

Spring Term 1 Newsletter

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



Next Half-Terms Value
is:
Justice

Dear Team Wenlock,

As we reach the end of the Spring term 1, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and progress we have made as a school community. It has been a busy and productive term, filled with learning, growth, and exciting activities.

Our pupils have once again demonstrated their commitment to our core vision of becoming lights for the world in a host of different ways. Throughout the term, we have seen exceptional work across all year groups, with children engaging enthusiastically in both academic and extracurricular activities. I am particularly proud of the collaborative spirit shown during our recent Heritage Day, highlighting our school's great diversity and helping everyone understand that our differences make us a stronger, more vibrant school and community. Our choir has been especially busy this half term, with four children selected to be part of the Diocese of St Albans Multi Academy Trust choir singing at the national conference in London as well as the whole choir attending Young Voices at Wembley. Both the boys' and girls' football teams have played in tournaments, with our boys coming runners up in the County boys final and the girls competing within 6 different fixtures to which they gained their first 2 tastes of victory. Sportsmanship was shown by all that attended.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events planned for the remainder of the Spring Term. Please mark your calendars for our Parent-Teacher Meetings, Believe and Achieve awards and Easter service at church hosted by Year 4 (see the dates for the diary section), where we will have the opportunity to celebrate our children's achievements together and strengthen our school community bonds.

As always, the well-being and development of our children remain our top priority. We continue to provide a nurturing environment that supports both academic excellence and personal growth. I encourage all families to maintain open communication with our teachers and pastoral staff, ensuring that we can work together to support each child's individual needs.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic children for their hard work and commitment this half term. Your efforts are what make Team Wenlock such a special place to learn and grow. Let us continue to inspire and support one another as we move into the half next term before Easter. You never know, but we might actually get to see some sunshine soon!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Ms Burke
Headteacher



KEY DATES

- **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February - Half Term Holiday**
Children return to school on Monday 24th February
- **Monday 3rd March** - Wenlock Book Week, children can dress up as a favourite book character on Friday 7th March
- **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March** - Parents' Evening - BOOKINGS OPEN SOON VIA ARBOR, please note that Alpha Class Parents' Evening will take place after the Spring holiday.
- **Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March** - Science Week, see poster for further information
- **Friday 14th March** - Y3 and Y4 PE Enrichment Day
- **Tuesday 25th March** - Year 6 children to attend Chiltern Academy, Spring Musical - Frozen
- **Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March** - Year 5 residential trip - PGL
- **Friday 28th March** - Easter Disco, further information to follow
- **Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April** - Year 6 residential trip - CYE
- **Tuesday 1st April** - Easter church service - 9am start. Year 4 parents are warmly invited to attend
- **Wednesday 2nd April** - Believe and Achieve awards, Y3 and Y4, 9.15 - 10.15am - further information to follow in due course
- **Thursday 3rd April** - Believe and Achieve awards, Y5 and Y6, 9.15 - 10.15am - further information to follow in due course
- **Monday 7th April to Tuesday 22nd April** - Easter holidays - school closed
- **Wednesday 23rd April** - Children return to school

Wenlock CE Academy Parent Questionnaire

Dear Parents/Carers, we would love to get your input to improve the school experience for you and your child. Please complete the questionnaire via the link below:
[Wenlock CE Academy anonymous parent questionnaire](#)
Please complete by the 1st April at the latest.

Attendance

Our attendance figures are getting much better, well done!

Congratulations to Vesper who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 99.23%

The attendance for the whole school was 96.29%

Our School target is 97%





WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2025

WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

Wenlock Book WEEK

3rd - 7th March

• *Monday*

**Tea, Coffee,
Cake and
Books**

2.00 - 3.30
Come and enjoy a book
with your child (and
some yummy treats)

• *Tuesday*

**Book
Tasting**

The children
will sample
new books.

• *Wednesday*

**Ultimate
Character
Champion
Battle**

Whole School
character battle
competition

• *Friday*

**Dress up
day**

Dress up as your
favourite book
character or come
to school in your
PJS.

• *Thursday*

**Top Hats &
Potato
Characters**

Art & Craft activity -
sign up on Arbor





The school choir attended the 'Young Voices' concert at Wembley Arena with thousands of other pupils from other schools. During the day, they rehearsed together for the first time, creating a vibrant collective experience. In the evening they performed with special guests, including MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize, and Souparnika Nair to their parents. It was a fantastic experience that the choir will never forget.



