

# Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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



## KEY DATES

- Monday 3rd March - Wenlock Book Week, children can dress up as a favourite book character on **Friday 7th March**
- Tuesday 4th March, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March - Parents' Evenings available to book via Arbor. We look forward to seeing you.
- Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March - Science Week, see poster for further information
- Wednesday 12th March - Wenlock Coffee Morning from 9:00 to 10:15am
- Friday 14th March - Y3 and Y4 PE Enrichment Day, please remember PE Kits!
- Monday 17th March - Thursday 20th March - Ramadan Awareness Week
- Thursday 20th March - IFTAR Event from 5.45 - 6.45pm, please sign up via Arbor Shop
- Friday 21st March - Comic Relief - please donate via this link: [Wenlock Comic Relief](#)
- Tuesday 25th March - Year 6 children to attend Chiltern Academy, Spring Musical - Frozen
- Wednesday 26th March to Friday 28th March - Year 5 residential trip - PGL
- Friday 28th March - Easter Disco, further information to follow
- Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April - Year 6 residential trip - CYE
- Tuesday 1st April - Easter church service - 10am start. Year 4 parents are warmly invited to attend
- Wednesday 2nd April - Believe and Achieve awards, Y3 and Y4, 9.15 - 10.15am - invited families only
- Thursday 3rd April - Believe and Achieve awards, Y5 and Y6, 9.15 - 10.15am - invited families only
- Monday 7th April to Tuesday 22nd April - Easter holidays - school closed**
- Wednesday 23rd April - Children return to school

This Terms Value is:  
**Justice**

## WENLOCK CE ACADEMY PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to get your input to improve the school experience for you and your child. This questionnaire is completely anonymous. Please go to: [Wenlock CE Academy Parent Questionnaire](#) to complete by the 1st April 2025.

## STUDYBUGS

To date, only 54% of Wenlock Parents have signed up to Studybugs. By Easter we would like the take up to be 75%. Please download the free Study Bugs app if you have not already done so.

Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health  
See what illnesses are going around  
Secure system, all communications encrypted

**RED NOSE DAY 2025**  
**COMIC RELIEF**

**RED NOSE DAY**

**JOIN NOW! 21ST MARCH**

Wenlock CE Academy

Donate to our Just Giving Page below

**Come to school dressed in your best 80s outfits OR wear something Red.**

**We will also be holding a bake sale during break time and after school on Friday 21st March - we are grateful for any donations of cakes that you can share (please share ingredients for allergies - no nuts please!)**

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Genesis who achieved the highest attendance for the week before half-term at 99.05%

The attendance for the whole school was 93.87%

Our School target is 97%





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### Ramadan Awareness Week 17 - 20th March:

During this week, children will participate in activities designed to increase their understanding of Ramadan's cultural and religious importance and to celebrate our diversity in school including an assembly led by our RE ambassador.

vegetarian 'finger food' options.

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We would like to invite all families to a community Iftar at the school on Thursday 20th March, from 5:45 - 6:45

Iftar at 6:17pm. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to break the fast together and share in the spirit of community and togetherness. Please book on the Arbor shop. There will be a small charge of £3.50 per person, we will provide a range of halal and vegetarian 'finger food' options.

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We understand that Eid may fall on Sunday, March 30th. We would like to remind families that we can allow one day's absence for a religious holiday as long as we know in advance. Please let us know in Arbor if you are planning a celebration on Monday, March 31st, and your child will not be in school.

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Please let us know in the Arbor shop if your child (Y5 and 6 only) is planning on fasting for some or all of the time.

All pupils will be expected to participate in all aspects of the school day, including PE and playtimes. However, reasonable adjustments can be made if we are made aware in advance.

Mrs Khatun and Mrs Ayres will make their classrooms available for lunch prayers. As we will be allowing these pupils corridor access during lunchtime, we request that you speak with them about respecting this additional privilege.

Ms Burke

If you have any questions or want to discuss how you can support our celebrations as a school that supports families of all faiths, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Ms Burke

**Headteacher**

**Wenlock CE Academy**



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.

### Electrical Recycling



We have an electrical recycling collection bin in the reception area of the school. Please see the poster below regarding which items can be recycled.

