

Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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



KEY DATES

- **Monday 2nd December** Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony, Children to arrive at 8.15am
- **Monday 2nd December** Wenlock Book Fair - 3.30pm
- **Tuesday 3rd December** Parent Coffee Morning 9.00 - 10.15am
- **Friday 6th December** Yr 5 and 6 Enrichment Day
- **Monday 9th December** School Council Conference, invited children only
- **Thursday 5th December** Y6 National Childhood Measurement Programme
- **Thursday 5th December** Winter Wonderland Non-Uniform Day, chocolates or £1 donation on Arbor Shop
- **Thursday 5th December** Winter Disco - 3.30 to 7.00pm
- **Friday 13th December** Y6 attending Elf the Musical at QES
- **Friday 13th December** Y3 and 4 Enrichment Day
- **Friday 13th December** Wenlock Winter Wonderland in School 3.00 - 5.00pm
- **Tuesday 17th December** Nativity at St. Mary's Church - Y3 Parents warmly invited, 10.00am start
- **Tuesday 17th December** Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
- **Wednesday 18th December** Y3 and Y4 Believe and Achieve awards 9.15am, Invited Parents only
- **Thursday 19th December** Y5 and Y6 Believe and Achieve awards 9.15am - invited parents only
- **Friday 20th December** Last day of term 1.45pm finish - If you wish for your child to stay later then booking into After School Club is essential.



PARENT AND COMMUNITY GOVERNOR VACANCIES

There are vacancies for a Parent and Community Governor at the school.

Please email:

admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk



COFFEE MORNING

Upcoming parent coffee mornings

The pastoral team have planned some coffee mornings, come in for a chat, meet new people, get advice and support, please join us for a cuppa and a biscuit

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3rd December 9:00 - 10:15 am - guest from Luton all women's center to talk about raising children and shaping attitudes around violence against women and girls and encouraging boys to become positive allies and promote positive behaviours and girls to be able to recognise unwanted behaviours

9th January 2025 9:00am - 10:15am welcome back coffee morning

Be Our Guest

Coffee and tea

STUDYBUGS

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

<https://studybugs.com>



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

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Alpha who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 95.56%

The attendance for the whole school was 91.65%
Our School target is 97%





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 - Aviar	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6 - Arboreal	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6 - Aquarium	Tuesday	Friday

HOMEWORK GRIDS

Year 3, 4 and 5 homework grids are live on the website and they will be found on the year group pages.

Year 6 homework has been sent home this week. This is due back to their class teacher on Tuesday.



Wenlock CE Academy's **WINTER DISCOS**

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024
YEARS 3 & 4 - 3.30 PM - 4.45PM
YEARS 5 & 6: 5.00 - 6.15PM

£3.50 per child
Payable on Arbor Shop

Price includes drink and sweet snack.



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



Tell us your
FAVOURITE
MEAL

Tuesday 10th December

Chicken Noodles
or
Noodles with
Vegetables
with
Peas & sweetcorn
and
Chocolate Sprinkle
Cake

Our Jacket Potato and Hot Tomato Pasta will also be available.



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- Over a quarter of girls aged 11 – 21 say they, or someone they know, has experienced controlling/ bullying behaviour from a partner. Just under a quarter say the same for experiences of violence from a partner.*
- One in two women aged 16-21 have experienced controlling behaviour in an intimate relationship but over a third of this group admit they don't know who to turn to for help.*

9th January 2025 9:00am - 10:15am welcome back coffee morning



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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.



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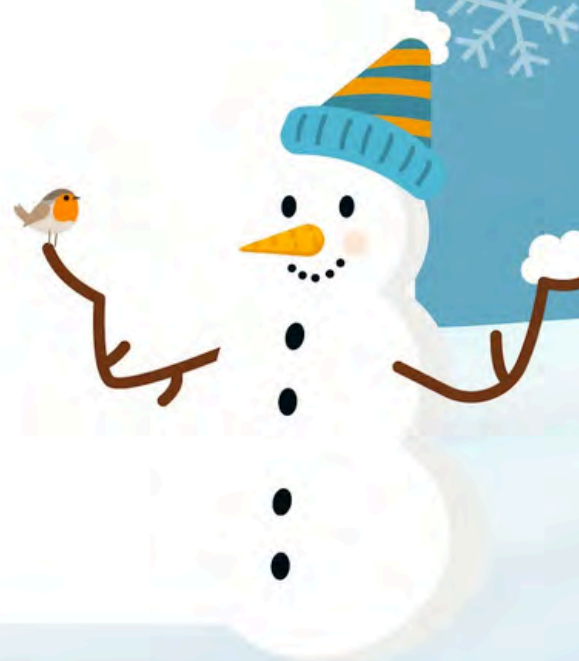
FESTIVE FUN

17th December

**Roast Turkey & Stuffing
or
Cheesy Cauliflower & Leek Puff Pastry
Wreath**

Roasties, Xmas Vegetable Medley, Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding

Decorative Christmas Jumper Cookie





WENLOCK CE ACADEMY'S BOOK FAIR

DATES OF EVENT :

Thursday 28th November
Friday 29th November
Monday 2nd December

TIME:

Thursday & Friday 3.30PM - 4.30PM

Monday - Secret Parent Viewing with tea and
coffee from 3.00PM

EVENT PLACE :

Serenity Room (the old
Family Room)



HAVE YOUR SAY ON WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE

Fill out our
short online
survey today



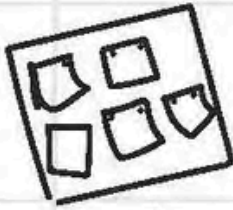
Luton

Have your say on our Wraparound Childcare Programme

Many Luton primary schools are now providing term-time childcare from 8am and after school until 6pm for children from reception to year 6 as part of the council's Wraparound Childcare Programme.

