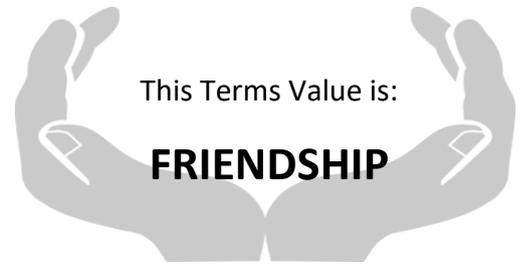




# Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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

Friday 10th May 2024



## Key dates

Monday 13th—16th May

Tuesday 14th May

Thursday 16th May

Monday 20th May

Tuesday 21st May

Wednesday 22nd May

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

3rd—7th June

13th, 14th & 17th June

Wednesday 19th June

Wednesday 26th June

24th—28th June

Friday 28th June

Wednesday 3rd July

Thursday 4th July

Monday 8th July

Wednesday 10th July—11th July

Monday 15th July—17th July

Thursday 18th July

Friday 19th July

Year 6 SATS WEEK

Parent Forum - School hours consultation 3.30—4.30 pm

Vesper Class Swimming Lesson

Year 6 Trip to LEGOLAND—Consent on Arbor is needed

Whole school Maths day

School Photographer—Class photo's

Vesper Class Swimming Lesson

Kingswood residential parent talk—3.30—4.30pm

Big Weekend—School early finish at 1.45 pm

Half Term Holiday

Year 4 Multiplication check week

Scholastic Book Fair—3.30—4.15pm

Sports Day Years 3 & 4. 2.00—3.15pm

Sports Day Years 5 & 6. 2.00—3.15pm

Wenlock's Got Talent Auditions—all props and music to be sent in

Singing Spectacular (Choir Only) More information to follow

Y2's meet the teacher event 3:45 or 6pm please book with the office

Move Up Day

Wenlock's Got Talent

Year 6 Leaver's Production More details to follow

Year 5 Kingswood Residential

Year 6 Leavers Service

Last day 1:45 finish



### Attendance

Well done to Lunar who achieved the highest attendance last week at 97.93%

The attendance for the whole school was 93.93%

Our School target is 97%

### Big Weekend Early Closure

#### Friday 24th May

Due to the Big Weekend event taking place in Luton, the school will close at 1:45 on Friday 24th May.

This is to help facilitate people getting home due to road closures and public transport disruption.

Over 100 roads will be closed.

<https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/events/Pages/Road-closures-and-noise.aspx>

There will be no Wenlock Xtra after-school club on this day.

# PARENT INFORMATION

**Friday 19th July 1:45 close.**  
**After School club will be**  
**available.**  
**Please book in advance.**

**Parent Forum**  
**Tuesday 14th May 3.30—4.30pm**

Parents/Carers are invited to attend a Parent Forum following the school hours consultation. We would like to get more detailed views from those able to attend.

## PE Days

3 - Alpha	Tuesday	Friday
3 - Omega	Tuesday	Thursday
3 - Genesis	Tuesday	Thursday
4 - Aurora	Tuesday	Thursday
4 - Alina	Tuesday	Thursday
4 - Vesper	Tuesday	Thursday
5 - Lunar	Monday	Wednesday
5 - Solar	Wednesday	Friday
5 - Stellar	Wednesday	Thursday
6 - Aviary	Monday	Wednesday
6 - Arboreal	Wednesday	Friday
6 - Aquarium	Wednesday	Thursday

## National Thank a Teacher Day

Please click on the link below to find information about the National Thank a Teacher Day which is 19th June.

The link also has details of fun activities, competitions and prizes to be won for the school which can be downloaded.

[For Parents and Pupils - Thank a Teacher](#)

## Dinner money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having school dinner. The cost for school dinner is as follows: £2.50 per day or £12.50 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 6 Trip to Legoland

Thank you to those of you who have consented for your child, in year 6, to go on the trip to Legoland on Monday 20th May. Please could any parent who hasn't consented, do so on Arbor.

Thank you.

## Emailing the School Office

Please can we remind families that when emailing the school or leaving a message on the answer phone that you give your child's full name and their class and/or their teacher.

