And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.' John 13:34-35

## Dear All.

We are at the end of term 4 and it has been a fun-packed term with lots going on for all the children. Some of my highlights this term include, seeing the children excited for going on their class trips, watching the children play at playtimes with the skipping ropes and hoops and taking the whole school on our Easter walk this week. All of these moments make me so proud to be the headteacher of Woodford Valley.

As you know, we have now joined Pickwick Academy Trust and I would personally like to thank the staff and governors for all their support and hard work during this transition time. We are excited to start our new chapter with Pickwick and know it will bring support and opportunity to our school.

As Easter approaches, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter and hope you get to spend time with your families and enjoy the lovely weather.

Best wishes,
Donna Young

Our Value this term is **Trust.**We have read the Easter story and thought about the trust that Jesus had in God.

Prayer for Easter:

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to die for us and for raising him from the dead. We celebrate the joy of Easter and the hope that Jesus's resurrection brings.

Help us to live our lives in a way that shows we believe in him. Amen

Peacemakers

The children voted for someone who they thought is a good peacemaker, the

results were:

KS1 Jocelyn

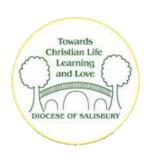
KS2 Rennay

### Attendance

Our attendance for the whole school is currently 96.3%-we are above the national figure of 94.8%. Thank you for your support with this-let's keep going this way next term!

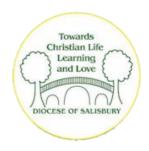
Ensuring the well-being of our children is a shared priority, and mental health plays a crucial role in their overall development. To support you in nurturing your child's mental well-being, there are a couple of websites below that offer guidance, tools, and support.

www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/www,youngminds.org.uk



# PTA Coffee Morning Our friendly PTA hold a regular Friday morning coffee morning straight after drop off. Everyone is welcome -enjoy a coffee and a chat.





Dates for your diary
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Return to school
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> MayDurnford to Hooke Court
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May- VE day

celebrations Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Yr 6 SATS week Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May- Yr 1 Food tech

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May- Online Safety workshop for parents to attend Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Mini- Marathon Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May- Sports day and display afternoon

starts

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Break up for Halfterm

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- TD day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Return to school





Thank you!
We would like to thank the PTA for the Easter egg hunt this week-we had lots of very happy children. Also, thank you for supporting the cost of transport for swimming in Yr 3.
We are very lucky to have such a great PTA.

# **Upper Woodford class trip to Hampton Court Palace**

Hampton Court Palace was a memorable trip for everyone to enjoy. We saw the kitchens (massive), great hall, the eavesdroppers and much more!!! It was a colossal space. The gardens were extraordinary, the trees were shaped as toad stools. We even saw where Henry viii played tennis. We are very very grateful that we got to go. It was amazing! We were so sad when we had to go we wanted to explore the whole palace.

By Freya and Emily Yr 5

Fun fact
They drank melted chocolate and called it drinking chocolate before later it became hot chocolate!

Fun fact
The Chapel Royal is still owned
by the King!



# GO RED FOR RED NOSE DA

Thank you for your donations and for sending in cakes for the cake sale.

We raised £300 for Comic Relief! FRIDAY 21 MARCH



Lower Woodford visited the Hawk Conservancy near Andover.
They had a fantastic time watching the birds of prey.





Lake Class went for a visit to Salisbury library and market. They loved going on the coach!

# Online Safety Updates

As we are all aware, the digital world is forever changing and we want to work together with you to keep our children safe whist online. The websites below can give you guidance and tips of how to keep your child safe when online. We are holding an Online Safety Parent workshop on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm in the school hall.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

https://www.internetmatters.org

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety /#advice

