



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter 1
Autumn 1



Dates for your diary

17th - 20th Sept: Y5/6 residential to Bawdsey Manor

20th Sept, 12-3pm: Y1&2 Hot Potato sports competition

Friday 22nd Sept, 8:45-9:15am: Meet the teacher (EYFS, KS1 and LKS2) - please go to your child's class

Monday 25th Sept, 8:45-9:15am: Meet the teacher meetings for Doves, Swallows, Eagles & Kingfishers classes in UKS2

4th Oct, 12-3pm: Year 5&6 mixed netball

18th Oct, 12-3pm: Year 3&4 boys football

17th & 18th Oct, 3:30-5:30pm: Parent/Teacher Consultations

23rd- 27th Oct: Half term

30th Oct: Back to school

1st Nov: Year 1&2 Sportshall Athletics

8th Nov: Year 5&6 mixed hockey comp

13th Nov: Anti-bullying week

22nd Nov: KS1 Pantomime visit

22nd Nov: Year 5&6 Sportshall Athletics

18th Dec: KS1 Nativity - dress rehearsal

19th Dec: KS1 Nativity 10am, Christmas parties pm

20th Dec: 9:30am Christingle Service (tbc), Christmas lunch, 1:30pm end of term

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.

A note from the Headteacher

The start of this academic year has flown by and already we are in our third week. The children are settling in well, making new friends and building relationships with their new teachers.

We send our very best wishes to Mrs Nesbitt, our Family Support Worker, who has taken a sabbatical to care for her husband through a serious illness. Our thoughts are with you both.

Welcome to our new teachers, Miss Bhatia in Hedgehogs (Y2), Mrs Whitmore in Otters (Y3), Miss Uddin in Doves (Y5) and Ms Malik in Swallows (Y5).

We also welcome many new children including those in reception. We will do our very best to ensure you have the best time here at West Ham Church School and hope you will feel a valued part of our family.

Best wishes, Mrs James

Early Years Foundation Stage

This week:

This week pupils have been enjoying exploring our learning environment. Nursery and Reception have been exploring our classrooms and our garden by building obstacle courses, exploring capacity and measure in the water trays and constructing towers. Working together, sharing and conflict resolution is an important stage of a pupils early school journey and so we have spent a lot of time talking about the importance of sharing, using our words to communicate our feelings and playing collaboratively.

Our Wonder for this term is 'I Wonder Who I Am...' and we have been exploring this by creating self portraits, discussing what makes us special and unique as well as our similarities and exploring our interests. Your child could explore this at home through discussions about what makes them special.

Pupils have started their Reception Baseline Assessment, there is nothing to prepare for these assessments and are a governmental requirement for all pupils starting Reception. If you have any questions about these assessments please contact Ms Rice.



Next week:

Next week we will be starting our Phonics and English lessons, our text for this term is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and our sounds for next week are 's' 'a' 't' and 'p'. Our Wonder Question for next week is 'I wonder who is in my family...'

Reminders:

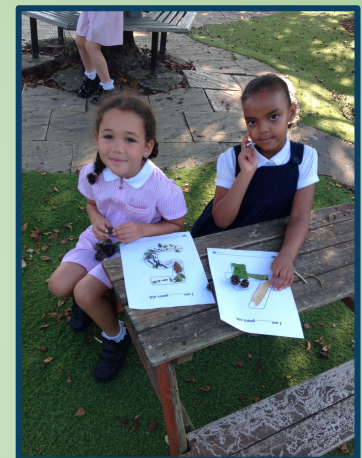
Children should be coming into school in their PE kits with their school uniforms in their PE bags, this ensures we can make the most of our learning time before PE lessons. Children will change into their school uniforms after their PE lessons. Changing independently is an important skill that helps pupils take ownership of their routine so please encourage your child to change independently at home to ensure they can do this at school.

Reading books need to be returned every Wednesday please.

Key Stage 1

This week:

In KS1 we have been settling back into our new learning routines. We have begun our new topics such as 'Number and Place value' for Maths. We will also be focusing on our mental arithmetic, especially looking at our number bonds knowledge this term. Within English we are focusing on the book 'Out and About', a book of poetry written by Shirley Hughes, we have enjoyed writing our own poems based upon being outside. We have especially enjoyed learning about the history of our school as it nearly the 300 anniversary! Don't forget to ask your child what new facts they know about the history of our school.



