

Wenlock Autumn Term 2 Newsletter



'With God's love, we are lights for the world.'

Next Terms Value is:
PERSERVERANCE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's the end of a long but hugely successful autumn term. We would like to take this opportunity to pause and reflect on our children's excellent learning and experiences over the past few months.

This term has been full of engaging learning activities, community events, and a celebration of our Pupils' achievements.

Academic Achievements

Many children have excelled in their studies, and we proudly celebrate their hard work. Isabella stands out for being nominated for her Ghost Story at the Luton Irish Forum writing competition, and Rey has attended Boosters every week without fail. This term, he saw the fruits of his labour in his mock SATs. As a whole school, we are well on the road to advancement, as we had a successful monitoring visit from our school improvement partner this term, who said she could see the progress we have made in terms of children speaking about their learning (oracy), their presentation in their books and the recall of knowledge. Thank you for all the home learning and homework that all feed into these improvements.

School Events

We enjoyed our harvest festival, where the Y5s showcased their talents and raised funds for the Luton foodbank. The Nativity at St Mary's was beautiful this week, and Y3 should be very proud of speaking so confidently and singing so well in front of a packed church.

Sport and Music

Valia, Poppy, Cleopatra, and Ayana from the choir have been chosen to represent the trust at the Church of England conference next term. They have already had rehearsals at St. Barford's, Manshead, and St James' schools. We were all extremely proud of the Y6 football team, which made it all the way to the county finals and came third.

Community events

We were blown away by the support from all of you at Winter Wonderland last week. We raised £1400 which we will use to improve our playground as part of the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) project your child may have spoken about. Thank you to Ms Dessou who volunteered to make pancakes, which were a huge success.

Educational experiences

The school council visited Westminster to see the Houses of Parliament. We are growing our leaders of the future at Wenlock, and we could well have a prime minister in our midst. Y3 visited Celtic Harmony, and I had never seen so many smiles. It was great when they got off the bus after a long day. We were lucky enough to have Panto come and perform in school, which led to our Writing, so the children had a first-hand experience on which to base their ideas. And finally, Y6 had their first transition event when they went to QES to see Elf the Musical, spotting many alumni!

Looking Ahead

As we break for the holidays, we want to remind you of the importance of continued reading and educational activities at home. Please encourage your children to explore new interests and keep their minds active during the break. We also want to express our gratitude for your support and involvement throughout the term. Your commitment to your children's education truly makes a difference.

I wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with happiness and laughter. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year on Tuesday, January 7th, ready for more adventures in learning!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Ms Burke

Ms Olivia Burke
Head Teacher (DDSL)
DSAMAT Cluster Education Leader

KEY DATES

- Friday 20th December Last day of term 1.45pm finish – **If you wish for your child to stay later then booking into After School Club is essential.**
- Monday 6th January 2025 Staff INSET day, school closed to children
- **Tuesday 7th January 2025 School re-opens to children**
- Tuesday 7th January – Friday 10th January Reading Quest Assessment Week
- Wednesday 9th January 2025 Welcome back Coffee Morning, 9.00 – 10.15am

Only 51% of Wenlock Parents have signed up to Study Bugs. We would like the take-up to be 75% by Easter.

Please download the Study Bugs app via the link below if you have not already done so.



Before and After School Clubs

Please go to page 16 for details of the before and after school clubs provided by Kids Zone. Mr Clarke will be offering Dodgeball club on a Monday:

Y3/4 Before School from 8.00 - 8.30am

Y5/6 After School from 3.40 - 4.30pm

This will be available to book on Arbor from 6th Jan 2025.

Thank you for the amazing boats that you produced for the value of Trust. We loved seeing them.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Stellar who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 98.21%

The attendance for the whole school was 93.9%

Our School target is 97%



**Believe and Achieve Winners for Autumn Term 2024
for the full list of winners and nominees please go to:**



<https://www.wenlockacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=32>



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Our Learning

English

In English our focus text has been 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. As a class we have focused upon the descriptive language used in the text. We have built on this making our own characters and settings come alive!

Maths

In Maths we've looked at multiplication and division. With a focus on our three and four times tables! We have learnt all about sharing and grouping.

Religious Education

This half term we have looked at Judaism and its similarities and differences to Christianity. We looked at the story Abraham and how he features in both Christian and Jewish teachings.

Science

In Science we have continued with our unit on Animal Nutrition and Skeletal systems. We have made a plan for our first enquiry and our all excited to carry this out!

Well done!