### 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.

## PARENT INFORMATION

### PE TIMETABLE

Year group	PE Day	PE Day
Year 3 - Alpha	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3 - Omega	Tuesday	Friday
Year 3 - Genesis	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4 - Aurora	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4 - Alina	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4 - Vesper	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5 - Lunar	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5 - Solar	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5 - Stellar	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6 - Aviary	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6 - Arboreal	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6 - Aquarium	Tuesday	Friday

### HOMEWORK GRIDS

Year 3, 4 and 5 homework grids for Spring term are live on the website and they can be found under Home Learning section. Year 6 homework has been sent home this week. This is due back to their class teacher on Tuesday.

## WENLOCK COFFEE MORNING



Start your day off right with a lovely cup of tea or coffee and a spoonful of great company.



We look forward to seeing you

#### Date & Time

Wednesday 12th March  
9:00 am - 10:15 am

#### Contact Us

Phone 01582 730624  
Location Wenlock Academy  
Serenity Room



## 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](mailto:schooldinner@wenlockacademy.co.uk)





WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

# Wenlock Book WEEK

3rd - 7th March

• *Monday*

Tea, Coffee,  
Cake and  
Books

2.00 - 3.30  
Come and enjoy a book  
with your child (and  
some yummy treats)

• *Tuesday*

Book  
Tasting

The children  
will sample  
new books.

• *Thursday*

Top Hats &  
Potato  
Characters

Art & Craft activity -  
sign up on Arbor

• *Wednesday*

Ultimate  
Character  
Champion  
Battle

Whole School  
character battle  
competition

• *Friday*

Dress up  
day

Dress up as your  
favourite book  
character or come  
to school in your  
PJS.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

6th March

Jack's Beanstalk Burrito with  
Wedges & Garden Salad  
Neverland Burger

with Wedges & Magic BBQ  
Beans  
And

Paddington's  
Orange Marmalade  
Sponge





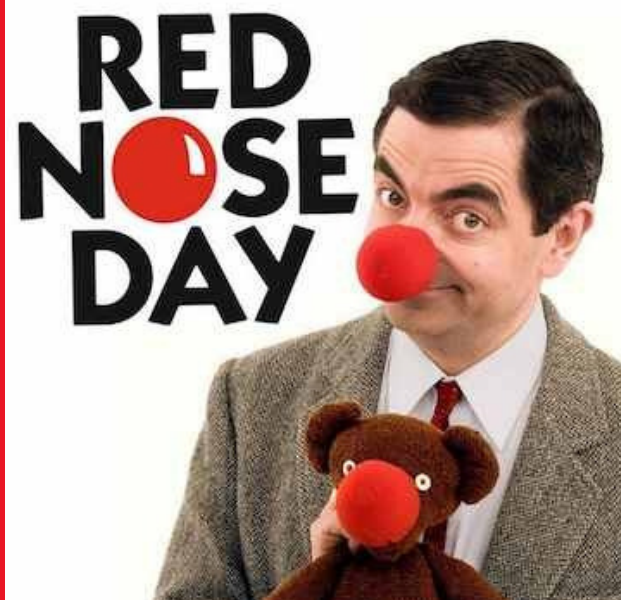


# Pancake Day!

**Tuesday  
4th  
March**

# RED NOSE DAY 2025

COMIC  
RELIEF



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dressed in your  
best 80s  
outfits OR wear  
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# RED NOSE DAY

**Thursday 21st March**

**Battered Fish & Chips  
Cheese & Tomato Wrap & Chips  
& Beans  
Jacket Potato  
Hot tomato Pasta  
With  
Special Red Nose Day**



### SCIENCE FAIR



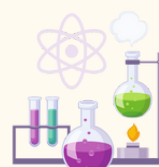
See what everyone has been up to, take part in interactive Science displays, share your curiosity with your peers and adults.



### PARENT DROP INS

Share some fun experiments with your parents where they join you in your classroom!

### EXCITING EXPERIMENTS



Take part in loads of experiments throughout the week, exploring the theme: Change and Adapt.

# WENLOCK'S SCIENCE WEEK

MONDAY 10TH - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025



### WHOLE SCHOOL INVESTIGATION

Join the whole school in a data collection investigation and share what information you have gathered from your class.

### SCIENCE WORKSHOPS



Explore pivotal people and moments in the ever changing landscape of science, engineering and technology.



