# Ardeley St Lawrence Church of England Primary School and Nursery

**Head Teacher: Mrs. Barbara Young**

## Spring Newsletter Number 10

**Friday 10th February 2023**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been a quiet week for us in school, just hunkering down getting on with supporting the children's learning and trying to ignore the cold, chilly weather outside. In September, after looking at the children's writing, including with the Ofsted Inspectors, it was clear that as a school we needed to focus on developing the children's skill in learning to write at length, with independence. That is one aspect that the Teaching Team and I have been focussing on every day since then. This week has seen the children preparing for their 'go' at their big independent write that now takes place towards the end of every half term. This time it is on the theme of Easter. This week, the children have been preparing by learning in depth about it. I look forward to reading their independent writing over the coming week or two. You will get a chance to see it too when you attend the Parent Consultation evening, more about that below.

Thank you everyone for working with the school while we tried to navigate second guessing what the weather was going to be like and just how bad it might or might not be. Your flexibility has been much appreciated. We are looking forward to 'normal' weather returning next week and for everything back as usual. When I say everything - that is with the exception of the Wrap around Clubs! That saga seems to be one that is destined to run and run I am afraid. Sadly, there is nothing new to report, we are still actively hunting for someone to run these clubs. Until we can appoint someone, the provision for next week will be as follows:

| 13.03.2023 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Breakfast Club** | 8am – 9am | 8am – 9am | 8am – 9am | 8am – 9am | 8am – 9am |
| **Club Location** | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room |
| **Lead Adult** | Mrs Kerwan | Mrs Kerwan | Mrs Kerwan | Mrs Tilby-Baker | Mrs Tilby-Baker |
| **After School Club** | **3:20pm – 4:20pm** | **3:20pm – 6:00pm** | **3:20pm – 6:00pm** | **3:20pm – 4:20pm** | **3:20pm – 4:20 pm** |
| **Lead Adult** | Table top Games with Mrs Young | Creative Fun with Mrs Tilby-Baker | Creative Fun with Mrs Tilby-Baker | Creative fun with Mrs Tilby-Baker | Chill Friday! with Miss Sheldon |
| **Club Location** | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room | Middle Room |
| **Collection point** | Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room | Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room | Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room | Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room | Enter via front door to collect from Middle Room |
| **Alternative Club** | **Stevenage Football Club** | | | | |
| **Club Location** | **Field / Hall (if wet)** | | | | |

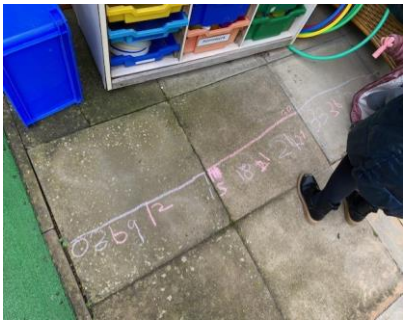
The usual fees for each club will apply. If you would like to use any of these provisions, please contact the school in the usual way.

Please note the **After School Club Mobile Number** for you to use when your child is attending an the After School Club out of hours, is **07592 730850.** Club Leaders will be reminded to have the mobile with them.

**Parent Consultations:**
Letters should have gone home this week about the Parent consultations due to be held on ***Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March***. Please can you get your replies into us by **14th March** so that we can book slots and get the confirmations out to you in a timely manner. Thank you. All of the 10 minute consultations will be held in the school hall, with your child's work available for you to view while waiting.

In next week's newsletter, I will be in a position to share detailed information about the staffing arrangements that will be in place after the Easter Holidays. Lastly, here is the latest news from the classes.
Kind regards,
**Mrs Young**

**News from Year 1&2**
Hello, another busy week for KS1!



In Maths, Year 2s have been practising counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. On Tuesday we made number lines outside showing how we count in our 3s. We have then been using these skills to work out our times tables. I was super impressed with Arthur! He knew that to work out 9 x 10 he could do 10 x 10 - 3! Arthur repeated this method for other questions ☺

In Design and Technology, the class have started to make their own moving vehicles with Mr Zeal. They created fantastic designs with Miss Weston last week and we are excited to see the final products!

Thank you for bringing in boxes for us to use at the end of term. We really appreciate your continued support.

Well done Year 1 and 2, another fantastic week ☺ Have a great weekend!

