



# Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

Newsletter – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Headteachers' Message

Here we are at the end of another very busy term at Warden House. It has been lovely to start to enjoy the lighter mornings and drier, brighter weather over the last few weeks. There have been lots of successes and exciting things going on over the past few weeks to report. Music continues to be a key theme. Our 'Rocksteady' band members did themselves proud last week as they performed in their second ever concert to friends and families. We could really see their progress.

We were also been visited by local trombone quartet "Old 'Bones!" who performed a special concert for the children. We also received a visit from a brass quintet from the Trinity Conservatoire in London who performed in a fantastic concert too. And just this week, our 'Bold As!' brass musicians took part in fantastic end of term concert at the Duke of Yorks' School alongside over 150 musicians!

Last week, I had the privilege of leading a special assembly to celebrate one of our Year 6 pupils who has completed the school's merit card scheme. Joel in Year 6 Pandas' class became only the second ever pupil at Warden House to fully complete our school merit card system. We are very proud of his achievements as this really is a significant milestone.

As we return to school for the summer term, children may begin wearing their summer uniform should they wish. Further details about this are available on our [school website](#). Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy Easter break.

Best wishes

Mr. Hackett

## Year 6 PGL Trip 2024

A large group of our Year 6 children attended PGL Windmill Hill this week. All had a fantastic time and achieved so much. For many children it was their first time staying away from home and it was amazing to see them grow in confidence during their time away.



The children took part in activities such as abseiling, zip-lining, archery, fencing, rifle shooting, 'Giant Swing; and much more. Thank you to the staff team who gave up their time to come along and support the trip. [Click here](#) to view a great video containing highlights of their time away.

## School Closed for Local Elections

Please don't forget that Warden House is **closed** to all staff and children on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** due to the local elections. Teachers will send home learning for children to complete at home on this day.



### Attendance and Holiday Requests

Please note that, as per our [Attendance Policy](#), we are unable to authorise any absences for family holidays during term time. If pupils are taken out of school on a family holiday, this absence will be recorded as "unauthorised" and a penalty notice is likely to be requested. We ask that our families continue to do all they can to ensure that children are in school, on time, every day. School attendance really does matter and makes such a difference.



Any requests for pupil absences from school must be made in advance and in writing prior to the leave being taken. Please note that absence from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

### Emailing out of hours

We would like to remind all parents that our school staff cannot be expected to respond to email messages from parents out of hours. In recognition of staff workload and wellbeing, we actively ask our teachers not to check emails during evenings and weekends. Should your message ever be urgent, please contact the school office who will be able to pass your message on to the correct member of staff as soon as possible. Thank you.



Should you ever have immediate safeguarding concerns regarding one of our pupils out of school time, please do not wait to contact the school. Parents can contact either the police in the case of an emergency, or refer to social services directly by calling 03000 411111 or emailing [social.services@kent.gov.uk](mailto:social.services@kent.gov.uk)

### Dogs on site

We would like to remind all families that dogs must not be brought onto school grounds. This is for hygiene and safety reasons. Ideally, please leave pets at home at drop-off and pick-up times.



As a last resort, dogs may be left tied up on the grass by the front gates. Thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.

### Vaping and smoking

Please could all parents and carers ensure that our school gates remain smoke and vape-free zones.



Several parents have commented recently that their children have had to walk through clouds of vape / smoke as they walk into school. We very much appreciate your support with this.

### Staffing updates

At the end of this term, we will be saying a temporary farewell to Mrs. Glinn as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best and look forward to hearing about news of her new arrival in due course.

Following interviews earlier this term, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Morton-Hooper to the staff team who will be taking over from Mrs. Glinn teaching Sharks class.



Following interviews last week, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Lynne Moore will be joining our team from September as Assistant Headteacher (SENCO). Mrs. Watson will remain in post as acting SENCO until the end of the school year.

### World Book Day 2024

We had a fantastic "World Book Day" celebration earlier this term. Our children (and staff!) had a great day celebrating the love and joy of reading by dressing up in a range of costumes and sharing our favourite books.



