



Value of the Month 'Perseverance'



William Austin Wizards

South America	Mahdiya	Yunus
Asia	Minahal	Aleena
Europe	Habban	Zahra
Africa	Haleema	Eesa
North America	Maryam	Ariyan
Hokusai	Ayaan	Hawa
Baker	Hamza	Murtaza
Hadid	Zayna	Syed
Hepworth	Saraya	Sudais
Van Gogh	Iqbal	Ihsaan
Mars	Zubair	Inaaya
Venus	Ayaan	Aaima
Neptune	Abid	Jemimah
Jupiter	Alina	Yunus
Saturn	Aleena	Muhammad
Goodall	Isa	Siana
Curie	shayna	Ishaq
Hawking	Yusuf	Zahra
Jemison	Abbas	Jessica
Johnson	Ibrahim H	Aimen

Upcoming Events

1.2.2024- St Albans visit- North America, Africa & Asia
2.2.2024- St Albans visit- South America and Europe

Advanced warning Parents evening will ONLY be available to book Via SCOPAY...please ensure you are registered. Speak to the school office if you need any assistance.

Dear families

Enrichment

Last week, four of our Y5 classes visited Wardown Museum as part of their history of Luton topic and Neptune class have visited this week. I know they were really excited to go and learnt lots about Luton's straw plaiting industry.

Y5 classes continue with their work in the Willow Garden - this week it was the turn of Saturn class to learn how to build shelters.

Today some of our Y4 maths greater depth pupils have been chosen to go with Mr McMulkin to visit Whitefield Primary for an AIM High Maths day. They will be spending the day taking part in different maths activities including problem solving and investigations with children from other Luton schools. I know they will really enjoy the day.

Next week Y3 are off to Verulamium in St Albans as part of their Roman history topic and I know the children are looking forward to that.

Also, our Y4 classes will visit the infants school to read the pop-up books they have been making in DT lessons. I know that the junior children are really looking forward to seeing their infant teachers and spending time with the younger children.

Thank you to all of the staff who make these trips and activities so successful.

IEP meetings

Thank you to all parents who have attended our IEP drop in sessions with either Mrs Douglas, Mrs Parkar or me. It was a chance to share your child's IEP and explain how school is going to support your child with their targets. It was also a chance for you to share your thoughts on how your child is doing. We aim to run these sessions three times a year when the IEPs are sent out as we want to make sure we share these important documents with you as we work in partnership.

Enjoy the weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Adams

Attendance Target = 96%+

Attendance for w/e 12.01.24		Attendance for w/e 19.01.24	
Classes who met target	Most improved attendance	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3 Europe Africa	Asia	Y3 Asia South America Europe	North America
Y4 None	Hepworth	Y4 Hepworth	Baker
Y5 Mars	Neptune	Y5 Neptune Jupiter Mars	Neptune
Y6 Curie Jemison	Hawking	Y6 Jemison Curie	Goodall

Punctuality – Every minute counts!



Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. Our school doors open at 8:40am. The morning register is taken at 8:48am and the registration period closes at 8:55am. Pupils arriving after 8:55am must report to the School Office so that their attendance can be recorded as 'late'.

Lateness is monitored. Action to address lateness will be taken in line with the school's strategy to improve punctuality. This will be either a phone call to parents/carers to find out the reason for the lateness or a home visit by the Family Workers or Education Welfare Officer.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

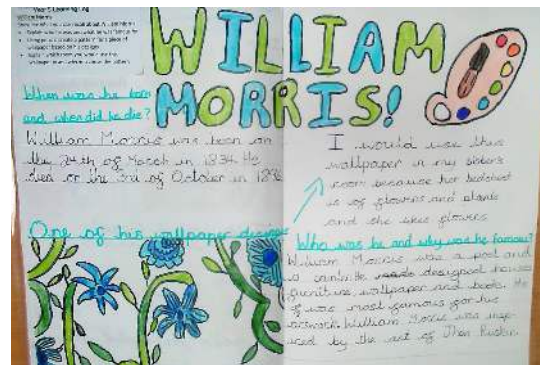
Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