Next week:

We will be beginning our formal phonics lessons, please remember to complete any relevant homework given. Within history we will be using both primary and secondary resources to understand how our school has changed over time.

Reminders:

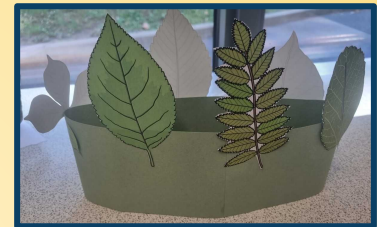
Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their names. All children should have their P:E kits and water bottles in school everyday.

Lower Key Stage 2

This week:

Children have really enjoyed getting back into school routines and have really enjoyed learning about the new topics this year. We are currently reading *The Comet* by Joe Todd Stanton. Children have begun to explore the concept of the books and the feeling of change when moving to a new place.

Children have been busy decorating our classrooms with some of their work. As part of our leaning for our history topic the children were able to explore the outdoors and create materials for a crown fit for a Druid.



Next week:

We invite children to bring in notes, props, toys, objects or photographs that will help them share stories or memories of home. We will be busy learning about our local area in Geography.

Reminders:

Swimming will continue for children in the Foxes and Badgers class every Tuesday. Please send your child into school with a swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel on Tuesdays.

The leisure centre has some rules which we must abide by:

- No earrings are to be worn
- Any religious necklaces must be taped down or removed
- Swimming costumes only – no bikinis
- Swimming trunks must be short and not knee length

All children **MUST** wear a swimming hat.



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KS2

Weekly News Page
Phase Leader & Assistant
Headteacher: Miss Shaw

Upper Key Stage 2

This week:

We have enjoyed getting stuck into our new topics and lessons. In English, we have started reading 'Suffragette', which links with our history topic and we are finding it really interesting to reflect on how people were treated in the past. In maths, we have been looking at place value and understanding how numbers are made up - even moving into tens of millions!

The weather has cooled and we have enjoyed lots of time outside in our PE lessons, dance sessions and playtime with our friends. Our play leaders have done a fantastic job of setting up games and activities to keep us busy and teach us new skills!



Next week:

Some of us will be off to Suffolk on our residential trip at Bawdsey manor, we hope the children and staff have a fantastic time - look for updates next week! Those staying in school will be completing a timetable of activities to promote teamwork and problem solving.

Reminders:

Please ensure that PE kits are sent into school on Monday ready for the week.

Those joining us on the residential, please be at school by 1:15 on Sunday 17th September.

Year 6 have received secondary transition booklets, please share with your child and ask if you have any questions!



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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



Little Owls (Nursery): Rheiss for the incredible harmony she displays in all her learning, and being an excellent example to others.

Dragonflies (Reception): Bhavishka for her excellent name writing and her positive attitude in class.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Felicity for being brave and trying hard during singing and sharing time.

Butterflies (Y1): Vjola for trying hard to support the other children in the class

Squirrels (Y1& Y2): Isak, for showing excellent behaviour and focusing on his work

Hedgehogs (Y2): Kristine, for being an excellent role model to her peers

Otters (Y3): Mya - Ann for settling into her learning quickly and calmly every morning.

Badgers(Y3&4): Isobel for always trying her best and being an exceptional role model

Foxes (Y4): Noah for showing excellent behaviour and consistently trying his best.

Swallows (Y5): Zayyan for making the most of learning time and showing a positive attitude

Doves (Y5): Besarta for always coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to work and being a great role model in class.

Eagles (Y6): Inayah for her effort and determination in completing class work

Kingfishers (Y6): Mihran has impressed with his thoughtful responses to discussions in lessons



Headteacher' Awards

Wonder KS1: Jemimah, for having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Harmony LKS2: Timeea has shown Harmony this week by setting a brilliant example for how to work well in pairs and always being willing to help other student with their learning.

Compassion UKS2: Cali-May has shown Compassion this week by always ensuring that she is helping other members in the class and working well with her peers.

Strength EYFS: Areej has been incredibly strong this week. She has made new friends and worked hard on learning new classroom routines. She has shown full participation during music.