Alpha

Happy
Valentine's
Day

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Volcanoes are our new favourite natural disaster and we can tell the differences between an explosive eruption and an effusive one.

In English, we have been writing instructions on how to capture dangerous creatures in creative ways. I am so impressed with the use of adventurous vocabulary in their writing.

Through Science, we have been exploring the different forces in the world by carrying out different investigations. With a collection of shoes, we were able to measure the amount of frictional force between them and smooth and rough surfaces.



In RE, the we have been learning about why Guru Nanak was such a good religious leader in Sikhism. We compared what Guru Naka was like at school with ourselves and wrote prayers to help us with our learning.

In Music, we have been improving our singing as a group technique by learning some Viking Songs.

We are working very hard on our presentation and showing high quality homework pieces in Collective Worship. We hope that you have a lovely half term break and enjoy Valentine's Day!

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In PE, we learned a dance routine to the soca song "Volcano" and displayed some great formations.

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OMEGA CLASS NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

I have enjoyed playing hockey in PE! My greatest strength is dribbling- Orla
I loved learning about online safety and creating a poster all about this- Neil
My best highlight this half term has been when I created a template for my anommite- Momoo
My biggest highlight has been printing and sculpting a fossil in Art- Sara
My biggest highlight was using shells to print different patterns- Faizah
My favourite highlight was when we made the anommites out of air-dry clay- Rayyan
I was really proud of myself when I become school counsellor, I was very excited when I achieved my goal-
Deqa
My biggest highlight was learning how to cheerlead in our PE sessions- Sofiya

ENGLISH AND MATHS

In English, we have been learning a new text called 'How elephants got their trunks'. The children have been created their own versions of the story, some writing about a ferocious and flesh-eating T-Rex, while others have been writing about a crocodile without teeth. It has been great to see their ideas blossom with high-quality adjectives and the skill to include direct speech, correctly punctuated with inverted commas.

In maths, the children have been learning multiplication and division and how these operations link. We have just started a new unit and have been experimenting with measurement. The children have enjoyed measuring items using M, CM, and MM, and even converting measurements!



SCIENCE AND RE

Across this term in science the children have been looking at the impact of contact and non contact forces. The children have carried out their own investigations behind the differences between a push and a pull source. We have also looked at how to measure the force using a force meter. In RE, the children have been learning about Christianity and Judaism. The children have loved exploring The Promised Land and how this relates to God's ten commandments. The children have really developed their skills of making links to our school values and what this means for those who believes.



GEOGRAPHY AND ART

In Geography this term, the children have been exploring the features of volcanos and discovered the different layers of the earth. The children have had the opportunity to use the longitude and latitude to identify the locations of different volcanos.

In Art this term, the children have been exploring the use of different shading techniques to highlight the details of different life objects. Following on from this, the children have then explored how to then form the basic form of this object within the form of a motif. We have then created prints and moulded our final motifs.

ALINA CLASS NEWSLETTER

THIS HALF TERM

ENGLISH:

We have been continuing to use Talk 4 Writing this half term and using a suspense text for our own hot write and we are currently creating an information text.

MATHS:

We have been learning about multiplication and division as well as perimeter.

ART

We have been looking at Landscapes. The significant artists and the use of viewfinders.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we have been looking at Mountains and the use of topography in maps.



REMINDERS

The register is marked by 8:55am daily.
Please ensure you are arriving on time each day.
Attendance expectations are 97%

