



Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

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

This Term's Value is:
Community

KEY DATES

• 16th December - Christmas Jumper

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• 6th January - Return to school

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Wenlock Families,

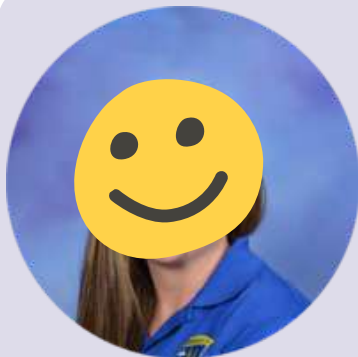
Season's greetings from all of Team Wenlock!

Thank you to everyone who supported our major fundraising event of the year - Winter Wonderland. We raised a whopping £650 that will go towards subsidising educational visits and visitors this year.

Swimming has been a huge success this year, with all of year 4 and year 6 getting to swim and several additional groups having further opportunities to ensure all of our Wenlock children have the life-saving skill of being able to swim. We will welcome back the pool staff again next year.

We are continuing to champion 'every child a reader' this year and have an amazing eight word millionaires already this year, joining Miss Anderson and me for our Millionaire tea party next week. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Wenlock. The safety and well-being of our children is our absolute priority, and we want to share with you the many ways we work to keep your children safe every day. **(Next page to continue message from Ms Burke)**

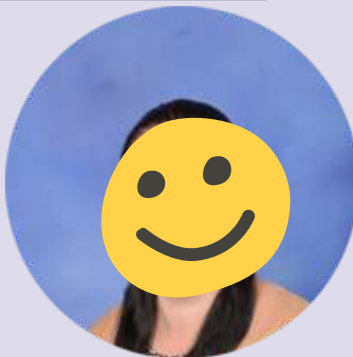
YOUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss Dearman
DSL / Pastoral



Mrs Palmer
DDSL / Pastoral



Miss Robinson
DDSL / Pastoral



Mr Clark
DDSL / Assistant Head



Miss Anderson
DDSL / Deputy Head



Ms Burke
DDSL / Headteacher



Mr Hudson
DDSL / Head of School





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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Alpha** 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 **92.02%**

Remember:

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

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

STUDYBUGS

We have moved up to **75%** of parents signed up to Studybugs!

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

(continued...) Our Safeguarding Team and Open Door Policy

We believe that safeguarding should be transparent, clear, and easy to understand for everyone. Our systems are well-promoted, easily understood, and easily accessible for children to confidently report any form of abuse or neglect, knowing their concerns will be treated seriously.

We operate an open-door policy for children and families. If you or your child has any concerns or worries, you can ask to speak to any member of our safeguarding team at any time. Simply contact the school office, and we will arrange a meeting as soon as possible. If the staff member you've requested is teaching, we will offer an alternative time that works for you, or arrange for another member of the safeguarding team to meet with you promptly.

As we approach the holidays, we will be teaching the children about important safety resources:

The NSPCC Helpline

We will remind children about the NSPCC helpline (0800 028 0285). Children can call this number if they need help or advice, and it's available from 08:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday, and 09:00 to 18:00 at weekends.

Your Safe 5 Adults

We encourage every child to identify their "Safe 5" – five trusted adults (both at home and at school) whom they can talk to if they're worried or upset. This might include family members, teachers, teaching assistants, or other school staff. Knowing who these people are gives children confidence that they always have someone to turn to.

It's Always Best to Talk

We want all children to understand that it's important to receive the right help at the right time to address safeguarding risks and prevent issues escalating. We encourage children to share their concerns or worries with a trusted adult – whether that's at home or at school. No concern is too small, and talking about worries is always the right thing to do.

Working Together

Safeguarding is a partnership between school and home. We're here to support you and your children, and we encourage open communication. If you ever have any concerns about your child's safety or wellbeing – or that of another child – please don't hesitate to contact us.

Remember: our door is always open, and we're here to help.

Together, we can keep our children safe.

Have a wonderful Christmas for those of you celebrating and a well-earned rest for those that are just looking forward to a break, and we are super excited to see you all back ready for learning on January 6th.

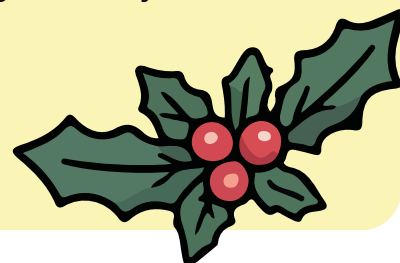
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Ms Olivia Burke

Head Teacher (DDSL)

DSAMAT Cluster Education Lead

Wenlock CE Academy





Thank you for your support

To WENLOCK CofE JUNIOR SCHOOL

ThankyouforsupportingtheRoyalBritishLegionPoppyAppeal

You raised an amount of £133.98

In total Luton Schools raised a whopping £13,855.82



FESTIVE FUN

Tuesday 16th
December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing
(Halal version available)
Or

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry &
Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath
With

Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas
Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Christmas Jumper Cookie





StudyBugs has a Fresh New Look!
We've grown from a simple illness-tracking app into a powerful platform supporting schools, trusts, local authorities, the NHS, police, and more.

