

Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

'With God's love, we are lights for the world.'



KEY DATES

- Please see emailed version for all diary dates

STUDYBUGS

- To date, only 61% of Wenlock Parents have signed up to Study bugs. We would like the take up to be 75%. Please download the free Study Bugs app if you have not already done so.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Alpha who achieved the highest attendance for the last week at 95.83%

The attendance for the whole school was 90.53%

Our School target is 97%

This Terms Value is:
Justice

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Families,

We've installed a security intercom on the foyer doors. When you arrive, please press the buzzer and an Admin team member will ask who you are visiting before letting you in. The entrance for the breakfast and after-school club has also changed and is now located by the double doors on the side of the Serenity Room building.

Starting this week, we have made changes to hometime arrangements for Years 5 and 6 to improve security. Children in Years 3 and 4 will continue to be dismissed at 3:30pm and must be collected by a responsible adult, or by an older child with permission recorded on Arbor. Years 5 and 6 will now be dismissed at 3:20pm. Those with Arbor permission will be allowed to walk home at that time, while those without permission must be collected. If your child attends after-school club, you will not be charged for the additional 10 minutes.

Please also note that the switch to summer uniform is effective immediately. This includes a white polo shirt and a blue checked dress. However, we ask that children continue to bring coats each day, as they will still be outside in all types of weather, including rain. Finally, we kindly remind all families that children must now bring in named water bottles each day.





We are a Nut Free school for the safety of our children with nut allergies We would like to remind parents that most chocolate spread contains hazelnuts. Please can you remember to not put chocolate spread in the children's lunch boxes.



Lost Property

Lost property is now ready for collection on the playground, please see the poster below for details



Uniform Exchange



Level Trust are always grateful for donations of pre-loved school uniform. There is a blue container in our school reception area which has details of uniform requested where items can be placed.

Thank-you!

Road Safety



To keep children safe, please ensure that children are taught how to cross the road safely, especially outside school and where there is heavy traffic.

A reminder that drivers must not stop on the yellow lines outside of the school.

Snacks



Many thanks for sending your children in with fruit and vegetables for snack times and for remembering not to send your children in with nut related products.

Grapes and cherry tomatoes should be sent cut into quarters length-ways to avoid choking.

Don't forget to check our our facebook and X accounts for all the latest information from Team Wenlock!



**LOST &
FOUND**



**We will be putting
lost property out on
the play ground for
collection at drop
off and pickup time**

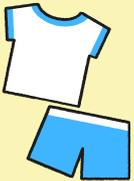


PARENT INFORMATION



PE TIMETABLE

Please see emails for your child's PE dates



HOMEWORK GRIDS

Year 3, 4 and 5 homework grids for Summer term are live on the website and they can be found under Home Learning section. Year 6 homework has been sent home this week.



Spare Swimming Kits

If you have any spare swimming costumes or swimming trucks you would like to donate to the school then please drop them off in the School Office.

We would be most grateful for any donations you may have. Thank-you very much indeed.



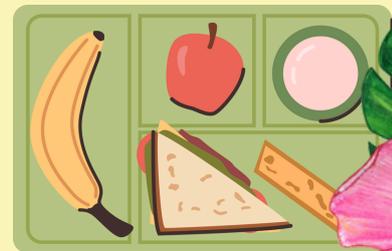
Dinner Money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having school dinner.

The cost of school dinners is as follows:
£2.75 per day or £13.75 per week.

