



End of Term Newsletter

Autumn term 2

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KEY DATES

- **5th January - TEACHER TRAINING DAY, CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL**
- **6th January - Children back to school 8:30**
- **12th January** - Meet the teacher (**Alina only**) with Miss Treanor
- **10th February** - Year 3 & 4 Movie Night, 3:45 - 5:30pm £3.50 - pay on arbor
- **11th February** - Yr 5 dance workshop
- **13th February** - Bikeability Learn2Ride - Year 5
- **13th February** - 5 & 6 Movie Night, 3:45 - 5:30pm - £3.50 - pay on arbor
- **16th - 20th Feb HALF TERM**
- **23rd Feb - INSET day - school closed to children**
- **27 February** -Yr 5 Space Centre Sleepover, 6:00pm
- **28 February**, 9:00am collection from space center Yr 5
- **2nd - 6th March** - Book Week (6th dress up day)
- **9th - 13** - Science Week (13th Science fair)
- **20th March** - Red nosed day
- **27th March - LAST DAY**

P.E SCHEDULE

Omega: Wednesday & Friday
Alpha: Wednesday & Friday
Vesper: Tuesday & Thursday
Alina: Tuesday & Thursday
Aurora: Tuesday & Thursday
Stellar: Wednesday & Thursday
Lunar: Wednesday & Thursday
Solar: Wednesday & Thursday
Aquarium: Tuesday & Friday
Aviary: Tuesday & Friday
Arboreal: Tuesday & Friday



ATTENDANCE

The school's attendance this term was **94.45%**

- Aviary: 96.8%
- Alpha: 96.62%
- Vesper: 95.97%
- Lunar: 95.59%
- Aquarium: 95.54%
- Stellar: 94.47%
- Arboreal: 94.12%
- Solar: 93.9%
- Omega: 91.91%
- Aurora: 91.83%
- Alina: 91.78%

Merry Christmas





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Dear Wenlock Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we've achieved together and to share some important staffing news with you.

Welcoming New Members to Our Team

I'm delighted to introduce two wonderful additions to our Wenlock community who will be joining us in the new term:

Mrs Waite will be joining Lunar class as Mrs Khatun's maternity cover.

Miss Treanor will be joining Alina's class as their full-time teacher.

Both Mrs Waite and Miss Treanor have already visited the school and met some of our pupils. They're looking forward to getting to know all of our children and families, and I know you'll join me in giving them a warm Wenlock welcome when term begins.

We celebrated Miss Anderson this term at the Pearson National Teacher Awards, where she came away with the Silver award. We are very proud of this achievement as it is much deserved.



In the new year, Miss Anderson will become Mrs Clark as our very own Mr Clark and Miss Anderson tie the knot, we wish them all the very best for their special day.

This term recap

The Autumn term is always a busy one as we set expectations and targets for the year and ensure that all our children understand the three school rules: Be Eager, Be Respectful, and Be Safe. Our Year 3 children and new starters have all settled beautifully and are busy making lots of progress as are the rest of the year groups. Our ambition this year is that every child leaves Wenlock as a confident reader. Thank you to everyone who supports at home, encouraging reading. We were delighted to have 9 word millionaires this term (an improvement on this time last year). The recall of times tables is another area where we need your help, encouraging children to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a key skill for high school and beyond.

The addition of the swimming pool this term has been an overwhelming success, with all of Y4 and Y6 having small group lessons as well as some other targeted groups. This is such an important life skill that we will be investing in getting the pool back next year as well.

3 members of the school council attended the Luton council's meeting and spoke confidently about what they hoped Luton would be like in the future.

Wenlock has been recognised as a Bronze Award Rights Respecting School. We started our Rights Respecting journey this term and have already evidenced the criteria for the Bronze level. We will now be working with the children on the silver level, which involves the children understanding more about the impact of their rights and the rights of others.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the new term, we remain committed to providing the excellent education and nurturing environment that your children deserve. Our Year 5 children will be off to the space centre for their residential next term, and bikeability starts too.

Next term will be our next big push before the SATs and Y4 times tables check. Thank you for all the support with homework at home.

Thank you for your continued support of Wenlock CE Academy. I hope you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas for those of you that are celebrating and a restful break to all, and return refreshed for the exciting term and year ahead.

Ms Burke - Head Teacher



Christmas dinner day!



