



# West Ham Church School

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Newsletter  
Spring 2  
Week 3



## A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

We've had fun across the school this week focussing on **World Maths Day**. We are making maths activities engaging and accessible - there is much learning going on through games and investigations as well as problem solving and textbook work. We hope the children have shared their maths passports with you and you can help your child in this regard. Practice makes perfect!

Next week, it is **Science Week** in school and Mr. Dickey, our Science Lead, has arranged for some fabulous learning experiences for the children. Please note, as far as we know the **teacher strikes on Wednesday and Thursday** are due to go ahead. If they are called off, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Year 5 are due to participate in the **Voice in a Million concert on Wednesday**. Unfortunately, there is a underground strike scheduled for that day. We are trying to book a coach to take the children there and we will confirm arrangements with parents on Monday. We realise the children have worked so hard preparing for this event and it would be a great shame if they were unable to go.

Please check your emails for details of our Annual Review Day on the last day of this term and book your appointments asap, thank you.

## 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,*

*We thank you that you are wise  
and you offer to share your  
wisdom with us.*

*All your choices are right and  
good.*

*We pray that you teach us what is  
right and help us to make good  
choices.*

*Amen*

## Safeguarding Information

To keep all children safe in school, please do not use your mobile phone on the school's premises.

We politely request that you turn your phone onto silent when attending meetings at school including during collective worship.

Thank you for your  
cooperation and understanding.

## Values

Our school value this  
term is

## **Justice**

"Do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with God"  
(Micah 6:8).

## Early Years Foundation Stage

### This week:

In nursery, we have been celebrating International Women's Day by making cards colourful cards for someone special. Little Owls have been learning about the Easter Story and have made their very own palm crosses to take home.

This week in Reception, we enjoyed celebrating World Maths Day on Wednesday, where the children took part in a selection of Maths activities - they particularly enjoyed making their own Numberblocks hat. In our Physical Development sessions, we strengthened our gross motor skills taking part in gymnastics.



**Next week:** Nursery will be celebrating Mother's Day by making a gift for someone special. We will also be learning about shapes and preparing our group dance routines. Next week in Reception, we will be exploring spring by creating our own Spring themed cards, based on the art of Eric Carle. In maths, we will be making our own fruit kebabs, focusing on the composition of number seven.

### Reminders:

Please ensure weekly reading books are returned by Friday. With the change in weather please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat and encourage them to put it on independently.





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## KS1

Weekly News Page  
Phase Leader: Mrs. Lord -Attivor  
(DHT)

## Key Stage 1

### This week:

We have enjoyed celebrating World Maths Day, with the children in year 1 making maths hats, using different maths symbols and numbers to add to their own hat! Also in Year 1, the children spent time outside to measure the weather as part of our Geography topic on weather and climate. We measured the amount of rainfall in our rain gauges and used a cloud wheel to identify cloud types. In D.T this week, years 1 and 2 enjoyed practising some skills that are needed in order to prepare a meal. In English year 2 have been focusing on what makes a good press conference. We have researched how to engage an audience, and learnt the difference between formal and informal speech. Please encourage your child to watch 'Newsround' to keep updated on current events. In Maths, we have been focusing on dividing and during World Maths day we used hula hoops and bean bags to show how to both group and share a number into equal groups.



**Next week:** We will be celebrating Science week with some interesting experiments to do in class! Year 1 will be starting their new maths topic on place value within 20, and year 2 will be planning a biography in English.

**Reminders:** To help with preparation for the upcoming year 2 SATs, please see below some revision books that if you wish to, you can purchase online or in supermarkets.



If you were unable to attend our SATs meetings this week but you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher.

Also, please remember that homework should be returned to school with reading books, every Tuesday.

We welcome parents and family members to join us on Friday mornings at 9:00am for our celebration assembly, please sign in at the office.

## Lower Key Stage 2

### This week:

We had lots of fun celebrating World Maths Day; the children were able to create their own maths games, enter competitions and learn about the perimeter of their favourite shapes. We have also been quizzing children on their times tables. Children who have made exceptional progress have been awarded times tables wristbands and they are very excited about them. These wristbands will help children as they have the times tables up to 12 labelled on them.



### Next week:

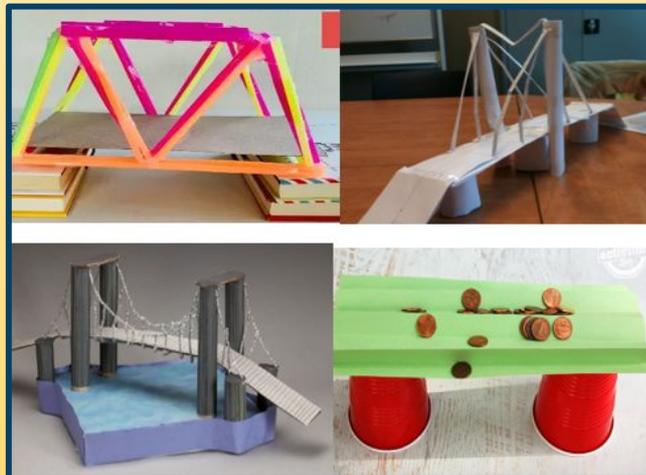
We will be celebrating British Science Week. Encourage your child to take part in one of the exciting competitions happening in school.

### Reminders:

#### STEM Project - Build a Bridge

Do you have the skills to be an engineer or an architect?