If you have a query relating to dinner money payment, you can contact the finance team on:

schooldinner@wenlockacademy.co.uk





DINOSAUR DINER

Come and Join us for a Dinosaur Feast

Thursday 15th May

**Brontosaurus Burger
Or
T-Rex Cheese Turnover**

**With
Wedges & Prehistoric Peas**

**&
Herbivore Platter (Salad)**

**Followed by
Stegosaurus Sprinkle Cake**

Our Jacket Potato & Hot Tomato Pasta is also available.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

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NOS
National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Service

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20.35 - The Good News Bible*



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

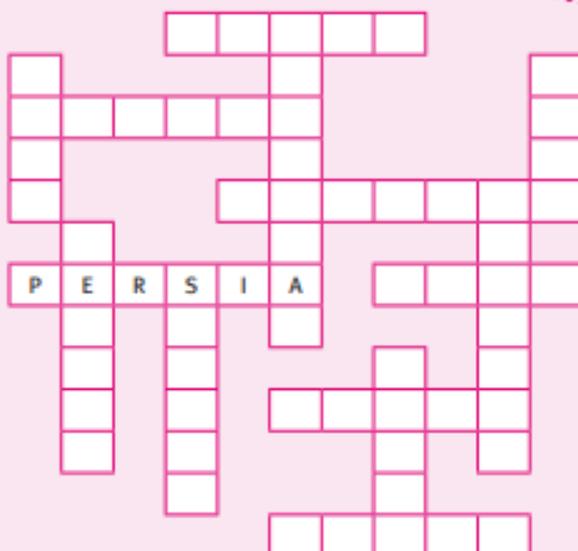
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



QUIZ Word Fit

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| ESTHER | FEAST |
| XERXES | GATES |
| HAMAN | KING |
| MORDECAI | QUEEN |
| JEWS | SERVICE |
| PERSIA- | SORROW |
| CUNNING | WISE |





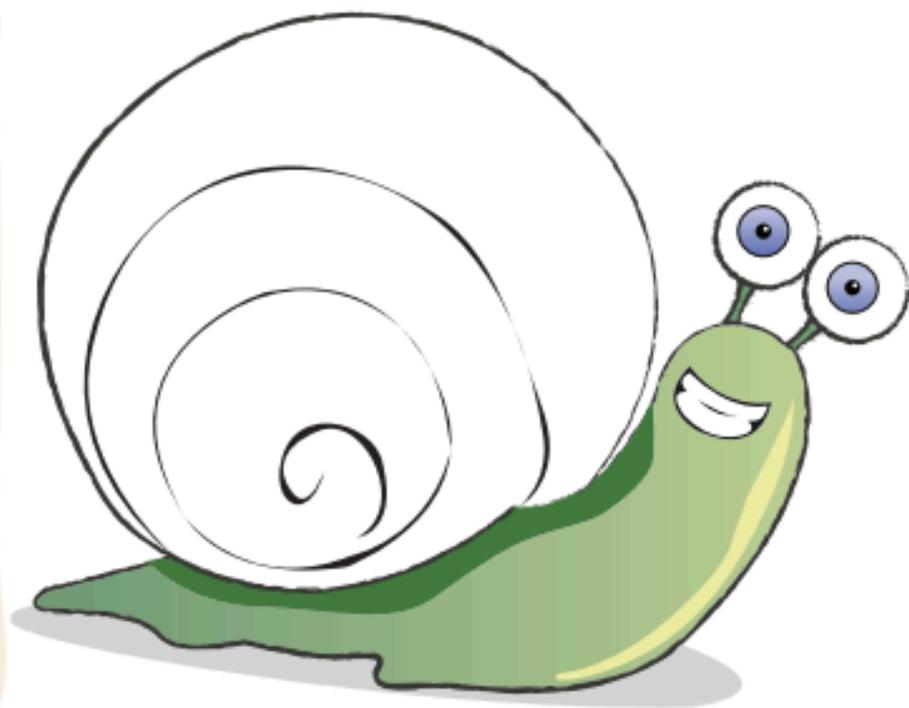
FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a **'service snail'**.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

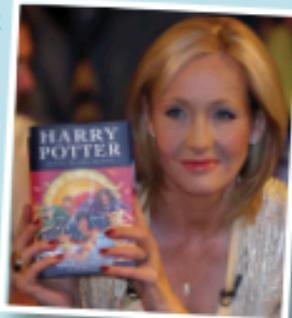
Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".



JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare

