



Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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



This Terms Value is:

Dignity

KEY DATES

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Wenlock Families,

Ms Burke - Head Teacher
Mr Hudson - Head of school



STUDYBUGS

We have moved up to 71% of parents are currently signed up to Studybugs!

If you haven't already, please sign up today to stay informed and help us enhance our communication.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Aquarium** for achieving **99.33%** attendance last week! Fantastic effort! Keep it up!

Our school attendance target is **97%** each week. Last week, our school attendance was **96.84%**

Remember:

- 1 day off = 5 lessons missed
- 1 week off = 25 lessons missed

Regular attendance is key to your child's learning and progress.



Wenlock CE Academy.

CELEBRATE HERITAGE DAY

Honouring Culture, History, and Contributions



JOIN US FOR A VIBRANT CELEBRATION!

We encourage children to wear traditional or special clothing from their cultural background. Also bring an item that represents your heritage to share with the class.





HAPPY *Diwali*

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

As we celebrate Diwali, may the light of
knowledge and devotion shine within us all.

OCTOBER 20, 2025

Wenlock CE Academy





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1st Oct-31st Oct



Honouring the history and contributions of
Black communities this month.

Write a book review or create a fact file of someone who
inspires you!

We want to celebrate our whole community all year - not
just for 1 month

WENLOCK CE ACADEMY



Year 2s Family Open Morning



with cake!



Wenlock CE Academy HARVEST APPEAL

—
ANY DONATIONS OF
DRY GOODS WELCOME—
PASTA, CANNED
GOODS, SAUCES, TEA
ETC



DONATIONS ARE FOR THE
LOCAL FOOD BANK

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY



**Y3/4, PLEASE BRING
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
DONATIONS**

**Y5/6 PLEASE BRING
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
DONATIONS**



WENLOCKS ANNUAL

Winter Wonderland

AT WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5TH
OPEN FROM 2:30PM - 4:30PM

PLEASE DONATE

**YR 3 AND YR 4 CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
DONATIONS**

**YR 5 AND YR 6 BOTTLE TOMBOLA
DONATIONS**

**ENTRY FEE IS FREE. FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CHECK THE ARBOR APP OR FEEL FREE TO ASK A
MEMBER OF STAFF**





PARENT INFORMATION



Spare Swimming Kits

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

We would be most grateful for any donations you may have. Thank you

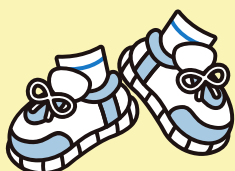
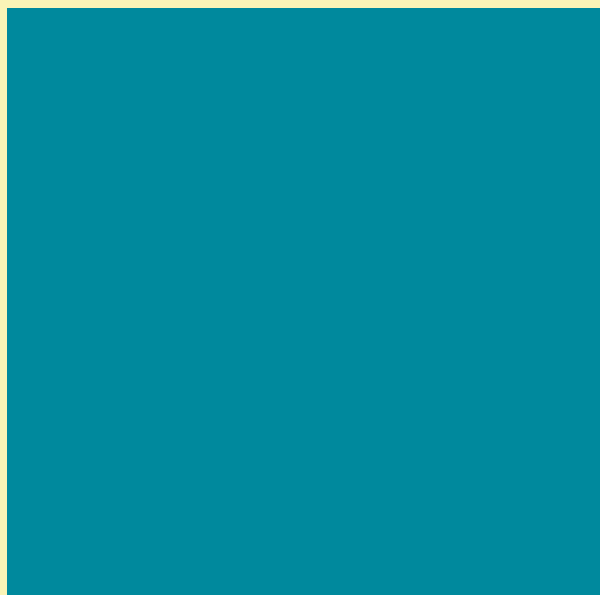


HOMEWORK GRIDS

Homework grids for the Autumn term are live on the website for year 3, 4, & 5, and they can be found under the Home Learning section.



PE TIMETABLE



Dinner Money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having a 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 at:

admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk



October





SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

5th November

Bonfire Banger Hot Dogs
with Sweet Potato Wedges
and Rainbow Slaw

Or

Quorn Bonfire Banger Hot Dogs
with Sweet Potato Wedges
and Rainbow Slaw

And

Toffee Apple Sponge & Custard

Jacket Potato and Hot Tomato Pasta is also available



We are a nut-free school to ensure the safety of children and staff with nut allergies. We would like to remind you that many chocolate spreads, including popular brands, contain hazelnuts. Please ensure that chocolate spread is not included in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.



Road Safety



To help keep all children safe, please ensure they are taught how to cross the road safely, particularly outside the school where traffic can be heavy.

A reminder to all drivers: It is **illegal** to stop or park on the yellow lines outside the school, as this creates a serious safety risk for our pupils and you may be fined.

Uniform Donations



We at Wenlock are always grateful for donations of pre-loved school uniform. If your children have outgrown any items, please feel free to drop them off with our reception team. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and go a long way in supporting our school community.