Farewell And Welcome



ALPHA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025

What We Learned

English

In English our two units have focused on the tale of the Old Warehouse. we have learnt how to write a suspense story and a recount.

Maths

In Maths we have been working on multiplication and division this half term. Learning how to group and share!

Science

Our Science learning this half term has been all about sound! We have explored how sound is made, the anatomy of the ear and carried out investigations using instruments.

RE

In RE the children have been exploring the Holy Trinity and the impact this has on teaching and prayers within christianity.

Well Done!

I think all the children deserve a hug,e congratulations for all the fantastic effort they put into their Nativity Service!

Thank you parents in your support in watching and learning lines!



What We Learned

DT

in DT this half term children have been designing and making their own healthy packaged snacks!

History

In History children have loved learning about invasion in Britain exploring famous battles such as the Battle of Hastings in 1066! They got to bring their learning to life during our invasion day.



OMEGA NEWSLETTER

OUR LEARNING

Maths

In maths we have been learning about multiplication and dividing. We have looked at 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s. We have learned how to divide by sharing into groups or using our times tables facts.

English

In English we have written a suspense story, using skills like repetition. We are currently working on writing diary entries using fronted adverbials.

History

We have learned more about the Middle Ages including lots of interesting facts about Vikings! We have learned about the battles and fights for land between groups.

DT

In our food lessons, we have explored how to keep food safely stored and packaged. We have also designed our own packaging and made rainbow fruit skewers. They were yummy!

Science

In science we have been learning about sound. We know that sound is created by vibrations and that sound waves can tell us about the loudness and pitch of the sound.

RE

In our RE lessons we have continued to learn about Christianity. We have explored Christian beliefs about the Holy Trinity.

Geography

In our Geography we have learned about the tropics. We have also explored features of North and South America.

PE

We have had lots of fun learning all about cheerleading. We have made routines using our skills and have moved in time to the music.

ALINA CLASS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Our Learning

English

This half term we have written our own suspense stories and worked hard to produce diary entries. We have looked at the different ways that we can play with language and written features to add detail and description to our writing.

Maths

We have been working hard on consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction, before moving on to look at multiplication and division. We are working hard to learn our times tables and are enjoying the TT Rockstars website to support this.

History

What a fun way to end our learning all about the Vikings and Invasion! We ended the term with our own Invasion day, taking part in a variety of fun activities that encompasses everything we have learnt.

Science

In our sound topic, we have looked at how sound is made. We have used different instruments to observe the vibrations of sound and how pitch and tone can be amended.

D.T.

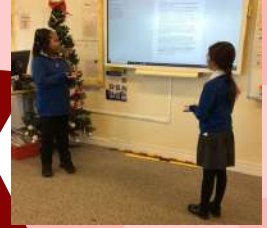
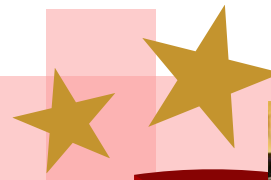
The children have been working hard in these areas. We have been looking at food packaging and what we need to think about when designing their own packaging. They were very good with understanding what packaging to use and what would work well to keep food fresh.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Thank you for all your support this term.

Miss Gavin & Miss Anderson

Meet the Teacher

From January, our new class teacher will be Miss Treanor. She will be holding a Meet the Teacher event on Monday 12th Januar 2026 at 3.45pm.



Aurora



Core subjects

English

We have looked at both narratives and diary entries this half term both with a suspense theme. The children have enjoyed thinking about their settings and using lots of toolkit ideas such as repetition to create their own versions.

Maths

We have spent most of the half term focusing on our times tables. We have been using rolling numbers to help our recall and working on representations and spotting patterns.

Science

In our Sound unit, we have been making links with our music lessons. We have looked at how sound is made, how it travels and how to change the pitch. The children have enjoyed being hands on and learning through activities.

Reminders

The children need to be reading daily and quizzing, using Lexia and using TTRS. We have a times table check later in the year

History

We have been continuing our Invasion unit, looking at the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We have compared the different ways of life and looked at where they came from and settled. We finished our unit with a Invasion day. Lots of us dressed up in different costumes and we took part in a range of activities. Some of the children's favourite's were Archery, Sword fighting and digging for artefacts in the sand. Thank you for your support and help in creating their costumes.

RE

We have been learning all about the Trinity this unit. The children have looked at symbols for different elements of the Trinity, baptism and the use of water. They have used art, prayers and discussion to support their learning.

