



# West Ham Church School

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## A note from the Headteacher

This year is flying by and it is hard to believe we are in the last half term of the 2022-2023 academic year. I am incredibly proud of how hard the staff and children are working and hope to see the fruits of their efforts in end of term assessments which will inform our annual reports to parents. Please continue to support your children by encouraging them to learn at home - phonics and times tables and listening to them read every day - it really does make a difference.

### Did you know?

Number on roll at WHCS = 310 children (it is interesting to note that male = 42%, female = 58%)  
Children with English as an additional language = 79%  
We value and celebrate the diversity of language across our school. This diversity is also reflected in the religion of our children with 40% Christian and 40% Muslim and 20% other religions or no-religion.  
We are highly inclusive and welcome all, embracing difference. Children with Special Educational Needs (SEND) = 18% (this is higher than National data - at state-funded primary schools (including academies) in January 2022, 13% of pupils were classed as having SEND). Attendance is 92% across the whole school. Pre-covid this would have been 96% so we are still looking to improve.

We are looking forward to our **Sports Day on the 22nd June**. Weather permitting, Early Years will hold their event in the morning at 9:15am, KS1 at 10:30am and KS2 at 1:30pm. We hope families can come and support their children. Please bring picnic blankets, shade and lots of drinks in case it is hot. We will be watching the weather very closely.

With warm regards,  
Mrs James  
Headteacher

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## 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.

Lord God,

We thank you for your strength.

Thank you that through the win of West Ham United this week, we see the fruit of determination.

Will you help us with the aspirations and dreams we have in our hearts?

Amen

*Courtesy of Rev. Robin, All Saints' Church.*

## Values

Our school value this term is

## **Truthfulness**

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbour, for we are members one of another."

Ephesians 4:25



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We will be saying goodbye to some of our staff at the end of this term. We would like to thank them for their dedication to our children and are happy to have played an important role in their career development.



**Miss Pandya, Class teacher, Otters class:** Congratulations on securing a new position at a private school in Essex. Miss Pandya completed her teacher training apprenticeship and PGCE qualification with us and two years as an Early Career Teacher (ECT). She has developed into an excellent practitioner teaching Year 5 initially and Year 3/music across Key Stage 2 this year. Three years have flown by! Thank you for your resilience through challenging times in the pandemic; for starting our orchestra and assisting with our choir. You will be greatly missed, but we are very proud of everything you have achieved at WHCS.

**Ms Nemeth & Mr Jasper, class teachers, Foxes class:** after a period of sickness absence, Ms Nemeth resigned her post. We would like to thank her for her role in leading Computing across the school and wish her the very best for the future. Thanks also to Mr Jasper, the agency teacher who covered the class so ably in Ms Nemeth's absence. Mr Jasper will be returning to Canada in a couple of weeks. Your passion and commitment to the children is much appreciated.

**Mr Pandya, Academic Mentor, Year 6:** Congratulations to Mr Pandya who has secured a full-time position working for Save the Rhino as their fundraising manager. I know the children will be very sorry to see you leave as you have formed strong pastoral relationships with them; essential to motivating the children to improve their learning. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

**Miss Zucoloti, SEND teaching assistant:** very best wishes to Miss Zucoloti who is leaving to pursue a career in counselling. You have been so patient and nurturing with the children in your care. We are confident you will go on to make an fantastic children's counsellor in the future.

**Miss Sperger, SEND teaching assistant:** Congratulations to Miss Sperger who is leaving us for a role as an Assistant Educational Psychologist. Thank you so much for the excellent teaching you have given to our SEND children. Again, you will be sorely missed, but we wish you future success - you will be fabulous!

**Mrs De Montagnac, Welfare Assistant:** A HUGE THANK YOU to you for all your years working at WHCS. We wish you the very best in your retirement! Enjoy!