No changes to how it works.
Same features, same processes — just a new look.



Looking Forward Together
Our new look reflects our commitment to a future where every child is safe, supported and able to thrive.
Together with schools, trusts and local partners, we're making that future real.
Here's to the next chapter of Studybugs — ensuring every child's welfare, together.

Swimming Timetable

Week 7	09:00-09:30	09:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45-11:15	11:15-11:45	11:45-13:00	13:00-13:30	13:30-14:00	14:00-14:45	14:30-15:00
Monday 15	PP Group	PP Group	PP Group	Break	Year 4 Alina	Year 4 Alina	Lunch	Year 4 Alina	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium
Tuesday 16	PP Group	PP Group	PP Group	Break	Year 4 Alina	Year 4 Alina		Year 4 Alina	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium
Wednesday 17	PP Group	PP Group	PP Group	Break	Year 4 Alina	Year 4 Alina		Year 4 Alina	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium	Year 6 Aquarium
Thursday 18	FINAL ASSESSMENT DAY (PP GROUP, YEAR 4 (ALINA), YEAR 6 (AQUARIUM))										
Friday 19	POOL TAKE DOWN - NO SWIM DAY										



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



MERRY CHRISTMAS!





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!





CHRISTMAS DINNER AT SCHOOL



Tuesday December 16th
**Wear your Christmas/
winter jumper**



Pay on Arbor



The background of the poster features several large, stylized Christmas jumpers. In the top left, a green jumper with white clouds and orange stars. In the top right, a red jumper with a white polar bear wearing a green hat. In the bottom left, a red jumper with a green Christmas tree and white stars. In the bottom right, a green jumper with a black and white penguin wearing a red scarf. The entire background is a dark blue color with scattered orange and white stars.

WENLOCK ACADEMYS

Christmas Jumper day!

THE FLUFFIEST, UGLIEST, FUNNIEST, AND
ITCHIEST JUMPER WILL BE CROWNED THE COZY
CHRISTMAS CHAMPION

Come into school in your Christmas/
Winter jumper!

December 16th
Wenlock CE Academy

Get ready to get cozy!



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Joy To The World

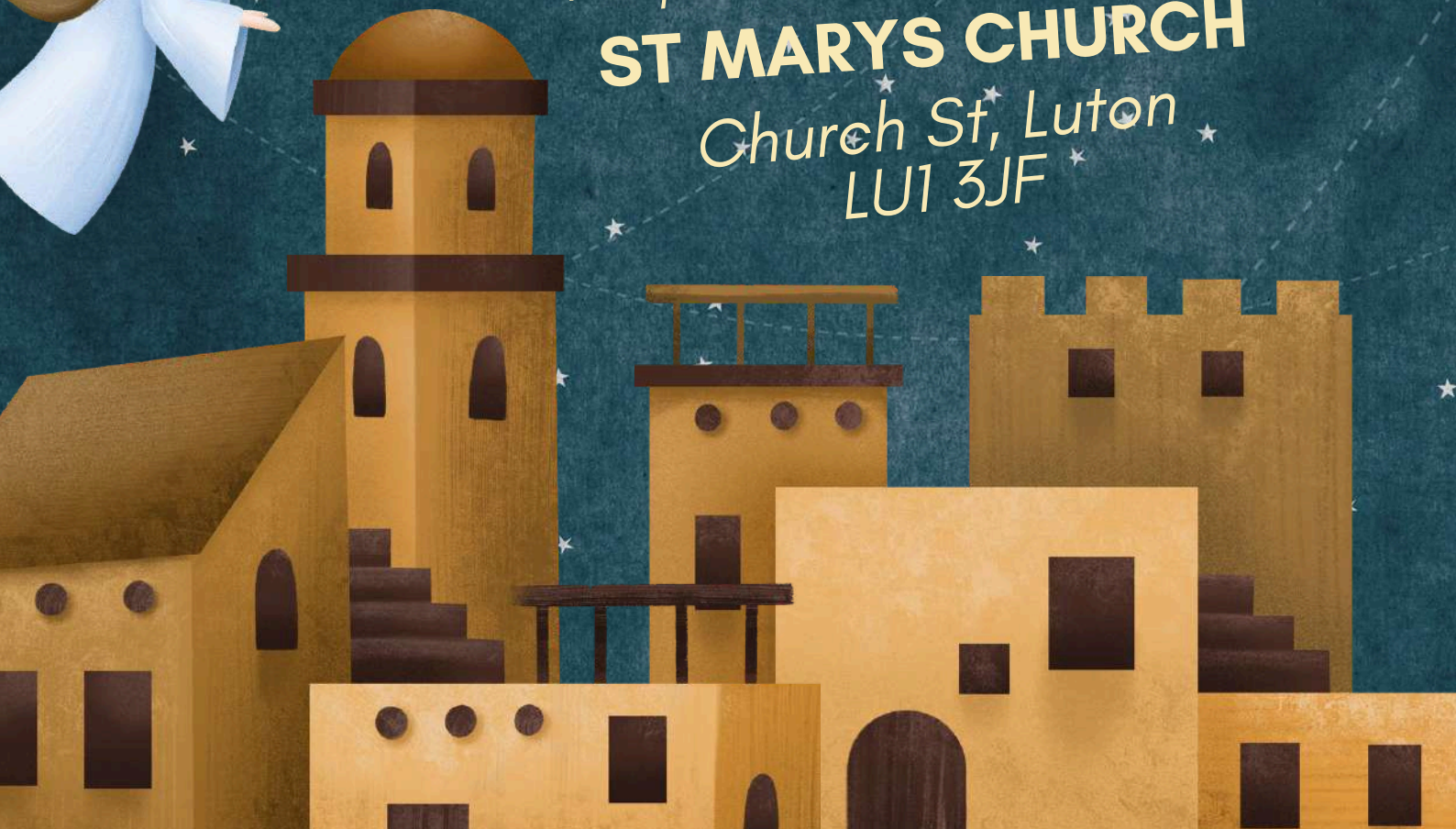
CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT
CHURCH