During the day, the children enjoyed a special assembly where they had a special visit from "Gangsta Granny" who read the story "A Hero Called Wolf" by Ben Mantle and Lucy Rowland. Children also took part in shared reading sessions working with children in other classes from different parts of the school. Thanks to Mrs. Bowyer for organising the day for our children. [Click here](#) to view a great little video clip.

### Great Fire of London in Year 2

Our Year 2 Children have been learning about "Who is the Greatest History Maker?" in their history lessons. As part of this work, they have been exploring the Great Fire of London and the work of Samuel Pepys.



Here is the children's recreation of the Great Fire of London – using Tudor houses that they made at home.

### Marvellous music at Warden House

We have had a range of exciting musical events at Warden House over the past few weeks.

#### Old 'Bones Concert

Earlier in the term, we were visited by local trombone quartet "Old 'Bones" who came in to play to the children. Led by local musician Graham Harvey, the quartet entertained the children with a lovely concert during their assembly.



#### Trinity Conservatoire Visit

We were fortunate to receive a visit from a quintet from the Trinity Conservatoire in London. These incredibly talented individuals came to visit through our ongoing links with Deal Music and Arts. Following the concert, the musicians stayed and led a workshop with our Year 5 and 6 Bold As! Brass musicians.



#### Rocksteady Concert

Last week, the parents and friends of our "RockSteady" band musicians were treated to a special concert sharing their learning over the past term. It was lovely to see the growth in children's confidence and ability since their last concert in December.



## PTFA Updates

### Wonka Bar competition

On behalf of our PTFA, I would like to say a huge "Thank you" for your support for the recent Wonka Bar initiative. It was a great success and was a lovely accompaniment to our World Book Day celebrations. There was a real buzz around the school with some great prizes on offer for the children



### Sunflower Challenge

In recognition of "National Downs Syndrome Day" the PTFA have invited children to participate in a 'Sunflower Challenge' and have provided each child an envelope with five sunflower seeds inside. A growing guide for the children to follow is also included. We would love to see lots of photographs in the Summer of your plants in bloom. The PTFA will be providing prizes for the 'Best in Bloom'.



Look out for the Sunflowers growing around the school in the coming months too. Thank you to Mrs. Luck for her hard work in promoting this.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who has supported our end of term annual Easter Egg Hunt too. Hopefully the blustering weather didn't dampen the children's enjoyment!



## More marvellous music!

Our Bold As! musicians were invited to take part in a special concert at the Duke of York's Royal Military School on Tuesday evening alongside children from five other schools and the local White Cliffs Symphonic Wind orchestra. We are lucky to be able to provide weekly free brass lessons to all of our Year 5 pupils as part of the Bold As! brass project led by musician Phil White.



For many of the children this was their first concert performance and it was a great opportunity to perform with so many other musicians on the same stage as well as hearing a range of music from a fantastic local group.

## Parental use of social media

We love social media at Warden House but please remember, if you have an issue with any aspect of your child's life at school, please tell us first. Hearing about an issue publicly on social media always makes those it affects feel really let down. Be sure to raise any issues directly with school staff; we will then make sure we look into the issue with the care and sensitivity it deserves.



Use of parental social media groups (such as Whatsapp groups) can seem like really useful forums, however these can potentially become problematic, particularly if parents choose to name individual children or staff within these groups. At times, this can cause unintended safeguarding risks.

Help us to continue to make Warden House a great place for your child to live and learn and carry on being wise about your posts on social media. Thank you.