Europe—Karnika



Venus—Subhan



Hadid—Mysha



Hawking—Inayah



RE—Miss Haines

In Religious Education the children have the opportunities to explore five world religions. These are Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism (Sikh) across all the year groups. We also cover Humanism, Creation v Science and Inspirational People where we look at how faith has influenced their lives. During lessons children are exposed to artefacts from each of the religions to see things first hand, watch videos about the religions and explore music and worship. The children enjoy their lessons and in particular looking at the various artefacts.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week of learning. In English, the children are writing diaries about a day they had fun with a real-life animal. It is amazing how much fun you can have with a tiger or a chameleon. In Maths, we have continued to work on how to multiply and divide larger numbers and have thought about being systematic in our approach to problem solving. In History, we have continued to look at the Romans, focusing on what life was like for soldiers in the Roman army. The children are looking forward to our school trip to Verulamium, where they will be able to see the remains of a Roman town.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

The second half of year 4 have started swimming sessions and are thoroughly enjoying this experience; it is lovely to watch. During English, children have started to invent their own journey stories - the ideas that they are coming up with is fantastic. Teachers are really looking forward to reading them. In Science, we have started our unit on Electricity and children are really enjoying the practical element. Please encourage your children to log onto TTRS on a daily basis to complete their 5-minute sessions- this will really help them in learning their times tables. Thank you all for your support.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 have produced some excellent instructions for our 'Year 5 Vs Wild' Survival Guide. Our work with Andy Peck ensures we know how to build a shelter, light a fire and survive in even the most challenging environments. Be sure to ask your child how to wrestle a croc and stay alive! In Maths, we've started work on division and the children are quickly learning about the importance of their times tables, please continue to encourage them to play TTRS daily. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 teachers are very proud of how hard the children in their classes have been working this half term. We have now completed our maths unit on algebra with children now able to write expressions and equations. Children are loving our science learning about adaptation. They are writing some sensational explanation texts using cause and effect sentences to describe the adaptations of some diverse animals including sloths, iguanas and kangaroos. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS



Dear Families,

Its great to see so many of our parents making an effort to get their children on time in the morning, such great role models to your children.

Just to remind you:- All children **SHOULD** be in school at 8:40am, All children **MUST** be in school at 8:48am.

The school gate now closes on time, should you arrive late please go with your child to the school office. Should your child be late, the Family Workers will be contacting you.

Just a reminder of the courses at the Family Centre:

Sewing - Mondays at 9:00am-12:00pm (7 weeks - £40)

Stay and Play - Tuesdays at 9:15am-10:30am

Be a Better Me - Course starts Monday 29th January 1pm-3pm

Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesdays at 9:00am to 10:30am

Our Lives— Wednesdays at 1:00pm—2:30pm

Beginners English Class— Thursdays at 9:15am—11.00am, 10 weeks (£40)

Hairstyling—Thursdays at 1:30-3:30pm (£25)

Community Cooking — Friday 9:00am—11:30am



Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or information

English

We are delighted to announce our new Reading Ambassadors -

Jupiter- Safiya and Al

Mars - Zahra and Iman

Neptune - Yusuf and Zainab

Saturn - Zainab and Umniya

Venus - Raees and Sumaya

Curie- Khadijah and Inaaya

Goodall - Tayibah and Furqan

Hawking- Irza and Aabidah

Jemison- Sana and Barakah

Johnson- Yusuf and Sara

Very well done to you all. The children will be helping out in the library during lunchtime with our School Librarian.

The refurbishment of our Library has now been completed and I am sure you will agree it looks fabulous - such a transformation. Please click on the link to see the before and after <https://www.william-austin.com/parents/renaissance-reading/>

The children can come and take their quizzes before changing their reading books. They can also attend a range of lunchtime clubs that are available too.



SuDS in School Project Newsletter

William Austin Junior School

During the summer holidays you may have noticed we have installed new planting boxes beside the Music hut and Lunchtime Club hut along with three new maple trees in the playground. These not only look great but serve a very important function of helping to prevent flooding in the school!



Beneath the trees there is storage for over 50,000 litres of water and the planting boxes can store 2,000 litres of water. Between both of the installations this is enough to fill over 215 wheelie bins full of water. In periods of high rainfall, this will help to reduce the risk of flooding.

In addition to these installations, a new rainwater harvesting system was installed. It looks like a submarine! This collects rainwater from the roof and uses it to flush 14 toilets in the school. This tank is estimated to save 306,000 litres of fresh water being used to flush toilets every year!



The project, which was delivered in partnership with Luton Council, the DfE, the Environment Agency and Thameswater, forms part of a drive to installing (SuDS) throughout Luton to help alleviate flooding. To learn more please visit <https://www.luton.gov.uk/floodriskmanagement>