



# Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

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## TRAFALGAR DAY 2023

At Wouldham All Saints Church of England School we celebrate one of Wouldham's most famous residents, Walter Burke. His grave is at Wouldham Church and each year the children from the school remember his life and the Battle of Trafalgar on 21st October (this year celebrations takes place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October). Please send your child into school with a small flower to lay on the grave – a cut flower from your garden will be fine.

Below is a little bit more information for you about Trafalgar Day from the Royal Navy website:-  
"Each year on 21 October a ceremony is held on board Victory marking the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, a battle which defined the Age of Sail and which sealed British dominion of the seas for a hundred years. Britain's wealth, prosperity and status as a nation on the world stage still owe much to the courage and skill of the crews of the British ships and their great leader, Admiral Lord Nelson, that momentous day off Cape Trafalgar".

Walter Burke was a serving senior officer on board HMS Victory in the Battle of Trafalgar and reputedly held the dying Nelson in his arms.

We hope that the children will enjoy taking part in carrying on the Wouldham tradition of remembering and celebrating the life of Walter Burke and the Battle of Trafalgar. If you have any questions then please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Yours Sincerely.

Mrs V Baldwin  
Head Teacher