I can't believe how quickly our first term has gone! I would like to say a huge well done to all of Alpha class for their fantastic attitude to learning! I have really enjoyed being your teacher. After the holidays, Miss Asad, will take over whilst I complete my six week placement. A meet the teacher event will take place on the first week back after the Christmas holidays. I will return to Alpha class in Spring 2. Until then I wish them the best start to the new year! Keep up the excellent work!

Matias:

My favourite thing this term has been doing cooking in Design Technology!

Azmat:

I've really loved PE this half term. Dodge ball is fun!

Sofia

I loved playing different instruments and making beats in music!



Omega Class Newsletter

Highlights...



"My favourite part of this half term, was raising money by wearing non-school uniform"- Maya

"I loved learning how to play basketball, I like shooting!"- Callen

"I like basketball because I like shooting the ball in the hoop"- Setrah

"My favourite highlight is making new friends because new children have joined our school. Our teachers are really kind"- Deqa

"My favourite thing to learn this year so far is English because I loved writing a newspaper report"- Faizah

"My favourite is when we learned how to mix colour by painting our hands and shaking hands with our friends"- Nedah

"My highlight this year has been playing football with my friends"- Andrew

"My highlight is playing with my friends and writing stories in English"- Sara

"I have enjoyed learning the Christmas production"- Eliseo

"I enjoy PE because we get to play basketball"- Michael

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Maths and English

In Maths, we have been learning about multiples, sharing and grouping, multiplying and dividing. "We learned about our multiples of 3 and 4"- Vaibhav. "We have learned about adding and these number facts will help us with our multiplication and division"- Dario. "We have learned about number facts from 1s, 10s and 100s"- Aiden.

In English, we have learnt the story of Kassim and the Greedy Dragon and have been developing our skills of writing newspaper reports. "We were taught how to write a non-fiction newspaper report, it was fun!"- Ola. We do hot writes and cold writes which shows up how much progress we have made"- Elson. "We learned how to use adverbs within a sentence. An adverb has to end in 'ly' and you use it to describe how someone or something is doing something. An example of an adverb is, 'intentionally'"- Momoo.

Christmas Production

We are performing a Christmas production for the school at the church. "We have been learning songs and sign language for our Christmas service"- Sofiya. "I like being a shepard"- Rayyan. "I like speaking in the mic"- Adhiraj.



Science



In Science, we have been learning about animals nutrition and the skeletal system. "I loved learning about the Cranium. The cranium is also known as the skull and it protects our brain"- Andrew. "We did a water experiment. We had to try and drink water as if we did not have an elbow joint. We all got soaked!"- Orla. "We learned about bones. Our rib cage protects our heart and lungs"- Nedah

We are very proud of the progress that each and everyone of you have made this term. We cannot wait to begin the Spring term with fresh, new brains and lots of love for learning. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas filled with happiness, love and festivity.



From all the grown ups in Omega!

Genesis

With God's love we are lights for the world.



It has been an incredibly busy half term of learning for us in Genesis class! The children are adapting to the changes that were made and try their best to be eager, respectful and safe on a daily basis.



The children had a blast on the trip to Celtic Harmony. It was a great excursion to bring their history learning to life.

"Wow! This place is so cool!" - Mason.

"It's like how it was in the Stone Age!" - Maria

"We made kale soup for the tribe." - Nico

In Maths, the children have been improving their addition and subtraction skills, clearly identifying when an exchange is needed. They have really impressed me with their sharing skills in division work. They are currently learning their 3, 4 and 8 times table.

In English, the children have been innovating and writing their own newspaper reports and stories. They have been introduced to personification and have tried hard to use vivid vocabulary to bring settings and characters to life. Their retrieval and inference skills have improved in Guided Reading, however, it would be great to have more children reading at home on a daily basis.

Through Science, the children have developed their enquiry skills by investigating whether children born in the summer have better balancing skills. The children used their knowledge of bones and muscles to help them.

In RE, the children have learned a little about the Jewish faith and the similarities in the stories of the Torah and the Bible.

Many children have been inspired to cook in the kitchen after trying their hand at cutting, peeling and chopping different ingredients. The children evaluated that the Ratatouille was a success!

The children have worked hard in our Nativity performance and we hope that you enjoyed it! We hope that you have a fabulous time over the Christmas break and we will see you in 2025!

AURORA

Autumn 2 - written by the class



ENGLISH

We have focused on one main text for two different genres of writing, The old warehouse. We began with a suspense narrative and have also used this as a model for our diaries. We have looked at past tense, show not tell and expanded noun phrases to add detail to our writing. We also have used similes as another way to describe.