Wellies



As the weather becomes wetter with the approach of autumn, we kindly ask that your child bring a pair of wellies to school to help them enjoy outdoor activities comfortably.

If your child has outgrown or spare wellies at home, we would greatly appreciate donations. These can be dropped off at our reception. We appreciate your support!



Snacks



Many thanks for providing your children with fruit and vegetables **ONLY** for snack time, and for continuing to avoid sending in any nut-related products. We really appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe.

As a reminder, grapes and cherry tomatoes should be cut into quarters lengthways to reduce the risk of choking.



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





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LOST & FOUND

*Please name your
children's clothing,
It cannot be
returned without it*



We've seen a recent increase in lost property. To help us return items quickly, please make sure your child's clothing is clearly labeled with their name. Unfortunately, we're unable to return unlabeled items. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated.



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01582 730624

Visit Our Website
www.wenlockacademy.co.uk



Apply for Free School Meals at home

... Click here or scan
the QR code



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu



Applying for a high school place

Starting school or moving on to junior or high school is an important time for your child please take the time to read through the information provided below.

accesstoeducation@luton.gov.uk
or call 01582 548016

Here's what you should consider
before completing your application:

- 1** You **MUST** apply before the closing date. High school applications - **31 October**, infant, primary and junior school applications - **15 January**
- 2** It is **vital** that you read the '**How to apply for a school place**' **guide**. This guide provides detailed information on the school admissions process and how school places are allocated. You can view it online at **luton.gov.uk/school-admissions**
- 3** It is important to state three different schools. Consider realistic 'back-up' preferences. Look up your catchment area school and remember, if you want your catchment area school to be considered, you must include it as one of your preferences. **Always consider putting the catchment area school as a back-up preference.**
luton.gov.uk/school-admissions



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A video is available to guide you through the application process when applying for your child's school place at **luton.gov.uk/A2E**

Join the **BLMK** **Choral** **Workshop** **2025**

Do you love to sing?  Want to develop your vocal skills in a fun and inspiring setting? 

 Want to have a local choral experience with Young Voices Musical Director, Craig McLeish?

Come along to the BLMK Choral Course this October!

Whether you're an experienced singer or just starting out, this two-day course is open to all young vocalists across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. Don't miss this opportunity to sing with others, learn from expert tutors, and enjoy making music together!

Limited spaces available – book early to avoid disappointment!

DATE: Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 October 2025

VENUE: Queen Elizabeth School, Luton LU2 9AG

Cost: Just £10 for both days!

To register, use QR Code...





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JOIN **STREET TAG** AND WIN PRIZES

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN **STREET TAG**

- * It is a **FREE**, fun platform to motivate parents and children to be active in their local area.
- * Support children to achieve their 60 daily active minutes.
- * Develop team-building skills and a healthy competitive spirit among children.
- * Encourage children to rediscover parks and green spaces.
- * An opportunity for the school PTA to win a performance bonus.
- * Reward healthy behaviour by encouraging parents and their children to walk or cycle to school.

If you are interested in signing up for the Luton schools Street Tag Programme, please email MJ at meenakshi@streettag.co.uk or fill out an online form at www.streettag.co.uk/schools



Rank	Score	Team name
1.	8,75,894	(6) Health is wealth
2. 	6,56,830	(6) RJ Squad
3.	4,20,730	(6) LoveWalking
4.	3,07,540	(4)

LEADERBOARD DATES

* **1ST SEASON:**

6th Oct to 1st Dec 2025



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Attention Luton Schools

Get Active & Win Prizes

Walk. Run. Cycle. Roll. Scoot.

Season Date: 6th Oct to 1st Dec 2025

Join the fun solo,
with friends, or
with family

Walk, run, cycle
roll and scoot to
earn prizes

Discover and
collect virtual tags
everywhere you go

Rack up points
to climb the
leaderboard

Compete with
friends, family, and
your community

Rediscover the
hidden gems in
your local area



**Download the free
Street Tag app**



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Social media platforms can often recommend sensationalist content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories>



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Dignity

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

TALK TOGETHER about Dignity

Dignity means showing that we respect ourselves and others. It's about knowing that everyone is special and deserves to be treated kindly and fairly.

5 Ways We Can Have Dignity in Our Lives

1. Be Kind to Others
2. Take Care of Yourself
3. Tell the Truth and Be Fair
4. Help Others and Stand Up for What's Right
5. Respect Differences

Why Dignity Matters:

When we show dignity, we help make the world a kinder, safer, and fairer place for everyone.

Genesis 1:27

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

This verse teaches that every person is made in God's image. That means everyone is special, important, and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, no matter who they are.

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Our dignity is not in what we do,
but in what we understand."
— George Bernard Shaw,
playwright and philosopher



READ TOGETHER A story of dignity

The Good Samaritan

One day, a man who knew a lot about the law asked Jesus a question. He wanted to test Him, so he said:

"Teacher, what must I do to live forever with God?"

Jesus answered,

"What does the law say? What do you think it means?"