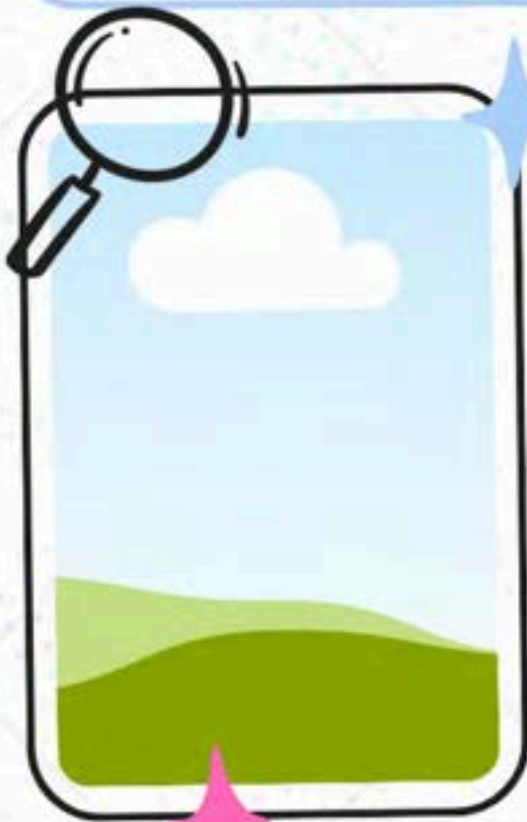
Aurora

Maths - Umar

I really loved doing Maths this half term doing our unit on multiplying and dividing. I really liked doing the column method and using a part whole model.

English - Cleo

I enjoyed learning about different genres in English. I like innovating our persuasion text - The School of Wizardry.



Poppy - PE

What I liked about PE lessons was learning the different moves in hockey like dribbling.

RE - Kairo

I liked learning about Hinduism and what dharma is. I like learning about different religions



Music - Ayleena

We were learning about ostinato rhythms, dynamics and tempo. We had to play together to keep in time.

Isabella - Art

I enjoyed Art because we learnt how to draw landscapes of different mountain scenes.



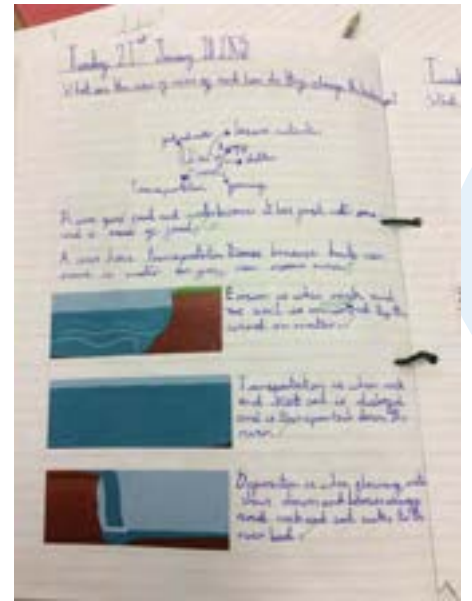
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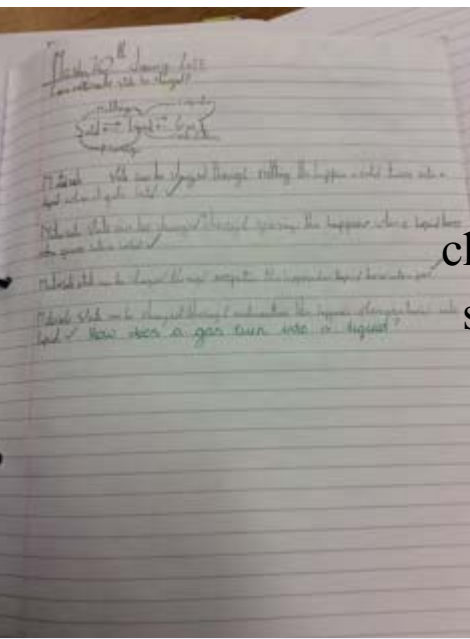


In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have learnt how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, as well as how to multiply and divide 2 and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

In English we have been learning the art of persuasive writing, exploring the key features that make a text convincing and effective. By applying these techniques, we've written our own persuasive texts, putting our new skills into practice.



In our Geography unit 'Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers' we have learnt about the journey of a river from its source to its mouth and discovered how this process shapes landscapes. We have also begun to learn about mountains studying their distinctive features such as peaks, valleys and plateaus.



In our Science unit 'States of Matter' we have been exploring the states of matter along with their characteristics and particle theory. We have conducted several scientific investigations to observe how water transitions between states. To end our unit we formulated our own learning questions and experimented with methods to see how the melting process of ice can be sped up.

LUNAR CLASS

I enjoyed the Art lessons because I learned how to shade - Alisha

I like and have enjoyed fractions in Maths because I find it easier to solve a problem - Kunmi

I really like computing because we learned how to screen record - Anumta

I love the Art lessons because I like continuous line drawings - Maryam

I have enjoyed computing because I have learned how to screen record - Jack

I have enjoyed Talk for reading and exploring the *Goblin and the Nymph* - Soraiya

Geography has been fun because I have learnt about the different types of farming such as arable and pastoral - Ayaan

Writing an action story in English - Kodi

P.E has been great and we know the hand jive and new dance skills - Gabby

In French, we have learnt about weather and how to say what the weathers like - Tianna

I have enjoyed learning about Judaism and how they worship - Laiba

I have enjoyed computing as we taught Year 3's how to use Lexia - Zahara

I have liked PSHE because when we were discussing, I liked to hear what people want to be when they are older - Hayden.

What a great half term it has been! Children have really focussed on their learning and have worked so hard. My highlight was when they created fantastic pieces using playdough to represent Sabbath and the be kind assembly which taught the children the importance of being kind not only to others but ourselves. Have a fantastic break!



SOLAR NEWSLETTER

ENGLISH

In English, we discovered how to construct an explanation text. Our model ambitious vocabulary, so we have learned multiple new word such as phenomenal and meticulously, we are now starting to use these n our own writing. We are looking forward to writing about our own machines!

Kaitlin & Zayne

MATHS

We have been learning about fractions, such as equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. We are now using this to help our knowledge of decimals. At the moment, we are loving decimals as its easy to understand.

Hoor & Jack

PE

Every Wednesday we have been doing hockey with Mr Kent, looking at how to control the ball and the rules of a hockey match. On a Thursday we have been looking Rock 'n' Roll dancing and creating our own hand jives. We have found it challenging but fun!

Ayan & Omeliah



ART

In art, we have been looking at pencil techniques such as shading, stippling and smudging. We have tried painting with ink and continuous line art in style of Pablo Picasso.

Zara & Abdullah

STELLAR

HERITAGE DAY

This half term, we had a 'Heritage Day'. We dressed up in clothes from our various cultures. We discussed food, shared recipes and dances and as a class we completed a census.

"I liked learning about other people in my class" - Faizan
"I liked the discussion about different foods and recipes" - Nicholas



REFLECTION

"This half term the value was Perseverance. We started the term by taking a vote on different goals that we wanted to Persevere in. I wanted 100% attendance." - Ayaan

"I wanted to practice my Maths." - Aisha

We have been working hard on our reading. As a class we have managed to read eight million words.

Ask me to spell: **Marvellous, Language and Vegetable**

Class Reader: **Wonder**

This half-term we have loved reading the book 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio.



ENGLISH VS MATHS

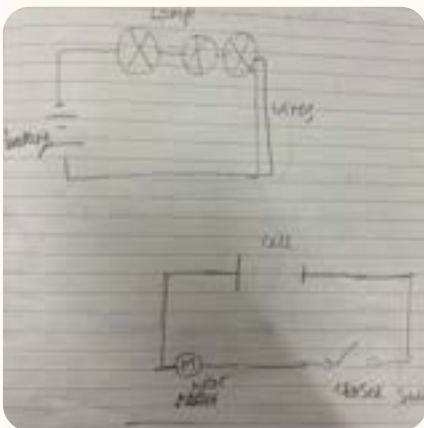
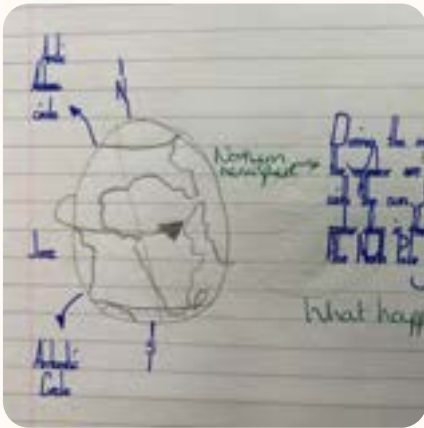
This half-term in English, we have been learning to write a Warning Story. We worked together to build a toolkit of success. We are currently writing an Explanation text. This half-term in Maths, we have been learning more about Fractions. We have learnt to multiply a fraction with an integer. In the new half term we will move onto Decimals.



Have a great half-term break!
School resumes on Monday, 24th February 2025.

Aquarium - Spring Term 1

This term Miss Collins joined us from Chiltern Teaching Group on her placement. Miss Collins has been a wonderful asset to Aquarium class, teaching the children a variety of lessons. We will fondly remember her dance moves from PE in particular. Good luck Miss Collins for the remainder of your teacher training. We hope to see you again soon!



Maths:

We have worked hard in Maths this half term to learn all about ratio, algebra and begin our work on decimals. We have linked this to our prior learning on fractions and the four operations to help us successfully solve problems in these areas.