MATHS

This half term we have focused on our multiplication and division facts. We have looked at patterns within our 3,6 and 9 times tables and how they link. We then moved on to our 11 and 12 times tables. We looked at strategies such as partitioning to help us work out unknown facts. We need to ensure we are now working on our speed by practising on TTRS daily!

TOPIC

Isabella- I've liked DT lessons because we got to cook hummus and it was really good. We got to chop vegetable such as carrots and celery.
Shivaansh- I've liked Geography because we get to learn about different continents like North and South America.
Melvin- I've liked PE. In dodgeball we have learnt different grips like the cup hold. In basketball we have looked at dribbling and different throws.

RE

This half term we have been studying the Trinity and the different ways its represented through the Bible. We have focused a lot on imagery and art work and also looked at the Nicene creed and the Grace to understand where it comes from and how it is used.

HOMEWORK

Homework has continued to be brought in and put on our homework display during this half term. It has been fantastic to see all of the creative and research based homework. Don't forget to keep up your minutes on Lexia, TTRS and Ed Shed over the holidays.

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English:

This half term we have looked at suspense story writing and a diary entry.

The children have made toolkits and looked at the underlying patterns of a story to support their own writing

Maths:

The children have been looking at multiplication and division as well as recapping their learning from the first half term.

We would like to stress that children should be logging on and completing their tt rockstars for 15 minutes daily.

Science:

We conducted an experiment to see the effect of different liquids on the enamel of our teeth, using eggs, we discovered that Orange juice rots the teeth and diet coke stains the teeth more than regular cola

The children have been looking at sound this half term. They have learned how we hear sound and how sound travels.



HISTORY:

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IN DT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT HEALTHY SNACKS AND MADE OUR OWN HUMMUS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE PRACTISING TT ROCKSTARS 10-15 MINUTES DAILY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS.

VESPER CLASS

NEWS



Maths

In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We learnt our 1-12 times table and division facts, as both number and word problems.

We have also taken part in learning about bar models and have completed daily challenges on them to help build our understanding.

Please do continue to play TTRS at home daily.

DT

In DT, we have been exploring food packaging and looking at the important features found on them. We made hummus and all had a go at blending the ingredients and chopping carrot and celery sticks. Some of us even tried it. We then reviewed our hummus and designed a sensible food packaging adding annotations highlighting the important features.



Home learning

We have created some beautiful Viking longboats and have been working hard on Lexia.

Please continue working on and playing TTRS, Lexia and EdShed over the holidays.

Lunar Class

How quickly has this term flown by?! The children have worked so hard and we are really proud of them. They have explored many different areas this term. Lets find out more...

In English, we have been working hard on finding features in setting descriptions. Children have then created a class toolkit with these ideas and examples found in stories so that can use them later. Some areas include, relative clauses show not tell, exciting vocabulary and different sentence types. They took time to “have a go” before planning their very own setting descriptions as well as edit and improve as they go along

In Math, the children have smashed their learning on fractions. They were able to add and subtract fractions and convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. They have powered through and we are so proud with their resilience even when they found it tricky.

This term, we were lucky enough to have a whole day workshop where children had the opportunity to create their very own aircraft. They spent some time testing them out in the playground before planning and designing their very own aircraft for STEM superstars to see.

In DT, children have been exploring pneumatics and how they work. They used various tools to experiment and worked in groups to create a pneumatic system. We were impressed with their fantastic communication skills and how well they worked together.

We are so proud of how hard the children have worked and we cant wait for them to come back ready and eager for next term. We wish everyone a safe and much deserved break, seasons greetings and a happy new year! :)



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

SOLAR CLASS



DANGEROUS DODGEBALL

In PE we have learned about how to play dodgeball. In dodgeball we have two teams one on each side. We have really enjoyed playing matches and working on our accuracy!

REMARKABLE R,E.

In RE we have discovered all about Jesus as the Messiah in the religion of Christianity. We even had a little help from Mother Anne when we visited St Annes!

ENCHANTING ENGLISH

In English, we have learned how to create a fascinating suspense story, which fill your mind with curiosity and excitement. Step by step instruction texts that unlock a world of possibilities and setting descriptions allowing your mind to visualise what is going on.



MAGICAL MATHS

This half term we have been learning about fractions and Miss Jackson has been telling us how awesome we are! We now know all about fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions - ask us!