### JOBS IN STEM

Meet some adults who work in jobs where Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths are key to their roles.

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HUMANS OF  
LUTON

# Don't bin them, recycle your old electricals

Anything with a plug, battery  
or cable can be recycled and  
turned into something new.

Bag up your electricals and  
bring them to your school.  
The school with the most  
electricals collected will  
have a chance to win a  
**cash prize!**

Scan or search 'Recycle Your Electricals'  
to find your local recycling points.



Together with

**Luton**





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION  
**PEGI 12**

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

## VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

## FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.

### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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

## TALK TOGETHER about Justice

**Justice** means more than making things 'fair'. In order for people to live together well in a just community it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

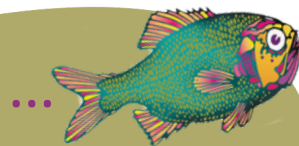
## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."  
Martin Luther King Jr



## READ TOGETHER

### The Story of Jonah



Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors. "It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah. The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook

off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

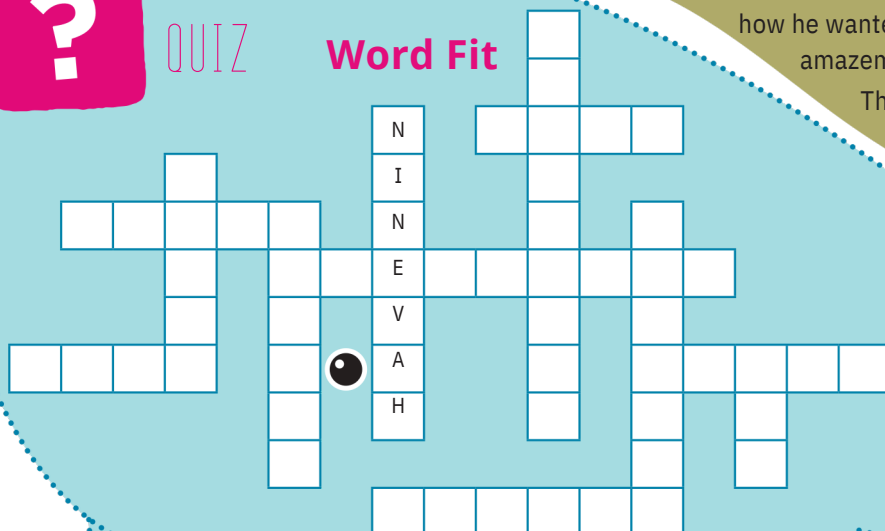
They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Book of Jonah



## QUIZ

### Word Fit



ANGRY  
CALM  
FISH  
GROANED  
JONAH  
GOD  
MOANER  
OVERBOARD  
PRAYED  
STORM  
SWALLOWED



## HALL OF FAME

### Lady Justice

Lady Justice is one of the most famous landmarks in London. It is a bronze statue that stands on the domed roof of the Old Bailey. This building houses the central criminal courts where people who are accused of breaking the law are tried by a judge and jury to find out if they are 'guilty' and should be punished or 'not guilty' and can go free.

Lady Justice was designed to be a symbol of justice: in her left hand she carries the scales of truth and fairness and in her right hand a double edged sword representing the power of reason and justice.



New laws are passed every year by the government. Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass. Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.



## FASCINATING FACTS

### The World Village

If the world was a village, with 100 people living in it:

- 61 people would come from Asia, 13 from Africa, 13 from the Americas, 12 from Europe and 1 from Australasia
  - 26 of the people would be under 15 and just 8 of them over 64
  - half of the people would speak one of just 8 languages – and the most common language would be Chinese
  - 82 village people have access to safe drinking water
  - 17 people would not be able to read or write
  - 53 villagers would have less than £1.30 a day to live on
  - there would be 18 cars, 15 computers, 61 mobile phones
- Talk with your family about ...**
- what you find surprising about these statistics
  - what we take for granted in our lives that many people live without
  - what you think is unjust
  - what you think could be done to make the world a more just place for everyone

\* Taken from 2012 statistics inspired by © If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, 1990.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



### Design a weighing machine

Before electronic weighing machines were invented, scales often had two pans that were balanced when each held an equal weight.

Design and make a simple balance from junk materials that can weigh small objects.