The man said,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus said,

"That's right! Do this, and you will live."

But the man wanted to look good, so he asked,

"But who is my neighbor?"

So Jesus told him a story:

A man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers attacked him. They took his clothes, hurt him badly, and left him lying on the ground.

Soon, a priest came walking down the road. He saw the hurt man, but he walked to the other side and didn't help.

Then a Levite (a temple helper) came. He also saw the man but walked away too.

Then a man from Samaria came by. The people listening to Jesus didn't like Samaritans, so they were surprised by what happened next!

The Samaritan man felt sorry for the hurt man. He stopped, cleaned his wounds, and put bandages on him. He put the man on his own donkey and took him to a safe place (an inn). There, he took care of him.

The next day, the Samaritan gave money to the person in charge of the inn. He said,

"Please look after him. If it costs more, I will pay you back when I return."

Then Jesus asked,

"Which of these three people was a good neighbor to the man who was hurt?"

The man replied,

"The one who showed kindness and helped him."

Jesus said,

"Go and do the same."

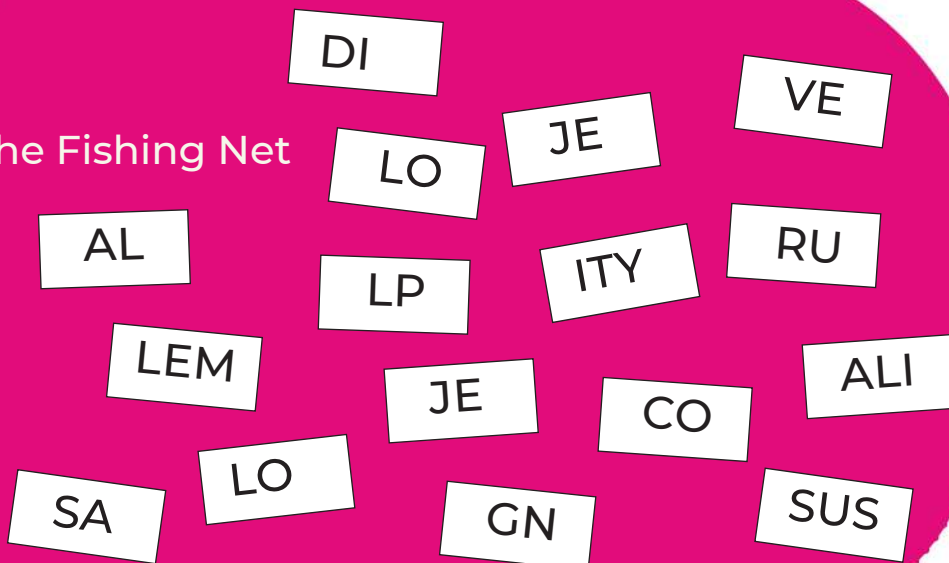


87 | Story based on Luke 5: 1-11; Luke 22:54-62; John 21:15-19



Words in the Fishing Net

Pair letters from the net together to make words from the story. You could colour matching halves...





HALL OF FAME

A long time ago in South Africa, there was a man named Nelson Mandela. He saw that people were being treated unfairly just because of the color of their skin. This made him very sad, so he decided to speak up and fight for fairness and equal rights. Even though he didn't hurt anyone, he was put in prison for 27 years because he stood up for what was right. But Nelson didn't give up, and he didn't let anger change who he was. He stayed strong, brave, and calm — and he treated everyone, even the people who were unfair to him, with dignity and respect.

After he was finally set free, Nelson Mandela became the first Black president of South Africa. Instead of being angry or seeking revenge, he worked to bring peace and kindness to his country. He showed the world that dignity means treating others with respect, even when it's hard. Nelson Mandela's life reminds us that being kind, fair, and hopeful can change the world.

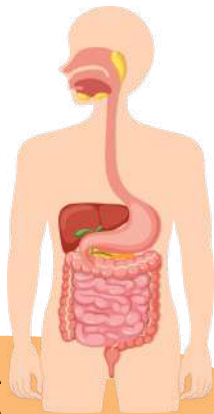


HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Living with dignity

If you could ask a famous person

Think about ways you can show dignity to others at school, home, or in your neighborhood. Draw a picture of yourself helping someone or being kind. It could be sharing, listening, saying nice words, or helping someone who is sad.



FASCINATING FACTS... ABOUT US

Your heart beats about 100,000 times every day.

You can't tickle yourself.

About 60% of your body is made of water.

Our eyes help us see colors, but dogs see fewer colors than we do.

Humans can talk with many words, but dolphins use clicks and whistles to "talk."

Your skin protects you from germs, just like a turtle's shell protects it from danger.



FAMILY FOCUS

The human body is probably the most

complex machine on earth. But do you know what your body is made of, how it moves and how all the parts work together?

See if you can answer these questions correctly.

- How many bones does an adult human have?
- What part of your body helps you think and learn?
- How does your heart help your body?
- What does your skin do to protect you?
- How much of your body is made of water?