This activity is designed to get you thinking about the connections between weights, forces and measures. Using recycled materials can you create your own free standing bridge that can hold weight without collapsing? We will test these bridges during a **very special assembly on Friday 17th March 2023**. The winner will win a special science bundle and a £20 voucher for Amazon. The bridges will be judged based on their appearance, weight they can hold and the ingenuity of the materials used.





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## KS2

Weekly News Page  
Phase Leader & Acting Assistant  
Headteacher: Miss Shaw

## Upper Key Stage 2

### This week:

We had lots of fun celebrating World Maths Day with games that tested our shape knowledge and oracy skills and an escape room - luckily we cracked the code!

Year 5 and 6 did really well at the in-school competition on TTRS!  
Well done!

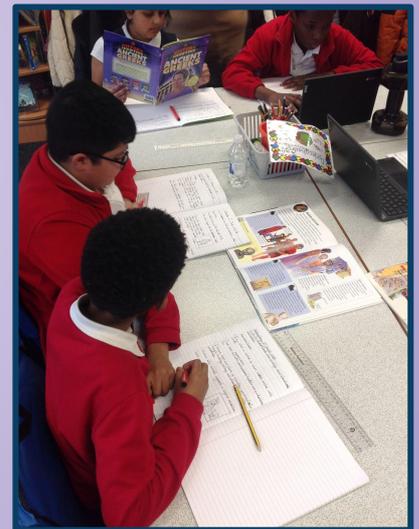
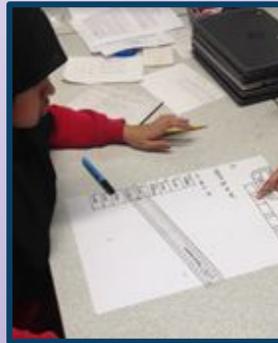
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🏆 Year 6 244 Year 5 175 Year 4 3 Year 3 0



We have continued to explore Macbeth and created our own playscripts and performances based on the eerie visit of Banquo's ghost. In history, we explored what life was like in Ancient Athens and chose an area of interest to create a factfile.

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Stratford Youth Zone to watch 'The Trial of Josie K' and have been busy putting what they learnt towards their own performance of Macbeth for later on in the term - we can't wait to see it!



### Next week:

We will be celebrating Science Week with experiments and activities planned by our Science ambassadors. We have a 'Build a Bridge' challenge, where bridges made from recycled materials will be tested in Friday's worship - please encourage your child to get building at home!

### Reminders:

Please remember that PE kits should be in on Monday and stay in school until the end of the week. Children will need PE kits for sports clubs too!

Year 6 have received their new homework books with their timetable, please encourage them to complete their daily test so that they do not fall behind.

### Attendance

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



**Foxes**



### 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 (EYFS):** Muhammad, for showing enthusiasm and curiosity in Maths.

**Harmony (KS1):** **Amelia**, For being a good communicator with her peers during class group work.

**Compassion (LKS2):** **Emmanuel**, for working well with all his peers and being compassionate to new members of the class.

**Strength (UKS2):** **Mihran**, For having the strength to attempt to decipher all problems that present themselves. He will use various methods to solve these, and if he can not, he still has the strength to ask for help.



**Little Owls (Nursery):** **Ruby** for showing awe and wonder during carpet sessions.

**Dragonflies (Reception):** **David** for excellent writing when labeling his drawing.

**Ladybirds (Reception & Y1):** **Emanuela** for her amazing letter writing skills.

**Butterflies (Y1):** **Malak** for always being helpful in class and being kind to others.

**Hedgehogs (Y2):** **Jahaziel** for continuing to work hard in his comprehension when reading

**Squirrels (Y2):** **Shiv**, for being engaged within his home learning tasks.

**Otters (Y3):** **Muhammad** for using wonder to understand more about our courageous advocates

**Badgers (Y3&4):** **Cali-May** for progress in her times tables.

**Foxes (Y4):** **Sofia** for working hard to improve her times tables knowledge.

**Swallows (Y5):** **Esmae**, for always having a positive attitude in school, and even if she is unsure about the answer, she will put up her hand and contribute in class.

**Eagles (Y5&6):** **Alexandra**, for settling in well on her first week and trying her best to get to know everyone.

**Kingfishers (Y6):** **Laban** for working hard on our maths day challenges and solving the Shakespeare's Rectangle Riddle

### Mathletics

#### Gold:

**Silver:** Jahaziel (Yr2) Tohfa (Yr 5)

**Bronze:** Timeea (Yr 2) Arwa (Y5) Noemi (Y6)  
Achсах (Y5) Daria (Y5) Fatema (Y6) Noah (Y3)  
Azanye (Y4) Zayyan (Y4) Maxim (Y3)



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**WHCS Song Sheet**

Michael Finnegan

**Michael Finnegan**

There was an old man  
Named Michael Finnegan,  
He grew whiskers  
On his chin-ne-gan,  
The wind came up  
And blew them in again,  
Poor old Michael Finnegan,  
Begin again!  
(Repeat)

There was an old man  
Named Michael Finnegan,  
He grew whiskers  
On his chin-ne-gan,  
The wind came up And blew them in again,  
Poor old Michael Finnegan,  
Begin again!  
Poor old Michael Finnegan,  
Begin again!  
Poor old Michael Finnegan,  
STOP!

**A great warm-up for diction and vocal range. There are some very low notes the first time this is sung through, so make sure that these are really punched out and don't get lost.**