

# Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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



This Terms Value is:  
**Perserverance**

## KEY DATES

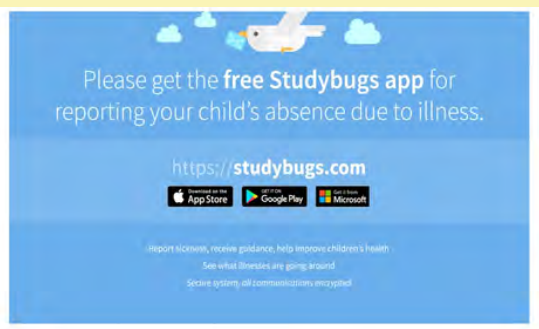
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Invited children to attend Young Voices at the O2
- **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February** - Half Term Holiday  
**Children return to school on Monday 24th February**
- **Monday 3rd March** - Wenlock Book Week, children can dress up as a favourite book character on Friday 7th March
- **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March** - Parents' Evening - BOOKINGS OPEN SOON VIA ARBOR, please note that Alpha Class Parents' Evening will take place after the Spring holiday.
- **Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March** - Science Week
- **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

## 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 51% 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.



## PARENT AND COMMUNITY GOVERNOR VACANCIES

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

Please email:

[admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk), if you are interested. We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Lunar who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 98.57%

The attendance for the whole school was 96.01%  
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 - 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.

## Fidget toys and squishies

Please do not send your child into school with fidget toys as they will inevitably get lost. We have plenty of resources at Wenlock CE Academy including fidget toys for your child to use.



## 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)



# Wenlock CE Academy Football Team

Our school football team played in the county finals where out of 14 teams we came 2nd losing to Eaton Bury in the final. We are so proud of our boys for their amazing results!



# POWER HEROES

Thursday 13th February

Rescue Mission Cheesy  
Bacon & Spring Onion Potato  
Cakes  
with Homemade Baked Beans

Stalks 'n' Cheese Cauliflower  
& Broccoli Medley  
And

Supercharged  
Banana Cake  
& Custard



Friday 14th February

# Valentine's • MENU •

Fish Fingers

Vegetable Fingers  
& Chips & Beans

Jacket Potato or Hot Tomato Pasta

Followed by a Valentines Dessert



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

Have you seen this video of yourself?

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.



### YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.



### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.



### PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.



### FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.



### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.



### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.



### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).



## Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](https://OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk) for more.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/take-news-and-scams>

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**





# PERSEVERANCE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

## Talk Together about Perseverance

Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at perseverance?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined perseverance?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with perseverance?



## read Together ...

### The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town just like this one, said Jesus to the crowd of people who were listening to him and hanging on his every word.

This judge did not care much about God or justice. The crowd muttered to one another and smiled knowingly, they all knew judges like him! A poor widow, called Sarah, lived in the same town. She was being treated badly by her neighbour who was making her life very difficult indeed.

Sarah went to the judge to ask him to hear her case and give her justice.

At first the judge tried to ignore her. Silly old woman he thought. Why won't she leave me alone. Doesn't she realise that I have more important things to deal with?

But Sarah persevered. You are my only hope she told the judge. You must help me. Day after day she went to see him.

In the end, the judge was so exasperated that he thought to himself I will never get a minutes peace unless I help this old woman.

Finally he let her explain to him the problems that she was facing and agreed that Sarah's neighbour was indeed behaving very badly and must be made to stop at once. Sarah's perseverance paid off and eventually she got the justice she deserved.

So keep persevering and keep praying said Jesus to

the crowd.

Bible story based on Luke 18:1-8



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## Think Together Words of Wisdom

"If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again."

W.E. Hickson



Ask each member of the family to write (on identical pieces of paper) a challenge that will require perseverance to complete. Fold the paper 4 times and place it in a bag with the others. Invite each person to place their hand into the bag (whilst looking the other way) and pick out a challenge which they have one week to complete. (Think carefully about the challenge you set and if possible make it a worthwhile and useful thing to do).



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### Prince George

Prince George, later to become king George VI, had always been shy and had developed a stammer, which meant he could not speak for very long without struggling to say the words he wanted to say.

His elder brother, Edward, was very different. He was confident, loved to be the centre of attention and was destined to become king of England. But soon after the coronation, king Edward announced that he was going to abdicate – to give up being king. His younger brother would now become king in his place. George was horrified! He felt sick with fright. Now he would be expected to deliver speeches and give radio broadcasts to millions! How would he be able to do this with his dreadful stammer? But George knew that it was his duty to serve his country.



He knew that he must overcome his fears and do his very best. He employed an Australian speech therapist to help him and with perseverance and great courage George was able to face the challenges ahead. When war was declared in 1939 king George gave a famous speech. He comforted and encouraged his people and won everyone's respect because they knew how brave he was being.



## hoMe-school challenge



Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.



## FascinaTing Facts

### Perseverance in the Natural World

Many birds show remarkable perseverance as they build their nests, piece by piece often in cold, wet and windy weather and at risk from predators.

The long-tailed tit is just one example. Weighing just 9g, this little bird takes 3 weeks or more to build a nest. The oval shaped nest is made from moss, cobwebs and hair, covered on the outside with lichen and lined with up to 2000 tiny feathers!