English:

In English, we have been writing our own warning stories based on the story of the Caravan. We have looked at how we can manipulate our words to add detail and description. In Reading, we have been studying the poem *Overheard on a Salt Marsh*.

Frozen Kingdoms:

In Geography, we are looking at the climates and environments in the Arctic and Antarctic. We have considered how the position of the different continents affect how the animals in these environments need to adapt to survive, as well as how Polar Day and Night is created.

Science:

In Science, we have been looking at electrical circuits, using the scientific symbols to identify and create circuits for different purposes. We have also been using Microbits to create different electrical devices.

Arboreal Class

SPRING TERM 1 2024/2025

English

In English, we focused on developing our description writing skills when building a warning narrative. We explored ways to create interesting settings to add to the tension in our stories.

We have also begun writing information texts on animals affected by climate change within the Frozen Kingdom, linking to our Geography topic.

Maths

In Maths we have learnt how to solve problems involving ratios by scaling shapes and using our number knowledge to explore the relationships between numbers. We then moved onto to learning algebra. For us this was a big, scary step but we soon realised that algebra isn't as difficult as we thought it would be! Our abilities to use algebra to solve equations have been growing amazingly!

Art

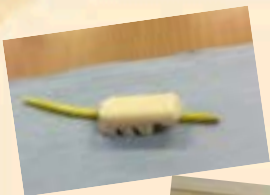
During Art we have learnt about the Inuit way of life, including some of their cultural and artistic traditions. These included carving (which we practiced on soap), printing and exploring the Enchanted Owl. We then applied our skills to create our own stencils to print our own Art inspired by Inuit culture.

Science

In Science this half term, we have explored electrical circuits and their components. We began by reminding ourselves of the electrical circuit components and how to draw them, we investigated how cell voltage impacts parts of our circuits and finished off by programming a light sensor.

Notices

With SATS quickly approaching it is important to remember that being in school is key to your success. Please try to be in school every day to get the most out of your learning!



AVIARY NEWSLETTER



English

This term, the children have been working very hard writing their warning stories, really thinking about their description to further enhance. They have started their writing an information text on different animals in the Polar regions

This term

In Art, Children have had the opportunity to explore Inuit and experiemtn with their different Art styles.



Maths

In Maths this term, the children have looked into ratio and tackled the dreaded Algebra. They've challenged themselves well in their learning.

In Geography, the children have been studying the Frozen Kingdoms. They have looked and explored many different areas, for example the different climates and the wildlife that lives there.

Message from Mr Di Marco

Next term is our final run before SATs, we need the children in as much as possible as we will be having a focus on SATs revision as well as there usual lessons. Every day missed will widen a gap in their knowledge.

SCIENCE FAIR



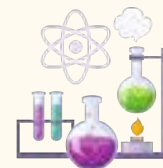
See what everyone has been up to, take part in interactive Science displays, share your curiosity with your peers and adults.



PARENT DROP INS

Share some fun experiments with your parents where they join you in your classroom!

EXCITING EXPERIMENTS



Take part in loads of experiments throughout the week, exploring the theme: Change and Adapt.

WENLOCK'S SCIENCE WEEK

MONDAY 10TH - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025



WHOLE SCHOOL INVESTIGATION

Join the whole school in a data collection investigation and share what information you have gathered from your class.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS



Explore pivotal people and moments in the ever changing landscape of science, engineering and technology.



JOB IN STEM

Meet some adults who work in jobs where Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are key to their roles.



Family Hubs Communication Boards FREE Launch Events Half Term 17—20 February 2025



Be the first to come and see our brand new Communication Boards in Luton Parks. The team will demonstrate how to use the amazing boards and all their benefits. Enjoy fun family activities with Flying Start including sensory story time and a park trail adventure



Day/Date	Next to the playground in:	Time
Monday 17 February	Official Launch in Wardown Park, LU2 7HA	10.00-10.45am
Tuesday 18 February	Hockwell Ring Park, LU4 9HY	10.00-10.45am 1.30-2.30pm
	Lewsey Park, LU4 0PF	10.00-10.45am
Wednesday 19 February	Luton Memorial Park, LU1 3RP	1.30-2.30pm
	Brantwood Park, LU1 1JJ	10.00-10.45am
Thursday 20 February	Leagrave Park (near Marsh House) LU3 2SR	

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