



Dear families

This is the first Newsletter of 2025 so may I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year. It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the holidays and already it's been a busy time in school.

**Holiday homework**

I have been looking at the homework that has been completed over the Christmas holiday and have been amazed at the quality - I hope you were able to get involved with the different projects. I've seen some fantastic settlements from Y6, Harry Potter themed items from Y5, Viking art from Y4 and winter scenes from Y3. The models and Learning Logs get better each time - I gave out lots of head teacher stickers! The children were really excited to view the gallery on Citizenship day, on the first day back and it was lovely to see parents as well.

**Enrichment**

Last week some of our Y5 and Y6 pupils took part in a sport hall tournament at Inspire and came third - well done to all the pupils who took part and thank you to Mr Osborne and Mr Britten for supporting our pupils. This week some of our pupils have represented the school at a Y3 multi-sports tournament. Mr Gilligan won a competition for the RAF museum in London to come into school to deliver workshops to all pupils, which were fantastic. Thank you to Mr Gilligan for entering the competition!

**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for all Y4 pupils and some Y3 and Y5 pupils started this week. The children were really excited to start their lessons and are already into the routine of daily swimming. They have all had their induction and have been taught the water safety code. The swimming teacher and lifeguard have already told us how well behaved our pupils are and how carefully they listen to all the instructions. I have been over to see the lessons and I'm really impressed. I feel certain that more of our pupils will learn to swim by having a daily lesson.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams

*William Austin Wizards*



Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 19.12.25			Attendance for w/e 09.01.26		
	Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance
Y3	South America Asia	Asia	Y3	Europe Africa	Africa
Y4	Baker	Baker	Y4	Baker	Hokusai
Y5	No Class	Jupiter	Y5	No Class	Venus
Y6	Goodall Johnson Hawking Jemison	Jemison	Y6	No Class	Curie

- South America** Harim Rebecca
- Asia** Momina Ayaan
- Europe** Ibrahim Khadijah
- Africa** Amirah Arryan
- Hokusai** Aliza Rayaan
- Baker** Haniya Sayyam
- Hepworth** Manha Humayl
- Van Gogh** Hajarrah Sami
- Mars** Eshaal Abu-Bakr
- Venus** Ruqayyah Ayaan
- Neptune** Asiyah Yusuf H
- Jupiter** Abyha Ateeb
- Saturn** Hawa Suliaman
- Goodall** Ibrahim Tahia
- Curie** Aminah Hamza
- Hawking** Amarpreet Hasna
- Jemison** Anisha Sudais
- Johnson** Jameela Syed



## PSHE/RHE - Mrs Choudhury

The children at WAJS have made a fantastic start to their learning this Spring term. Years 3 and 4 are exploring families and committed relationships, Year 5 are focusing on healthy bodies and healthy minds, and Year 6 are learning about caring and responsibility. These important topics help our pupils develop the knowledge and values they need to become respectful and responsible members of our school and wider community. We are also excited to introduce a new approach to recording our learning through floor books, with the children taking an active role by designing their own front covers and taking pride in their PSHE/RHE journey. The winners were:

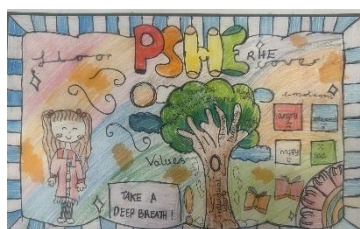
Alayna Y3 Asia class



Diyanah Y4 Baker class



Aaisha Mars class



Ramsha/Ayesha Goodall class



## English

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to the Year of Reading 2026, we are placing a focus on developing a love of reading. We are really excited about the interest all the children have shown with our new Reading Champion Competition that we have launched and cannot wait to see how many books the children are able to read.

One of the ways you can help to support your child with their reading is to show an interest in what they have chosen to read. Please take time to talk to them about the book, asking them what they enjoy about the story, which characters they like best and even what they think might happen next.

Please support us with reading at home so that we can help our children to not only develop good reading skills but also a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your continued support as we celebrate this Year of Reading 2026.

Kind regards

Mrs A Compton

# FamilyCentre

Dear Families,

Welcome back and a *Very Happy New Year* to all our families. We hope you had a memorable holiday with your children.

It has been a very exciting time for the children with the introduction of our daily swimming lessons. We would like to kindly remind parents that if your child is wearing their swimming costume to school, please ensure that any undergarments (such as vests) are worn over the swimming costume. This helps the children easily remove these layers before getting into the swimming pool.

Thank you for your support.

All Family Centre courses are now running. Please look at the timetable on our webpage for more information.

Monday - Sewing and Luton Adult Education, 'Supporting your Anxious Child'.

Tuesday - Play & Stay, this is open to all our community and Infant parents.

Wednesday - Community Cooking

Thursday - English for Beginners, Luton Adult Education

Friday - Gupshup coffee morning.



## Luton Food Bank

We are fortunate that Luton Food Bank will be attending this Friday during Gupshup to run a 5 week workshop supporting parents on ideas of cooking on a budget, growing your own food and lots of other interesting topics. Please do come along have a hot drink meet new mums and support this workshop.

## Half Term Activities

Please look out for all posters and text messages advertising our holiday activities.

## Lost Property

Our school office has many items of school uniform unclaimed. Coats and uniform items are very expensive. Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name and class. If your child has lost something please encourage them to come to the medical room or ask at the school office.

Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or information