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE

In Science, we have looked at the Solar System including planets, the Sun Moon and Earth, We know that the Moon orbits the Earth, which is tilted on its axis. - the orbit takes almost a month! We also know that the Earth orbits the Sun, that takes 365.25 days!



Stellar

We have read over five million words this term! We have worked through the Science unit 'Earth and Space', and completed our learning on the Shang Dynasty in History. When we return in the new year, we will complete 'Taotie' in Art.



**Class Reader:
Cosmic**

"It's starting to get interesting. We haven't finished it yet." - Lena

**Ask Me to spell:
Parliament and Government**

'Road to Riat' is a virtual workshop, making sustainable aircrafts for the RAF.
"I thought I wouldn't like it but it was really good." - Isabella

Maths VS English

This half term we have been learning about Fractions. We have learnt how to add and subtract Mixed Number and Improper Fractions. We will start Multiplication and Division after Christmas.

In English we have been learning about instructions. We also 'recounted' an event in a diary entry. We have used personification and adverbials of time.

"I liked Parliament week because we had a big debate. It was about having school four times a week instead of five." - Zidan

"We had a snow day - I was very happy because I haven't seen snow before. It was very cold, next time I will get a pair gloves." - Skylar

"We decorated our classroom for Christmas and we have an Elf. The Elf has been everywhere. My favourite one was 'The floor is lava'" - Alejandro



Road to Riat



Nerf Guns in PE



Snow Day

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English

This term, the children have been working exceptionally hard in their writing. They have written some fantastic persuasive letters using creative ideas and a range of grammar.

This term

In DT, children have had the opportunity to use a menu to create a dish of their own.



SATs Practice

Children have sat their mock SATs this term. They have shown improvement on their pace and becoming more confident answering the questions

In Music, we have explored different film soundtracks and interpreted the meaning behind them. We also have strated to create graphic scores for different pieces.

Things to look out for

Next term, we will be holding a SATs information evening to provide more details about the upcoming SATs. Please keep an eye out on Arbor in January, where we will post more information.

Arboreal Class

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English

In English, we focused on developing our character writing skills by using The Highwayman as inspiration for our own character narratives. We constructed our own toolkits to create an engaging character and magpied ideas from The Highwayman to learn how to write from different character perspectives.

Science

We have finished our circulatory system unit by investigating heart rate and the effect exercise has on it. After that, we have enquired how different choices including food types can affect the body.

DT

During DT, we have explored whole foods and their benefits and the differences between these and processed foods - we made bread to help us compare. We also designed and made a healthy whole food meal (fresh pasta sauces) using our knowledge and DT skills to cook and evaluate.

Maths

In Maths we have focussed on fractions, exploring calculations using fractions, finding fractions of amounts and problem solving with our fraction skills. We have finished this half term by exploring measurement, how to convert metric measurements and use these when solving more complex problems.





AQUARIUM CLASS

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What We Learned

English In our English lessons this half term, we have written letters to complain about the climate crisis. We have also created narratives where we focused on the development of characters.

Maths

We have spent a lot of time this half term focusing on fractions. We have worked hard to find equivalent fractions, along with fractions of amounts.

Science

This term we have focused around the human body and how we can keep healthy. We have looked at exercise and the way this affects heart rate.

RE

We have focused on the Christian unit of 'What Would Jesus Do?' This has focused around key Christian beliefs and how they link with the stories in the Bible.

Wider Curriculum

In History, we have looked at the Slave Trade, including the abolition and the processes that this took. We have also studied how history has affected the way people live today in Britain.