Computing

Through Purple Mash, the children have been using animation software to learn how to create their own. They have enjoyed investigating the different tools and effects in their own short animations.





VESPER CLASS NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025



What We Learned

English

We began the term by looking at and writing warning stories with suspense. We have been reading a great book called 'Step Father Christmas' and have also written a diary recount.

Maths

In Maths this term we did some work on measuring area. We also worked on multiplication and division strategies as well as recapping addition and subtraction strategies

Science

Our Science learning over the term has been about sound. We learned that sound travels in sound waves, we learned the parts of the ear and did some practical work around changing the volume of sound.

Well done!!!

To all the Vesper children for being great sports during Invasion day and really making the most of the activities.

Also, a big thank you to parents for helping to get the children ready for this.

What We Learned

D&T

We looked at food preservation, food packaging and then designed and made our own packaging. We also made and ate hummus with veggie sticks!

Hlstory

For History we have studied the topic of Invasion, with a focus on the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. We looked at how they lived and compared to life now.



STELLAR NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2

Maths – Fractions

In Maths, the children have shown brilliant progress in their understanding of fractions. Ask your child about fractions at home—you might be surprised at how much they can explain!

English – Diary Writing

In English, Year 5 have been working on their hot write diary entries. The children produced fantastic pieces of writing, filled with detail, emotion, and excellent vocabulary choices.

Science – Earth & Space

In Science, we have been learning how the Earth rotates and why the Moon appears to change shape. One of the highlights was our Oreo Moon Phase experiment, where the children used cookies to model each phase of the Moon.

NSPC Workshop

We were also visited by NCPC, who delivered an excellent workshop about children's rights and staying safe. Year 5 were engaged and showed a strong understanding of their rights throughout the session.

DT – Moving Mechanisms

In DT this term, Year 5 have been learning all about pneumatic systems. The children had a fantastic time designing and building their own machines using air pressure. Their creations were successful, creative, and brought lots of excitement to the classroom.



Thank you so much for your continued support this term. We wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year!

LUNAR CLASS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

What We Learned

HISTORY

Children continued their fantastic learning journey about the Shang Dynasty. They researched and learned about power and hierarchy as well as religion and made comparisons with every day life in the modern world.

PSHE

Lunar class learned all about different cultures and what racism is and how it can affect others. They took part in many class discussions about bullying and steps we can take to tackle it.

P.E AND MUSIC

Children have thoroughly enjoyed our current unit of dance. They have spent time practising the hand jive before creating their own.

In Music, children have enjoyed listening and discussing features of blues music.

Reminders

Well done to all those who are regularly reading at home and getting their reading record signed - Keep it up!

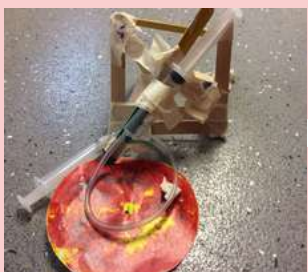
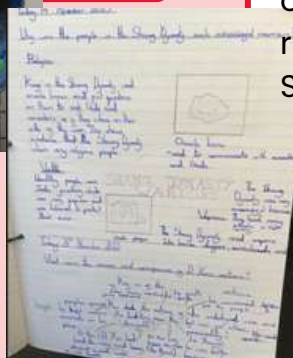
Children should be accessing Lexia and TTRS daily at home where possible.

SEASONS GREETINGS

We wish all of our families a safe and well deserved break. However you are celebrating, we hope you enjoy some family time with lots of festive cheer! :)

Have a safe break

We are excited to welcome all of our children back in January, ready and eager to learn for the Spring term!



SOLAR NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

What We Learned

ENGLISH – DIARY WRITING

In English, the children learned the features of diary writing and wrote their own diary entries, focusing on feelings and clear recounts of events.

MATHS – FRACTIONS

In Maths, we have been working on fractions. The children enjoyed the practical activities that helped them compare, order and find equivalent fractions with confidence.

SCIENCE – EARTH AND SPACE

Year 5 have been learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon and exploring how they move in space. The children especially enjoyed investigating shadows and asking questions about the planets.



Reminders

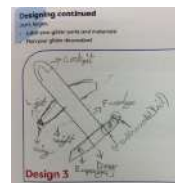
DT – PNEUMATICS SYSTEMS

In DT, the class explored pneumatic systems and had great fun designing and making their own prototypes.