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## Term Dates 2024-2025

Term	School Days	Start Date	End Date	Bank Holidays that fall within the term
1	35	03/09/2024	18/10/2024	
<b>Two week half term holiday - 21/10/2024 to 01/11/2024</b>				
2	35	04/11/2024	20/12/2024	
<b>Christmas Holiday – 23/12/2024 to 03/01/2025</b>				
3	30	06/01/2025	14/02/2025	
<b>Half term holiday – 17/02/2025 to 21/02/2025</b>				
4	30	24/02/2025	04/04/2025	21/04/2025
<b>Easter holiday – 07/04/2025 to 21/04/2025</b>				
5	23	22/04/2025	23/05/2025	05/05/2025
<b>Half term holiday – 26/05/2025 to 30/05/2025</b>				
6	38	02/06/2025	24/07/2025	

Staff Training Days
<i>Children do not attend school on these days.</i>
30/08/2024
02/09/2024
04/07/2025

*Please note that Warden House is classified as a polling station and is likely to be closed to all staff and pupils in the event of a local or general election. In this instance, pupils will be set work to complete remotely at home. We do not yet have confirmation of when these dates will be during this school year.*

Term 5 PE Timetable	Year R and KS1	KS2
Monday	Year 1	Year 6 & Year 4
Tuesday	Year 2	Year 3 & Year 5
Wednesday	Reception	Year 6
Thursday	Year 2	Year 4
Friday	Year 1	Year 3 & Year 5

## Key Dates

### Start of Term 5 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Tennis Lessons at Marke Wood (Foxes Class)	Every Friday during Term 5
Deal Learning Alliance Art Competition for the RNLI deadline	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9am
Polling Day-School Closed to All for local elections	Thursday 2nd May 2024
"Sing to Save Lives" - choir concert at St. George's Church in aid of the RNLI	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 5pm
"Spectacular Sportathlon" Whole Day of Sports for All Children	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June .
Year 1 Phonics Screeners	From Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Swimming for Year 4 Zebras and Sharks	Every Tuesday (See separate letter)

### End of Term 5 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Start of Term 6 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

Tennis Lessons at Marke Wood (Starfish Class)	Every Friday during Term 5
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024
Swimming for Year 6	Every Thursday (Details tbc)
Exhibition Evening	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
Whole School Transition Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Year R and KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (pm)
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (pm)
Year 6 Show Dates	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
End of Year Reports sent home	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### End of Term 6 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 2pm

# Menu - April - October 2024

<div>Whole School Meals</div> <div>REAL FOOD FOR REAL ENERGY</div>		Week One	Week Two	Week Three
		15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/07, 15/07, 07/09, 23/09, 14/10	22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 09/09, 30/09, 21/10	29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 16/09, 07/10
Monday	Option 1	Battered Chicken Steak	Margherita Pizza	Tomato Pasta
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets	Vegetable Curry Pasty	Roasted Vegetable Frittata & Pasta
	served with	Potato Wedges Baked Beans & Peas	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas	Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Tuesday	Option 1	Sticky pork and Pineapple Pitta	Beef Bolognese	Chicken Tacos
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Pittas	Veggie Bolognese	*Veggie Tacos
	served with	Rice Sweetcorn Salad	Pasta Carrots & Green Beans	Rice Carrots & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Iced Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Shortbread Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy
	Option 2	*Cheesy Leek & Potato Pie	Vegetable & Chickpea Tart	Quorn Sausage & Gravy
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Lemon Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Thursday	Option 1	*Pizza Pinwheel	Sausage Roll	Beef Meatballs
	Option 2	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Veggie Sausage Roll	Meatless Meatballs
	served with	Crushed new Potatoes Coleslaw & Cucumber	Pasta Salad Coleslaw & Mixed Salad	Pasta Broccoli & Mixed Vegetables
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Oat Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cornflake Tart Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Golden Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers
	Option 2	*Cheese Puff	Veggie Nuggets	*Pizza Whirl
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly
<div><div><div>VEGETARIAN</div></div><div>Suitable for Vegetarians</div></div> <div><div><div>VEGAN</div></div><div>Suitable for Vegans &amp; Vegetarians</div></div> <div><div><div></div></div><div>Contains Fish</div></div>		<div>All items are subject to availability</div> <div>Bread , Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal</div> <div>All Items with * can be made Vegan Friendly</div> <div><a href="http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk">www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk</a></div>		
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