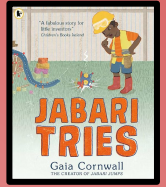
## Staffing for Next Year

Year Group	Class Name	Phase Leader	Class Teacher
Nursery	Little Owls	EYFS Miss Rice	Miss Rice
Reception	Dragonflies		Miss Davis
Reception	Ladybirds		Miss Cassidy
Year 1	Butterflies	KSI Miss Gilliland	Mrs Jordan
Year 1/2	Hedgehogs		Miss Gilliland
Year 2	Squirrels		Miss Bhatia
Year 3	Otters	LKS2 Mr Dickey (AHT)	Miss Whitmore
Year 3/4	Badgers		Mr Dickey/Mr Forster
Year 4	Foxes		Mrs Aslam
Year 5	Swallows	UKS2 Miss Shaw (AHT)	Ms Malik
Year 5/6	Kingfishers		Miss Shaw/Miss Jukes
Year 6	Eagles		Mr Harris
Cover teachers			Miss Kee (Drama, 3 days) Mrs Moller (1 day)

We are looking forward to welcoming new members of staff into our team. Although we need to replace only two teachers, we have appointed four new teachers to enable our assistant headteachers to job share the class teacher role and be more available for leadership responsibilities. Welcome to Miss Bhatia, Miss Whitmore, Ms Malik and Mr Harris. The children will meet their new teachers on the Meet the teacher day on Thursday 6th July. Final class allocations are currently being made.



## Early Years Foundation Stage



### This week:

Welcome back Nursery and Reception! We have made a fantastic start to the term. This week in Reception we have been writing our predictions about our new book 'Jabari Tries' by looking at the illustration on the front cover. Outside the children in nursery and Reception were eager to become inventors, drawing and writing about their own inventions and what they can do. In maths, we have enjoyed playing track games, ordering and comparing numbers up to ten. We have enjoyed celebrating the children's home learning. Thank you for assisting them to create some brilliant models.



### Next week:

Next week the children will be using a range of recyclable materials to junk model their own inventions. The children will be exploring a range of loose parts to make their own robot. In nursery and Reception, we will be creating a card for fathers/someone special, we look forward to sending these home at the end of the week. To prepare for our upcoming sports day, the children will be able to participate in an obstacle course outside, developing their strength and coordination.

### Reminders:

The children are accessing outdoor play everyday, please ensure they are dressed appropriately with sun hats and sunscreen applied at home.



On Friday the 16th, we will be celebrating pyjamarama day, the children can wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite book to share it with the class. Please be mindful of the hot weather on this day.

## Key Stage 1

**This week:** In year 1, we have finished our Maths unit 'Place value within 50' and began our new unit, 'Counting in 2, 5 and 10's'. Year 2 are finishing off their 'Fractions' unit' by identifying unit and non unit fractions.

In English, both Year 1 and Year 2 children having been working extremely hard to complete their final piece of writing for 'The history of nursing' unit. Please ask your child to share their amazing diary entries at home. All of KS1 had the opportunity to hear about the wonderful work of the London Air Ambulance. We were given information about the jobs of the people who work for the charity, the type of plane, and uniforms they wear. Last year, the London Air Ambulance helped 77 people in Newham alone.



**Next week:** Year 1 and some year 2 children will complete the phonics screening check (information emailed to parents separately). Please ensure any extra homework and reading is completed. Next week, we will be starting our new English unit about fishermen: what information do you already know?

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Pjamarama day! All children will have the opportunity to come into school in their Pj's and bring in their favourite book.

### Reminders:

PE kits should be in school on Monday.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunhat and sunscreen before they come to school.







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**KS2**

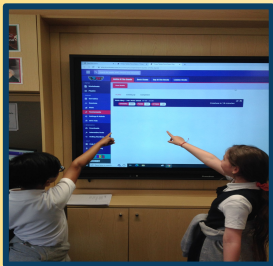
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Phase Leader & Assistant  
Headteacher: Mr. Dickey

## Lower Key Stage 2

### This week:

On Wednesday, LKS2 had a fantastic afternoon filled with times tables fun. Children were able to compete against each other on Times Table Rockstar (TTR). Badgers yet again proved to be victorious. We also had our very own 'Beat the Clock' competition.