STEM – ROAD TO RIAT

We also took part in the Road to RIAT STEM project, where the children enjoyed creative engineering challenges linked to aviation to design and make their gliders.



Mrs Martin & Mr Clark

Would like to thank parents for all their support this term and have a lovely festive holiday.

Aviary Class Newsletter

What a fantastic and busy term it has been! some of our highlights include watching 'Bah Humbug' at QES, the year 3 nativity in church which they worked incredibly hard on and our delicious Christmas dinner. It was also wonderful to see a festive array of Christmas jumpers.

Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and ratios. We have learnt how to multiply and divide fractions. In ratios, we have learnt to use the correct terminology and explored scale drawings

RE

Our big question has been 'What would Jesus do?' We began our learning journey by exploring what Christians mean by this questions, based on Jesus' teachings from the Bible. Then, we used the Bible quotes and Jesus' teachings to consider how he would deal with ill health. We have also explored how these teachings inspire Christians to be generous and the ways in which they model this.

Design and Technology

In our DT unit, we have been learning about the Make Do and Mend campaign. We deconstructed clothing to identify the materials used and their properties. We have also learnt how to do running, blanket and whip stitching, which we applied to repairing ripped fabric. Finally, we combined all our skills and learning to create our own bookmarks as our final piece!

Geography

In Geography, we have been learning about climate change and how it impacts on climate zones and biomes around the world. We have also explored how these changes affect the location and lifestyles of people in different ways.





AQUARIUM CLASS

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

Our Learning

English

We are working hard to produce independent written pieces in our English lessons. We have produced our own war poems and written our own diary entries, using our learning on our war-time diary entry unit.

Maths

This half term we have been busy mathematicians, finishing our unit on fractions, learning about converting units and understanding ratio.

History

Throughout this half term, we have moved on to look at the Second World War. We have explored the reasons why the Second World War happened, as well as the key events and turning points in the war.

Science

In our unit on the human body, we have finished studying the circulatory system. We have also studied the effects of exercise on the heart and how what we eat can impact on our circulatory system.

Homework Reminder


A reminder that all our homework is set on a Wednesday on Learning by Questions, to be completed by the following Tuesday. Please can you ensure that you're child is completing their work each week as this has been set to support their learning in the run up to their Key Stage Two SATS tests.

Bah! Humbug

We have enjoyed a festive afternoon at Queen Elizabeth School watching their Key Stage 3 production of Bah! Humbug. We had lots of fun and laughter being entertained whilst we get into the holiday spirit! It truly was a lovely way to end the term and get us excited for the transition to High School.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



ARBOREAL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



What We Learned

English

We explored different poetic devices to help us to write really moving Remembrance poetry. Next we wrote some diary entries using extracts from diaries from the trenches as our models.

Maths

We have been really busy in Maths this half term. We completed our fractions unit before moving on to converting units topic. Finally, we have explored ratio.

History

This half term we have finished our Britain at War topic where we moved onto learning about WW2. We explored the warring nations, the impact of the Holocaust and what happened at the end of WW2.



Reminders

A little reminder to ensure home learning is being completed weekly on Learning by Questions (LBQ). New Maths and English tasks are added each week inline with our curriculum and to support the run up to the End of Key Stage 2 SATS.

Goodbye Miss Thomas!

We say goodbye to Miss Thomas this half term as she heads back to university to complete final year of teacher training. We will miss her a lot and have every faith that she will do amazingly!

Swimming

We enjoyed our swimming lessons this half term and had fun developing our knowledge and safety around water!



School Council



Networking

Three of our councillors were given the opportunity to attend the child friendly student led conference. There along with other schools they gave their input to our local councillors and education service on what they felt mattered in our town. Together the day brought about some amazing ideas to support



Future Plans

When we return we will begin planning for Comic Relief 2026. Keep your eyes peeled for our fundarains plans!

Knowledge Building

This half term the school council have had a chance to expand their knowledge of democracy and council work during parliament week. Researching our Luton MP Rachel Hopkins and understanding her transition for local councillor to Parliament representative.

Fundraising

The School Council worked excellently to raise funds for **NOAH**.charity at our Winter Wonderland! Thank you to everyone who donated we raised £48.50! That's enough to provide shelter for someone for a week and provide someone with a change of clothing.