We are seeking views from parents and carers about their childcare needs and any barriers they face to accessing affordable childcare so that we can improve wraparound childcare across Luton.

[Complete our online survey](#)



FEEDING BACK

**We would like to hear
about your school
catering experience!**

Turn over to let us know your thoughts.

Scan the QR code to leave your feedback



Email: info@aspens-services.com
Web: aspens-services.co.uk





Wenlock CE Academy's

Winter Wonderland

Friday 13th December 2024
3.00pm - 5.00PM

Wenlock CE Academy, Beaconsfield, Luton

Meet Father Christmas ~ Bottle
Tombola ~ Raffle ~ Chocolate
Tombola ~ Hot drinks ~ Cakes ~
and much more...



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A range of **free audiobooks**, including Yoto Originals, are also available on the World Book Day [World of Stories page](#).

Smiley Sam and Santa

VISITING

Poets Estate
1 December

Hedley Rise
7 December
Quantock Rise
8 December

Whitehorse Vale
14 December
Barnfield Ave
15 December

Wardown
Crescent
21 December

Blakeney Drive
2 December

Cromer Way
9 December

Kirby Drive
16 December

Lalleford Road

Strathmore Hill Rise
3 December

Birdsfoot Lane
10 December

Chard Drive
17 December

Holford Way/
23 December

Avenue
3 December
Buckingham Drive
4 December

Limbury Mead
11 December

Austin Road
18 December

Stopsley
24 December

Ashwell Avenue
5 December
Northwell Drive
6 December

Turnpike Drive
12 December

Leamington Road
19 December

Bushmead Farley Hill
13 December

20 December



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

SNAP STREAK

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DAYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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TRUST

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

talk togetherR about Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we don't **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are **trustworthy**
- practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy**
- why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team

think togetherR Words of Wisdom

"**Trusting** someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you!"
Aron



Fascinating Facts

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI)

When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can **trust** the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.

- There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland.
- Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat.



Read togetherR ... The Storm on the Lake

The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."

They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep.

Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.

By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on.

Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.

Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples:

"Why are you so afraid? Do you not trust me?"

www.cery.com.au/faith/13/44



Quiz Crack the code

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a boat game

1 2 3 4

Don't be stored in his

5 6 7

Order first four

8 9 10 11

Used to carry money

12 13 14 15

Break the code to discover the message in the story:

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38



Knot tying is an important skill for every crew member on board a sailing ship. For the various parts of the sails and rigging different knots are used and the crew have to **trust** that the knots are tied properly and will hold.

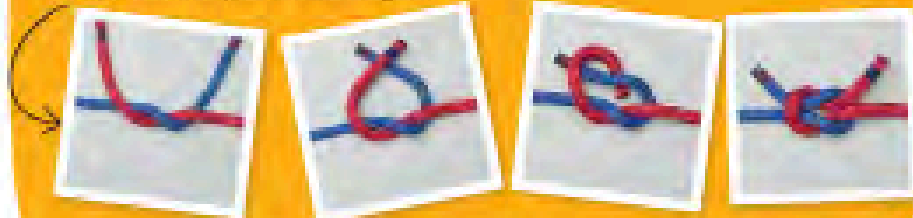
We all use **wores** occasionally to hold something securely in place.

See if you can master these knots!

A Clove Hitch knot, to secure a rope to a post.



A Reef knot to join 2 ropes together.

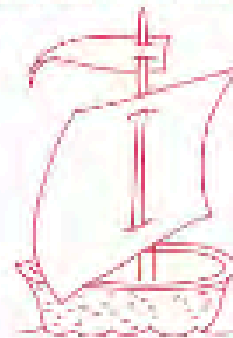


home-school challenge

Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail.

Create a draught (jog by blowing or using a lilg pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water.



☆ hall of Fame

Ernest Shackleton

From the time that he was a small boy Ernest Shackleton longed to go to sea. At sixteen he got his chance and joined the crew of a ship sailing to and from the Far East and America. This was the start of an amazing life of daring and discovery.

In December, 1914, Shackleton set out on perhaps his most famous voyage. It was his third expedition to Antarctica. His

ship was called the "Endurance" and his mission to travel 1500 miles across Antarctica. Just 5 weeks later, "Endurance" became frozen in pack ice, unable to move. After being stuck for months the boat began to buckle, crushed by the ice. The crew was forced to abandon ship. They set up camp on an ice floe, but this was too dangerous so Shackleton and his men set out in three **lifeboats**. After six days, the men reached an isolated, uninhabited spot called Elephant Island.

Shackleton knew that for his men to survive, he must fetch help from a whaling station. It was 800 miles away but it was

their only hope! Putting their **trust** complete trust in him and knowing their leader would return if it was humanly possible, the men watched as Shackleton and four others rowed away. Six long months followed before Shackleton was finally able to rescue his men 126 days later, after a journey of nearly 1600 miles.

Shackleton's courage and the trust he inspired in his men live on in legend.