



# Wenlock's Weekly Round-Up

This Term's Value is:

## Hope



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

### KEY DATES

Check your emails for the full version, including dates!

### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS

Dear Wenlock Families,

It has been a busy week at Wenlock, but one filled with pride. Our Year 6 pupils have been absolute superstars this week and truly lived our school vision and values. They have shown pure grit and determination throughout their SAT week, approaching each test with resilience and positivity. We are so proud of every one of our Year 6 Pupils - we hope they have a wonderful weekend relaxing and the best time on their Legoland Trip next week.

Mr Clark has taken some of our Year 3 and 4 Pupils to the Luton Qyad Kids competition at Stockwood Park today. Although we don't know the overall results yet, our children were excellent role models and represented our school brilliantly.

We are on Instagram! Please check out our new Instagram account **@wenlockacademy!**



We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Next week is our last week before the May Half Term break. We will finish on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026, at 3.20pm for Year 5 and 6, and 3.30pm for Year 3 and 4.

Ms Burke - Head Teacher  
Mrs Clark - Head of School

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Lunar** for achieving **98.21%** attendance last week! Fantastic effort! Keep it up! Our school attendance target is **97%** each week., our school attendance was **96.22%**



#### Remember:

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

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





# ASPENS SCHOOL DINNERS



Aspen's seasonal calendar features a different fruit or vegetable each month. Mrs Dempsey, our kitchen manager, decorates the featured produce to make it fun and engaging for the children. This month celebrates peppers, so we've created 'pepper pigs'! Our notice board displays the theme day for each month, so children can see.

May's Special Event: Out of This World!  
May's theme is 'Out of This World', with a special menu on 21st May featuring a rocket lolly for dessert.  
There's also a lucky plate to be found! Children should look under their plates to see if they've won the prize. Good luck!



**May**  
The vegetable of the month is...  
**PEPPERS**

Meals cost  
**£2.75**

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# Eco CLUB

THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN...  
**MAKING BUG  
HOTELS**



This week, our Eco Club have finally finished building and painting their very own bug hotels! These special structures are designed to invite insects like bees and spiders to make their home, helping the environment and giving insects a safe place to rest away from predators. Well done to all our eco warriors for completing this fantastic project!

# WENLOCK'S Cooking Club

With  
Miss Long



**What have we been cooking up?**  
This week we've been making  
delicious vanilla cupcakes!  
Everyone decorated theirs with  
their own unique style using  
sprinkles and icing.



# NOT MY CHILD

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO:  
\* EXPLOITATION  
\* KNIFE CRIME  
\* COUNTY LINES

## CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES.

### WHY ATTEND?

- **HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- **RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- **EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- **SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

**6:00PM - 9:15PM**  
**WEDS 20 MAY 2026**  
**STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**STOPSLEY - LUTON**



**Luton**

# OUT OF THIS WORLD



21st May

Mini Planet Meatballs  
with Out of this World Tomato Sauce,  
Pasta and Green Beans

Or

Veggie Big Bang Bangers  
with Cosmic Mash and Green Beans

And

Rocket Lolly





# Ancient CIVILIZATIONS DAY

YEAR 3 AND 4

£1.50  
CONTRIBUTION

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026



STEP BACK IN TIME TO AN ANCIENT CIVILISATION!

Dress up as your favourite Ancient Egyptian pharaoh or an Ancient Sumerian Emperor and join us in a day of the life in an ancient civilisation.

This day will include workshops, digging for artifacts, making ancient paper and even writing using an ancient alphabet.



Please try and make your costumes with items you have at home. Here is some inspiration!



# SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS

For different events/stalls during the summer fair we are asking for different donations.



Non-uniform day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
2026

Bring donations of unopened sweets.



Non-uniform day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
2026

Bring donations of unopened bottles.



Bric-a-brac (toys, decorative items, unwanted/unopened gifts) & school uniform donations to be donated at any time before 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

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# SEASIDE TRIP 2026

FREE

**9<sup>th</sup> June - Years 3 & 6**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June - Years 4 & 5**

As a special thank you to all our children for their hard work and excellent behaviour during our recent Ofsted inspection, we're delighted to offer them a free school trip to 

**Contact us for more information**  
**[admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk)**



# SUMMER

# Disco

BOOK ON ARBOR  
**£3.50**

MUSIC | FOOD | GAMES

Tuesday 23rd June 2026

For years 3, 4, and 5 only

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JOIN US FOR OUR

# 60th Anniversary Fair



DONATION  
ON  
ENTRY

## Cash only

Join us for lots of fun,  
including

- fun alley • face painting •
  - entertainment • food stalls •
- and much much more!



## WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

VISIT ARBOR FOR MORE INFORMATION



# YEAR 4 SUMMER CAMPING



*Book On Arbor - £15 pp*  
*Takes place on school premises*  
*Only 35 places available*



## Activities

- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Games & Sports
- Campfire & Story Time
- Nature Exploration
- Music, Dance & Drama

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Trip to

# London

School Council and ambassadors are invited to visit the houses of Parliament!



Trip is for school council and Ambassadors only



# PARENT INFORMATION



## HOMWORK GRIDS

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



## UNIFORM REMINDER

As the weather gets warmer and we move into summer, children will be taking off their jumpers during the day. Please make sure all uniform items, especially jumpers, are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Without a name label, we cannot return lost items to their owner. Thank you for your support.



## PE TIMETABLE

**Omega:** Wednesday & Friday

**Alpha:** Wednesday & Friday

**Vesper:** Tuesday & Thursday

**Alina:** Tuesday & Thursday

**Aurora:** Tuesday & Thursday

**Stellar:** Wednesday & Thursday

**Lunar:** Wednesday & Thursday

**Solar:** Wednesday & Thursday

**Aquarium:** Tuesday & Friday

**Aviary:** Tuesday & Friday

**Arboreal:** Tuesday & Friday



## Lunch 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](mailto:admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk)



# MAY



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

## TALK TOGETHER about Hope

The value **hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he **hoped** and believed that God had a plan. As a family you may want to talk about:

- your **hopes** and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Learn from yesterday, live for today,  
**hope** for tomorrow"  
*Albert Einstein*



## READ TOGETHER... God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last!

And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6:1-9:17



## QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah.  
12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

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|-------|----------|---------|
| NOAH  | CREATURE | FORTY   |
| ARK   | DAYS     | HOPE    |
| BOAT  | DOVE     | NEST    |
| BUILD | FLOODS   | PROMISE |
|       | GOD      | RAINBOW |
|       |          | WORLD   |



## The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



## FAMILY FOCUS

### Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread.

(You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



## FASCINATING FACTS

### Rainbows

After a shower of rain we sometimes see a magnificent rainbow arched across the sky.

- rainbows are the reflection of the sun in the rain droplets in the sky
- they are curved because raindrops are round
- they are multi-coloured because each raindrop splits the sunlight into a spectrum of colours
- the colours of the rainbow are always in the same order – red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet – and red is highest in the sky
- an easy way to remember the order is using the mnemonic 'Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain'. The first letter of each word is also the first letter of the colour.



## HALL OF FAME

### Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent

struggle of wildlife to survive. His **hope** is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Make a 'hopes and dreams' catcher

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the **hopes** and dreams you can!