**Miss Weston**

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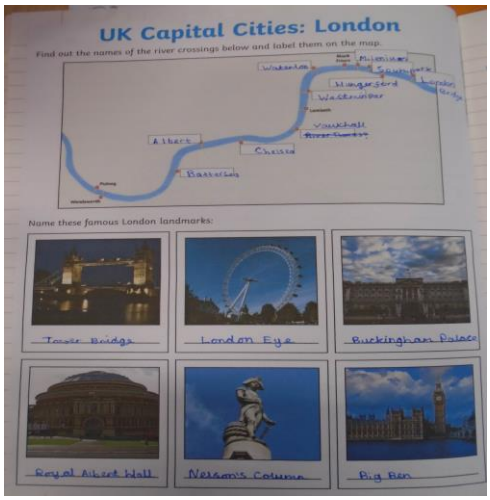
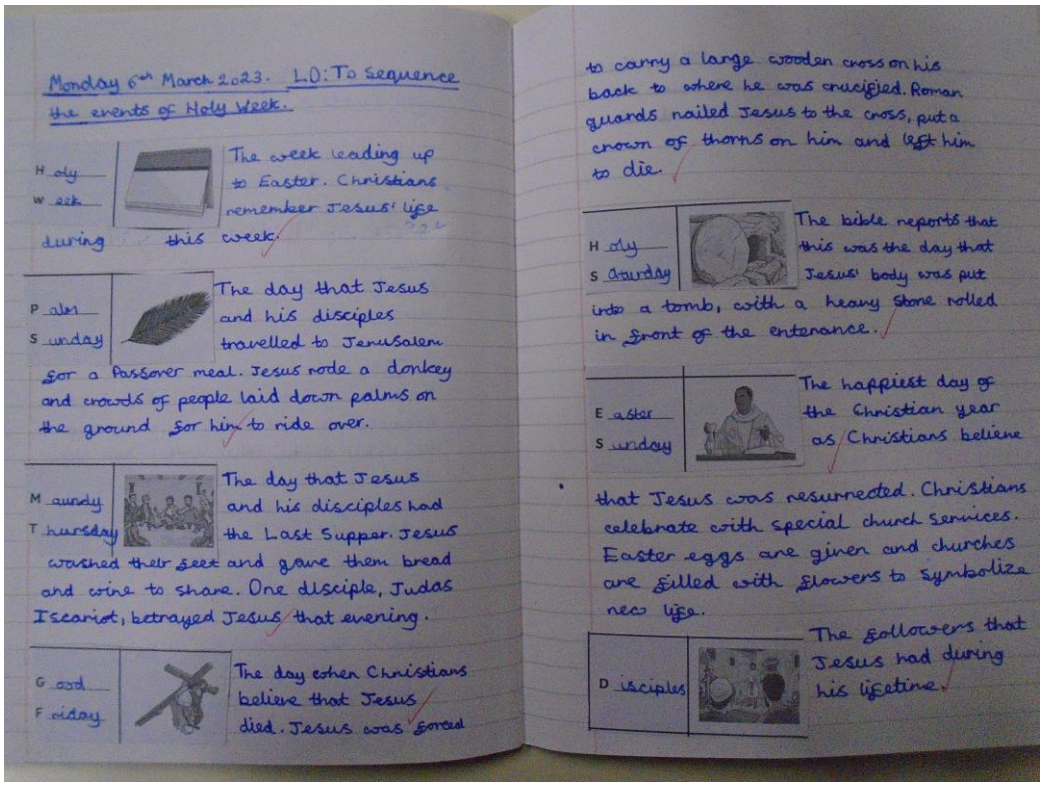
## News from Years 5 & 6

In the run up to Easter, UKS2 have been focussing on ordering the events in the Bible during this special time in the Christian calendar. In Geography the children have been creating a fact file on our capital city and are beginning to look at the other capital cities of the 4 UK countries. Our weaving is set up and on the way now in Art this term. This week we have been looking at exploring texture.





Monday 6th March 2023. LO: To sequence the events of Holy Week.

Holy Week — The week leading up to Easter. Christians remember Jesus' life during this week.

Palm Sunday — The day that Jesus and his disciples travelled to Jerusalem for a Passover meal. Jesus rode a donkey and crowds of people laid down palms on the ground for him to ride over.

