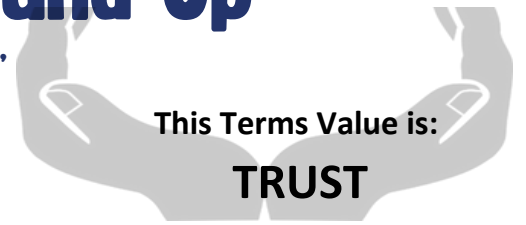


# Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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



This Terms Value is:  
**TRUST**

## KEY DATES

- **Tuesday 17th December** Nativity at St. Mary's Church - Y3 Parents and Choir Parents warmly invited, 10.00am start
- **Tuesday 17th December** Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day  
We do not expect you to buy a new Christmas jumper or spend any money. A regular jumper with some tinsel attached or homemade is best. If you're not wearing a Christmas jumper, please wear a school uniform jumper. This is **not** a non-uniform day, and we expect all children to be in school uniform shirts and trousers/skirts.
- **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.**
- **Monday 6th January 2025** Staff INSET day, school closed to children

### Tuesday 7th January 2025 School re-opens to children

- **Tuesday 7th January - Friday 10th January** Reading Quest Assessment Week
- **Wednesday 9th January 2025** Welcome back Coffee Morning, 9.00 - 10.15am

## 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)

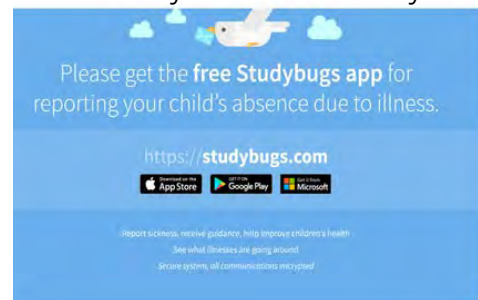


## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



## STUDY BUGS

Wenlock's parental take-up is only 51% for Study Bugs. We would like the take-up to be 75% by Easter. Please download the Study Bugs app via the link below if you have not already done so.



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Aurora and Stellar who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 94.64%

The attendance for the whole school was 90.84%

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.

### Allotment

If anyone has an allotment that we could use for a school visit then please let the school office know on:

[admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk)

# 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

Thanks everyone for the Trust boats for our values homework. We have loved seeing them float, showing this terms value of Trust. In the next half term, our value will be Perseverance. Homework will come out soon.

Spring term homework grids Y3 - 5 will be on the website the first week back.



### Wenlock CE Academy Job Vacancies

We have three new job vacancies in school that we would like you to share with friends and families. We are looking for a SEND TA, an HLTA who has experience working with IEPs and EHCPs, and a class teacher. Please find all of the roles on our web page, [Wenlock CE Academy Vacancies](#) or on [My New Term](#).



## 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)

YEAR 3

# Nativity

Dear Parents and Carers of  
Year 3 children,  
You are warmly invited to  
our Christmas Service on  
Tuesday 17th December  
2024 at 10am at St. Mary's  
Church, Luton.

We hope to see you there!





# *Crazy Christmas Jumper Day*

ONLY THE FLUFFIEST, UGLIEST, FUNNIEST,  
AND ITCHIEST JUMPER WILL DO!

**TUESDAY 17th  
DECEMBER 2024**

*Get ready to get cozy!*

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

## 1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

## 2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

## 3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

## 4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

## 5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

## 6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

## 7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

## 8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

## 9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

## 10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

## Meet Our Expert

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Reception Class  
to  
Year 11

# Catch up Flu Vaccination clinics

**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED  
JUST WALK IN!**



**LUTON IRISH FORUM**  
102 Hitchin Road  
Luton  
LU2 0ES

Wednesday 11th December  
3pm to 7pm

Saturday 14th December  
10am to 2pm

For queries call 0300 555 5055

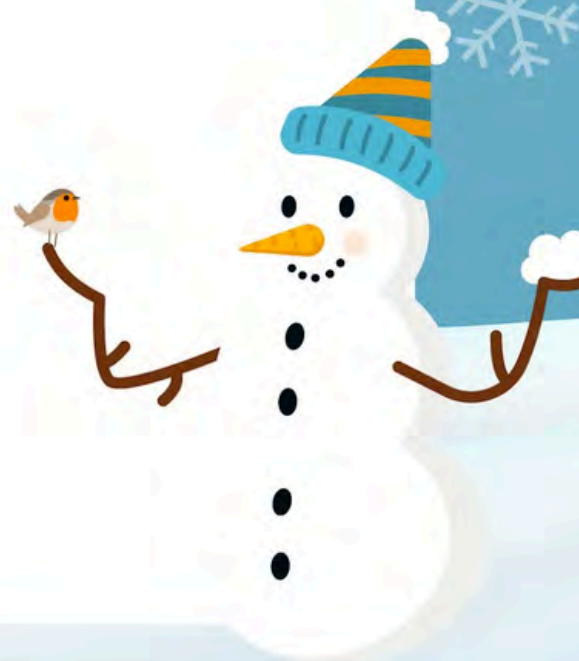
# FESTIVE FUN

17th December

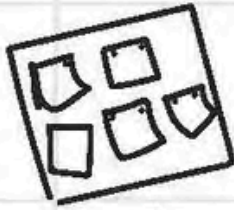
**Roast Turkey & Stuffing  
or  
Cheesy Cauliflower & Leek Puff Pastry  
Wreath**

**Roasties, Xmas Vegetable Medley, Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding**

**Decorative Christmas Jumper Cookie**







# 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](mailto:info@aspens-services.com)  
Web: [aspens-services.co.uk](http://aspens-services.co.uk)



# 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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