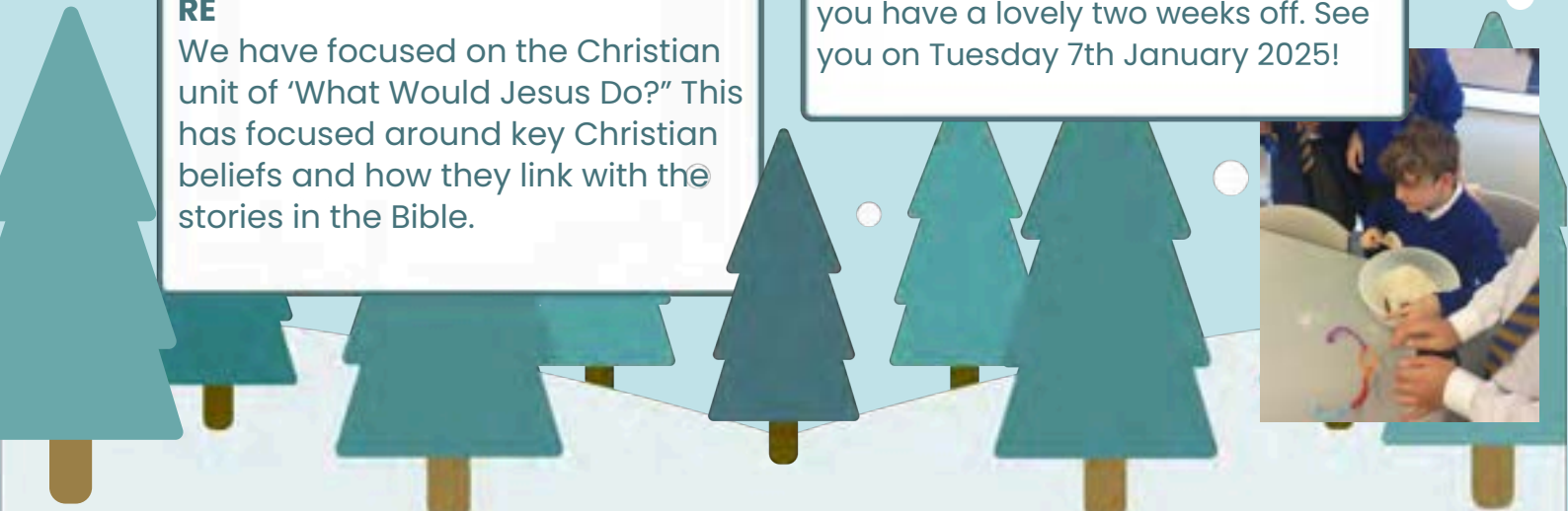
We also spent DT planning and cooking a healthy meal.

Miss Collins

In January, we will be joined by Miss Collins, who will be teaching Aquarium class, with the support of Miss Anderson and Mrs Ayres.

Merry Christmas

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas / Winter Break. We hope you have a lovely two weeks off. See you on Tuesday 7th January 2025!



After School Clubs Spring Term 1 2025 Football & Multi Sports

TFG will be running a choice of 3 after school clubs during the Spring Term 1 - 2025 at **Wenlock CE Academy**.

Football – Fun dribbling, passing, shooting, and defending games, matches and more! *(Held outside each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside)*. **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat. Shin pads and trainers must be worn.**

Multi Sports – Different activities each week including; chasing games, handball, archery, hockey, outdoor dodgeball and more!
(Held outside each week; in the event of bad weather we will host indoor activities inside). **Please pack suitable outdoor clothing; joggers, jumper, trainers, coat.**

Tue: Football Year 3 & 4

Who for: Year 3 & 4 (20 spaces)

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dates: Tue 7th Jan – 11 Feb (6 weeks)

Cost: £24.00 – book online tfgcamps.com

Wed: Football Year 5 & 6

Who for: Year 5 & 6 (20 spaces)

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dates: Wed 8th Jan – 12 Feb (6 weeks)

Cost: £ 24.00 – book online tfgcamps.com

Thurs: Multi Sports Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Who for: Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (20 spaces)

Time: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Dates: Thurs 9th Jan – 13th Feb (6wks)

Cost: £24.00 – book online tfgcamps.com

How to Book

Please visit www.tfgcamps.com to book. With our system you can create a 'parent account' allowing you to manage all your bookings and payments online. You will have the option of making payments via credit/debit card.

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Reception Class
to
Year 11

Catch up Flu Vaccination clinics

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
JUST WALK IN!**



Luton Irish Forum

102 Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 0ES

Monday 23rd December
10am to 2pm

Dallow Road Community Centre

234 Dallow Road, Luton, LU1 1TB

Thursday 2nd January
10am to 2pm

For queries call 0300 555 5055

Smiley Sam and Santa

VISITING

Poets Estate
1 December

Hedley Rise
7 December
Quantock Rise
8 December

Whitehorse Vale
14 December
Barnfield Ave
15 December

Wardown
Crescent
21 December

Blakeney Drive
2 December

Cromer Way
9 December

Kirby Drive
16 December

Lalleford Road

Strathmore Hill Rise
3 December

Avenue
3 December

Buckingham Drive
4 December

Ashwell Avenue
5 December

Northwell Drive
6 December

Birdsfoot Lane
10 December

Limbury Mead
11 December

Turnpike Drive
12 December

Chard Drive
17 December

Austin Road
18 December

Leamington Road
19 December

Holford Way/
23 December

Stopsley
24 December

Bushmead Farley Hill
13 December

20 December



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