16.12.25 - 10AM

Yr 3 parents are invited to attend

ST MARYS CHURCH

Church St, Luton
LU1 3JF





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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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www.wenlockacademy.co.uk



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... to get started



Community

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

TALK TOGETHER

about Community

Community means working together and caring for each other.

It's about knowing that everyone belongs and has something special to give.

5 Ways to Build Community

1. Be kind and helpful
2. Work together
3. Include everyone
4. Show respect
5. Do your part

Why Community Matters

When we care and work together, we make our school and world happier and stronger.

Romans 12:4-5

"We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

This reminds us that everyone is important, and together we make a caring community.



READ TOGETHER

A story of community

Jesus Feeds the 5,000

One sunny day, Jesus was teaching a big crowd of people near a lake. Everyone wanted to hear him talk about God's love. More and more people came—there were about 5,000 men, plus lots of women and children!

The people listened all day long. When the sun started to go down, everyone began to feel very hungry. But there were no shops or places to buy food.

Jesus' friends, the disciples, were worried. "How can we feed all these people?" they asked. "We don't have enough food for everyone!"

Then a little boy came forward. He had brought his lunch with him—five small loaves of bread and two fish. It wasn't much, but he was happy to share it.

Jesus smiled and took the boy's lunch. He looked up to heaven and thanked God for the food. Then he began to break the bread and fish into pieces and handed them to the disciples to share with the people.

Something wonderful happened—the food didn't run out! Everyone ate until they were full, and when they collected the leftovers, there were twelve baskets of food still left!

The people were amazed. They saw that when we share what we have, even something small, God can do big and wonderful things.



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

THINK TOGETHER

Words of Wisdom

"It's not what we have, but what we share, that makes a community strong" - - Winnie the Pooh (A.A. Milne)



Christmas puzzle

Find the words in the word search!

LOVE MERRY
JESUS ELF
JOY TREE
PEACE CHRIST
CAROLS SANTA

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J	O	Y	C	S	Y	O	H
R	E	V	R	C	M	J	R
M	A	P	E	A	C	E	I
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HALL OF FAME

LeBron James is famous all around the world for being one of the best basketball players ever. But what makes him even more special is how much he cares about his community.

When LeBron was a kid, he knew what it was like to face challenges.

He grew up in a city where not everyone had enough opportunities

everyone had enough opportunities to go to good schools or have the support they needed. He promised himself that if he became successful, he would help kids like him, and that's exactly what he did! LeBron started the "I PROMISE" School in his hometown of Akron, Ohio. This isn't just any school—it's a place where kids get extra help with their learning, meals, clothes, and even a safe place to stay if they need it. He also made sure kids had mentors and support to help them reach their dreams.

LeBron didn't stop there. He has helped families, given scholarships to students, and encouraged kids to never give up on their goals. He shows everyone that being part of a community means looking out for each other, helping those in need, and giving back.

Even though he's a superstar on the basketball court, LeBron says that helping his community is one of the most important things he does.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Living in a community

On a PUZZLE PIECE, create a drawing of your community. This could be your school, your neighborhood, your sports team, or even a circle of friends.

Be sure to include the people, places, and things that make your community unique and meaningful. In your drawing, also show an action you have taken to help or support your community.



FASCINATING FACTS... ...ABOUT CHRISTMAS

In some countries, children open presents on Christmas Eve instead of Christmas Day.

Santa Claus loves cookies.

The name "Christmas" comes from "Christ's Mass."

Candy canes were first made to look like a shepherd's staff

The first artificial Christmas trees were made from goose feathers dyed green!

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and it's celebrated every year on December 25th.



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?