Autumn 2 Newsletter

Wheatley Class

YEAR 4/5 • HALF TERM 2 • 2026–2027

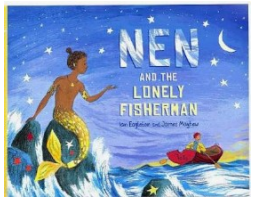
Our support staff—Miss Otway supports the class every morning, alongside:
Monday: Mrs Waller, Mrs Hall and Mrs Beckwith (9.30–10.30am) and Mr Gibson (10.45am–12 noon)
Tuesday: Mrs Waller and Mrs Hall. **Wednesday and Thursday:** Mrs Hall and Miss Gosia.
Friday: Mrs Waller and Mrs Beckwith.

I hope that you have all had a wonderful half-term break and managed to find some time to relax before another busy and exciting half term! Wheatley Class have lots to look forward to including our class residential, our Class Assembly and of course, the excitement of celebrating the countdown to Christmas together!

ENGLISH/ SPELLINGS



This half term, we have two exciting texts to explore. We begin with writing folklore narratives based upon the story 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' by Ian Eagleton. Later on in the term, we will focus on 'The Barnabus Project' by the Fan Brothers.
In Spelling, we will explore a range of spelling rules including words ending with –ly, -lly, -ous and –sion.



MATHS

In Maths, Year 4 continue developing their understanding of addition and subtraction, before focusing on area, followed by multiplication and division. Year 5 will focus on multiplication and division, before moving onto exploring fractions. Both year groups will focus on their instant recall of multiplication facts, please continue to encourage your child to use their Times Tables Rock Stars log in at home to support their knowledge of these key facts.

RE

Our topic this half term is Prophecy and Promise. We will explore what a prophet is, by exploring who Elijah was and consider the similarities he had with John the Baptist. We will develop a deeper understanding of John the Baptist by comparing the description of him in the Gospel of Matthew and Mark. As we move towards Advent, we will discover the links between Isaiah's prophecy, the preaching of John the Baptist and how Christians prepare during this season. We will also learn about how the Jesse Tree helps Christians reflect on Jesus' ancestors during Advent, as well as the Feast of Christ the King.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

In Geography, our topic is 'What is a mountain?' We will be discover how mountains are formed, where they are located around the world and the differing climates in these locations.

In Science, we will be focusing on materials and how materials are separated through sieving, filtering and evaporation.

In DT, we will be evaluating fastenings and then using our findings to create a fabric book jacket.

In French, we will recap our knowledge of numbers, before learning adjectives to describe colourful creatures!

PE

PE days this half term will continue to be on a **Monday** and a **Friday,** so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on those days.

MUSIC

Year 4 will have weekly ukulele lessons taught by a visiting Music teacher.



READING & HOME LEARNING

Please read with your child **at home** and add a comment in their reading record. Books will be changed once they have finished them. Please remember to sign their reading record to confirm they have finished the book.

Children will have access to Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their times tables at home, as well as Spelling Shed accounts and will be given weekly spelling patterns to focus on and practise.

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

- Nell Bank residential—3rd-4th November
- Open Morning—Saturday 7th November—All welcome
- Wheatley Class Mass—Monday 16th November: 1.30pm
- Parents Evening— Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 25th November: 3.30pm—6pm
- Wheatley Class Assembly—Friday 20th November: 2.45pm
- Mr Gibson's Sports Assembly— Friday 27th November: 2:45—3:25pm
- Whole School Mass—Tuesday 1st December: 9:30am—All welcome
- Olicana and Wheatley Carol Concert—Tuesday 15th December: 6pm
- Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 10th December

This newsletter should give you an insight into the curriculum areas we will be covering this half term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office to see me.
Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Burkinshaw