Maundy Thursday — The day that Jesus and his disciples had the Last Supper. Jesus washed their feet and gave them bread and wine to share. One disciple, Judas Iscariot, betrayed Jesus that evening.

Good Friday — The day when Christians believe that Jesus died. Jesus was forced to carry a large wooden cross on his back to where he was crucified. Roman guards nailed Jesus to the cross, put a crown of thorns on him and left him to die.

Holy Saturday — The bible reports that this was the day that Jesus' body was put into a tomb, with a heavy stone rolled in front of the entrance.

Easter Sunday — The happiest day of the Christian year as Christians believe that Jesus was resurrected. Christians celebrate with special church services. Easter eggs are given and churches are filled with flowers to symbolize new life.

Disciples — The followers that Jesus had during his lifetime.

**Mrs Templeton & Mrs Kerwan**

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**News from Early Years:**
This week Early Years have been investigating nocturnal animals. They have created hedgehogs already and will also be creating foxes and badgers. They have also been looking at endangered animals and drew orang-utans using oil pastels. Didn't they do well!

Orang-utan Drawings by Lauren, Ella and Aurora

Mrs Yates has started an 'Easter Tree' with the class. The children have added their thoughts to it.

I am proud that Reception pupils can all complete subtraction sentences independently, using manipulatives. They have listened and worked hard to achieve this!

Enjoy the snow!

**The Early Years Team**

**News from Years 3 & 4**
So ends another fab week in LKS2! We have worked our socks off and written some fantastic nonsense poems! The children have loved making up new words which are completely ridiculous! Some of my favourites include 'discojally' (Seffie), 'Smatchalongthefloorbecauseihaven'tgotlegs' (Jacob) - imagine having a child with THAT name in your class!, 'falork' (Gabriel) and 'ookys' (Alex). A huge 'congratulations' if you can work out what those all mean!

We also made 'shadow finders' in science, looking at how shadows are cast by opaque, translucent and transparent materials. Some of the designs are very intricate and detailed!

Have a great weekend everyone!
**Miss Sheldon**

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**Indigo:**
**Y1 & 2** Toby Ballard
**Y3 & 4** None awarded Yet
**Y5 & 6** Daniel Daodu , James Goldsmith Steele

**BLUE:**
**Y1 & 2** Theo Brierley
**Y3 & 4** None awarded Yet
**Y5 & 6** Lillie-May Stapleton, Daniel Daodu

**GREEN:**
**Y1 & 2** Not awarded this week
**Y3 & 4** Ella Large, Rohan Ramana, Jacob Osbourne, jack Warburton, Gabriel Daodu, Seffie Farfar, Noah Hill, Hudson Streatfield, Isabelle Lavery, Chloe Wilkinson
**Y5 & 6** Not awarded this week

## *Star Readers of the Week:*

**Not awarded (Y5&6),Jack Warburton (Y3&4), Jess Betley (Y1&2), (EYFS) Sonny Long**

## *Star Writers of the Week:*

**Daniel Daodu (Y5&6) Rohan Ramana (Y3&4), Hailey Clarke (Y1&2), Annabelle York Priest Adeniji (EYFS)**

## *Star Mathematicians of the Week:*

**Hudson Streatfield (Y3&4), Arthur Ware (Y1&2), (EYFS) Aurora Baker (Y5 &6) Amelie-Rose Hill & Lillie-May Stapleton**

## *Star of the Week:*

**Y1 & 2 Poppy Lavery who always shows the Ardeley values of compassion, wisdom and respect**

**Y3 & 4 Isabelle Lavery**

**Y5 & 6 Not awarded**

**EYFS Ronnie Large**

**Head Teacher's Special Mention to**

**Leo Twiston-Davies and Daniel Daodu**

**Both of whom on separate occasions showed the Ardeley Values of Love and Compassion this week towards younger pupils.**

**Thank you from all at Ardeley School!**

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Bear Boxes have gone to: **EYFS**: Alex
**KS1:** Poppy
**Lower KS2:** Seffie
**Upper KS2:** Ayva
Happy Reading children!