We also enjoyed taking part in discussions around **World Empathy Day**. Some year 3 pupils created wonderful posters showing what empathy meant to them through words and drawings. We were able to explore the definition of empathy using synonyms and roleplay.



### Next week:

Children will begin their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Please ensure the children are well rested, have practiced and are confident to take part in the check. We will also have the results of our final 'Rock Battle' on TTR between Badgers and Foxes next week. Good luck everyone!

### Reminders:

The MTC will be carried out from Monday 12th June 2023. We have held parent meetings throughout the year to inform you about the test. If anyone would like more information, or has a question about your child's times tables attainment, Mr Dickey will hold a meeting in the school library at 8:45am on Monday 12th June 2023.

We will also be celebrating Pyjamarama on Friday  
- please come to school in pyjamas and bring your favourite book!





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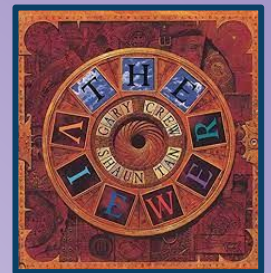
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## Upper Key Stage 2

### This week:

We have been focusing on writing in year 6 as we complete our final assessments. The book 'The Viewer' sparked lots of wonder and questions as we explored the images in detail and have been writing letters of advice in response.

It has been good to get started with our new topics, where we have started to explore **the history music** across the ages and have a go at being composers ourselves!



In RE, we explored **our school bible quote** aligned to our school vision:

'With God, all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26) and we were able to solve the impossible: getting an intact boiled egg into a glass bottle!

We were also visited by Rhiannon from the **London Air Ambulance** charity, who spoke inspiringly about the work of the air ambulance and inspired us to think about our own ambitions.

Year 5 Swallows had the wonderful opportunity to work with musicians from the **London Symphony Orchestra**. They spent time practising their composition ready to perform on the Barbican stage on June 19th.



### Next week

Some of our year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a **tennis competition** at Langdon school.

We will also be celebrating **Pyjamarama** on Friday - please come to school in pyjamas and bring your favourite book!



### Reminders:

PE kits should be in school on Monday

Swimming kits should be in school on Tuesday for Kingfishers and Eagles - it is part of the national curriculum so all children are expected to participate.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle, sunhat and suncream before they come to school.





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## Attendance

**Dragonflies 93%**

**Foxes 97%**



## Headteacher' Awards

**Wonder UKS2: Jack** for always asking questions and striving to further his knowledge

**Harmony EYFS: Reiha** for being a good friend to others and encouraging them to be proud of our space and tidy up our classroom.

**Compassion KS1: Elyssa** for always being a kind friend to others, showing care and thoughtfulness towards those in her class

**Strength LKS2: Eva** for persevering with her reading and moving up a level despite finding it hard.

## Mathletics

**Gold:**

**Silver:** Timeea (KS1) Maxim (LKS2) Victor (LKS2)

**Bronze:** Dominik (UKS2) Daria (UKS2) Tohfa (UKS2) Adriana (KS1) Tawhid (LKS2)

## 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



**Little Owls (Nursery): Vitoria** for her excellent construction work and learning collaboratively.

**Dragonflies (Reception): Ifra** for creating a fantastic model as part of her home learning.

**Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Mahdiya** for her lovely writing in English

**Butterflies (Y1): Jemimah** for her excellent independent piece of creative writing.

**Squirrels (Y2): Jude** for trying to make better choices and showing compassion to her friends.

**Hedgehogs (Y2): Yaryna** for embedding her learning into other subjects

**Otters (Y3): Maxim** for focusing on his work and showing he wants to improve.

**Badgers (Y3&4): Sergiu** for being an absolute rockstar with his times tables.

**Foxes (Y4): Angelica** for making incredible progress with her times tables and achieving her goals.

**Swallows (Y5): Zakariyah** for working his hardest in all areas and helping those around him when possible.

**Eagles (Y5&6): Raghif** for his improved attitude to learning

**Kingfishers (Y6): Emmanuel** for showing a growth mindset and working hard on his writing assessments