude to learning.

**Badgers (Y3&4): Raihan**, for his focus during lesson time.

**Foxes (Y4): Sofia**, for improved participation during class discussions.

**Swallows (Y5): Dominik**, for his focus and great engagement in his learning.

**Eagles (Y5&6): Nathan**, for showing great focus and determination in maths.

**Kingfishers (Y6): Zahira**, for thoughtful and valuable contributions to class.



We can't wait to give out lots of Mathletics certificates this term! Watch this space throughout the coming weeks to see who has reached the different levels!



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**WHCS Song Sheet**

Don't Worry, Be Happy

**Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.**

Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style

**Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.**

Ain't got no girl to make you smile

Don't worry, be happy

Here's a little song I wrote

You might want to sing it note for note

Cos when you worry, your face will frown

Don't worry, be happy

And that will bring everybody down

In every life we have some trouble

So don't worry, be happy

But when you worry you make it double

Don't worry, be happy

**Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.**

**Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.**

**Ooh, ooh, ooh,**

**Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.**

*Don't worry, be happy*

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