



Autumn 1 Newsletter 2022



**Welcome to our
Autumn 1 Newsletter**

We haven't been back in school long but we have been super learning busy! Amongst all the busy-ness, we have loved welcoming nine new superstars to our school family.



**American
Diner Day**



Our beautiful garden in autumn





We had a whole bunch of fun at our annual Welly Wang!



Followed by a beautiful Autumn Walk



The children took charge of the camera on our walk. Budding photographers in the making!





The Tree House

There are wonderful things happening in our Tree House after school.

Our children have been making and building, laughing and playing, modelling, designing, singing and dancing.

Places available

Mon-Thurs 3.30—5.30



Huge thanks from Preen for the amazing donations from such a small school.

A wonderful Harvest Service



Squirrels



We have had such an amazing first half term in Squirrels. There's not enough space to show all the lovely photos of the children's learning. Some of the highlights were making apple and pear crumble with fruit from the garden and learning to use the woodwork bench.



We have also worked very hard with our reading and we love art and craft!



Acorns

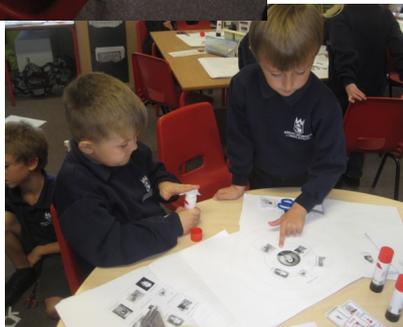


We have loved art this half term where we have used relief painting and printing of Mary Anning's discoveries.



Squirrels shared their Pumpkin Pie.

Non fiction preparation for our biography about Mary Anning



FOREST FRIDAY

Oak

Class



Oak Children preparing for
The King's Breakfast at the
Harvest Service!



Some "Vikings" finding out if their 30 meter-long longship will fit in our playground!

PTA Spotlight

The PTA had their AGM on 29th September.

In the last year the PTA have raised approximately £10,000 which is an absolutely phenomenal amount for our small school.

It is fair to say that their support is absolutely amazing.

School trips are heavily subsidised which saves around £10 per pupil per trip-sometimes more.

Our reading books have benefitted from over £2000 and we have beautiful diverse book sets in every classroom.

Our classes benefit from a termly injection of money to support resources and enrichment.

Ways to support our PTA fundraising

Amazon Smile - Use Amazon? If you sign up through Amazon Smile and select Friends of Wrestlingworth Lower School as your recipient, this is a great way to raise funds.

Easyfundraising



Clothes bin -located outside the school, a no cost fundraiser

Ink cartridges / coins and foreign coins -recycle and make money!

Located inside the school porch.

School Lottery -<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

tickets are just £1 per week. There is a weekly guaranteed winner from the school and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot. The draw takes place every Saturday.

100 Club - Drawn every month by our Acorns, we would love to get the 100 club up to nearly 200.



Visit us on our **facebook page**

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/friendsofwrestlingworthlowerschoolassociation/>

Spotlight on Revd. Liz

Hello! I'm Liz, and it's wonderful to be here!

Having spent four years at St Francis of Assisi Church in Welwyn Garden City, and the last two in the Welwyn Team Ministry - in Hertfordshire, we moved here in July, and are discovering the many joys of Bedfordshire village life.



I am very thankful for the amazing warmth of welcome we have received.

I feel blessed to be called to serve as your new Priest in Charge, I'm looking forward to discovering all that God has in store for us, and am excited by the opportunities that lie ahead to share the word and love of God together in the villages, schools, and communities of this wonderful Benefice.

We are delighted to welcome Revd. Liz to our school.

After the half term we are very excited about returning to the Church for our Collective Worship on Thursdays.



Spotlight on the Governing Body

Nicola, Foundation Governor

Hello, my name is Nicola Adkins, and I am currently serving my 5th year as Foundation Governor on the Wrestlingworth & Dunton Lower Schools Full Governing Body, as well as sitting on the Finance Committee. As Foundation Governor, I provide a link with St Peter's Church Wrestlingworth, where I am Secretary and Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council. My son (now 23) attended Wrestlingworth Lower. I have worked as a Journalist for the Daily Mail Group, Learning Mentor at Stratton Upper School and Clerk to the Governors of two schools in Cambridge. Although officially now retired, my time is taken up with managing a property portfolio, a variety of volunteer roles, singing in a Community Choir and playing a lot of golf!

Spotlight on SEND

We have updated the SEND policy and our SEND Information Report on the website this half term. It would be good to receive feedback from you as parents *email Mrs P via the office or message on Dojo.*

We recognise that you know your children best and we endeavour to ensure that this is reflected in our practice.

If you have ANY worries about your child's learning needs please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

SEND

Central Bedfordshire SEND Local Offer

<https://localoffer.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/centralbedfordshire/directory/home.page>

If you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), then think of the Local Offer as all of the services and support available to them and you as a parent or carer. The Local Offer website contains information about education, health and care services, voluntary agencies, leisure activities and support groups.

See what's happening in [October Half Term](#)

Message from the Head

What an amazing half term it has been! I've enjoyed seeing all the fantastic learning and happy faces. Thank you to everyone involved at school for all their hard work and to you for your support.

Mrs Sheehan

What would you like to see in our next half termly newsletter?
Please let Mrs P know via the office email - subject line [Mrs P Newsletter](#)

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st October-staff INSET day

Tuesday 1st November - children return to school

Royal British Legion Poppy fundraising items sold in the playground before school until Friday 11th November

Thursday 3rd November 3pm- school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday 4th November - Pennies in the playground

Scarecrow Prize presentation assembly (half term activity)

Thursday 10th November 3pm-school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday 11th November -Year 4 Celebration Worship

10.45 am children to church to observe 2 minutes silence and lay poppies

Thursday 17th November-School Photographs

3pm- school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday 18th November-Year 3 Celebration Worship

Children in Need Day- *more information to follow*

Campfire Evening - *more information to follow*

Thursday 24th November 3pm- school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday November 25th-Year 2 Celebration Worship

Thursday 1st December 3pm- school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday 2nd December-Year 1 Celebration Worship

Thursday 8th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December 3pm- school worship in Church, all welcome

Friday 9th December - Reception Celebration Worship

W/c Monday 12th December—Nativity Service in Church dates and times TBC

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16th December—last day of term