*Happy Birthday wishes goes to :*

*Milo Adams*

## *What's Going On…*

| Date | Event | Time | Class |
|---|---|---|---|
| March | | | |
| 16.03.2023 | Mapping Memory Landscape Project | With some of Key Stage 1 & 2 | |
| 17.03.2023 | Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon | **2pm School Hall** | Whole School |
| 20.03.2023 | Year 5 & 6 Bikeability Course | All week | Year 5 & 6 |
| 21.03.2023 | Parent Consultations | **Letter in book bags** | Whole School |
| 22.03.2023 | Parent Consultations | **Letter in book bags** | Whole School |
| 24.03.2023 | Comic Relief School Council Disco | **3:20 – 4:30pm** | Whole School |
| 26.03.2023 | FAS Allotment Teamwork Tidy | **10 am – 5 pm** | |
| 29.03.2023 | Bishop Patrick visiting Ardeley School | **Morning only** | Whole School |
| April | | | |
| 03.04.2023 – 14.04.2023 | Easter Holidays | **School Closed** | Whole school |
| 17.04.2023 | Return to School | **School Open** | Whole School |
| May | | | |
| **08.05.2023** | His Majesty's Coronation Bank Holiday | **Closed All DAY** | Whole school |
| **09.05.2023** | SATS Week all week Tuesday to Friday incl. | **No holidays permitted please** | |
| **29.05.2023 – 02.06.2023** | Half Term Holidays | **School Closed** | Whole school |
| June | | | |
| 05.06.2023 | Return to School | **School Open** | Whole School |
| 24.06.2023 | FAS School Fete | | Whole School |
| **July** | | | |

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| **13.07.2023** | Transition Day | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **19.07.2023** | Last Day of School Summer Holidays start | **All Day** | Whole School |
| **20.07.2023** | Inset Day | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **21.07.2023** | Occasional Day | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **August** | Summer Holidays | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **NEW TERM DATES 2023-2024** | | | |
| **September** | | | |
| **01.09.2023** | INSET DAY | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **04.09.2023** | INSET DAY | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **05.09.2023** | School Open – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **October** | | | |
| **23.10.2023** | First day of half term | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **30.10.2023** | Last day of half term | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **31.10.2023** | Return to school – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **November** | | | |
| **24.11.2023** | Occasional Day | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **December** | | | |
| **21.12.2023** | Christmas Holiday Starts | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **January 2024** | | | |
| **04.01.2024** | Return to school – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **February** | | | |
| **19.02.2024** | Half term Holidays | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **26.02.2024** | Return to school – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **March** | | | |
| **15.03.2024** | INSET DAY | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **29.03.2024** | Bank Holiday & Easter Holiday | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **April** | | | |
| **15.04.2024** | Return to school – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **May** | | | |
| **06.05.2024** | Bank Holiday | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **27.05.2024** | Half Term | **School Closed** | Whole School |
| **June** | | | |
| **03.06.2024** | Return to school – Pupils | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **July** | | | |
| **11.07.2024** | Transition Day | **School Open** | Whole School |
| **19.07.2024** | Last day of school | **School Open** | Whole School |

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## Mental Health Support for Hertfordshire's Children and Young People

If your child or teenager is feeling low, anxious, or generally struggling, there are lots of services available to help them all year round. Please always encourage them to talk and ask for help if they need it.

The services listed on Just Talk's webpage are all free and don't need a professional referral, so they can be contacted directly by young people and/or their parents/carers. Services listed include Hertfordshire's new With YOUth Digital Wellbeing Service for ages 5-18, parents and carers and many more, so please take a look:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/mentalhealthsupportforhertsyoungpeope

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## PUPILS' CHOICE MENU

WINTER/ SPRING 2022/23

### WEEK ONE

Served Week Commencing:
• 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice | Pork Sausages with Diced Potato | Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing | Cottage Pie | Battered Fish |
| Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) with Crusty Bread | (Ve) Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread | Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes | Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta |
| CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) | CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) | CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap | CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll | CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich |

### WEEK TWO

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes | Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes | Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding | Beef Burger (V) | Crispy Coated Salmon |
| Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V) | Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) with Rice | Lentil Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta | Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta |
| CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich | CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll | CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap | CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) | CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) |

### WEEK THREE

Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pork Sausages With Diced Potatoes | Mild Chicken Curry with Rice | Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing | Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges | Fish Fillet Fingers |
| Cheese Pinwheel (V) with Diced Potatoes | Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V) Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta | Tomato Bolognese (Ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta | Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V) | Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta |
| CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) | CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll | CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) | CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap | CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich |

Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (Ve) = Vegan

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