If you do not provide these details, it will lead to delays in answering or forwarding your queries.

You can report your child's absence by calling 01582 730624 and pressing option 1 or via email on [attendance@wenlockacademy.co.uk](mailto:attendance@wenlockacademy.co.uk)

## NSPCC Digital Training

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. The NSPCC are encouraging all adults to take this free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family.

[Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)

**Wenlock's Got Talent!**  
**Auditions 24—28 June**

# Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

## Why are there age restrictions on social media platforms?

Many social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 years or over. This is because you have to be at least 13 years old to give consent for your personal data to be collected and processed.

What is the minimum age for UK account holders on these social media platforms?

13	16
 Facebook	Vimeo 
 Instagram	Telegram 
 Snapchat	Tumblr 
 TikTok	
 X (formerly Twitter)	
 Pinterest	
 Twitch	
 Reddit	
 Messenger	
 Discord	
 Skype	
 YouTube	
 WhatsApp	



The above age restrictions are based on the age required by the individual platform. This may differ from the age ratings suggested on app stores such as Google Play or App Store.

**Social Media Disclaimer:** This resource/information is not intended to encourage social media use and we cannot accept any responsibility for pupils that sign up to social media sites after using this resource/information. This resource refers to UK age ratings and other countries may differ.



# SPACE DAY

Thursday 16th May

***Come and join us for an out of world experience***

Flying Saucer Burgers  
***Served at the Martian base camp***  
Or

Cheese & Onion Galaxy Swirls  
***Served at the Venus Station***  
With

Alien Wedges &  
Dazzling Sweetcorn Stars

Followed by  
Rocket Lolly or Milky Way Cupcake  
***Served at Saturn Sweet Station***

**Our Jacket Potato & Hot Tomato Pasta is also  
available.  
Please remember to top up your Arbor money  
account.**

**Aspens**  


# Online Safety Update

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

### PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

### VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

### FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

### LACK OF ACCESS



The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### GIVE IT A GO FIRST



Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

### SET EXPECTATIONS



At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

### CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES



If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

### KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS



Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

### MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS



Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

### Meet Our Expert

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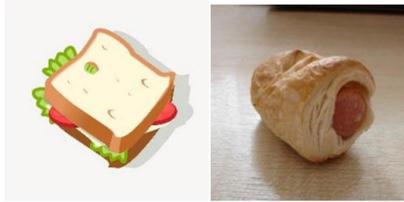


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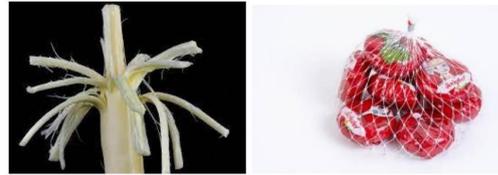
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# Packed Lunch ideas

Sandwich/pitta bread/crackers/Bread Roll/Rice/Pasta/Sausage Roll/Flan



Cheese pieces



Fruit chopped up if they prefer to eat it this way.



Biscuit/Malt loaf/fruited teacakes,



Yoghurt



Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



Crisps/Popcorn



Drinks no fizzy drinks



Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a NUT-FREE school.

# FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

## TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

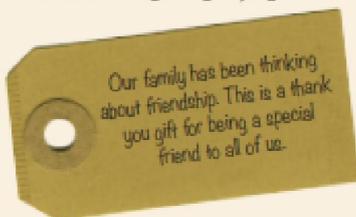
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That's a lot of gold!  
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



## FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



## READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



## QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.

				
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## FASCINATING FACTS

### Friendship Bands

**Friendship bracelets** are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



### Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.



## HALL OF FAME



### A dog is a man's best friend

Near the village of Beddgelert in North Wales is a beautiful sculpture of a very special **friend**.

According to legend, the monument marks the resting place of the faithful dog, Gelert, who once belonged to the medieval Welsh Prince, Llewelyn the Great. A tombstone tells the story of a fateful day when Llewelyn went out hunting leaving the faithful hound, Gelert, to guard his young son. On his return Gelert sprang to greet his master, but Llewelyn noticed some blood on his fur. He rushed inside his house. To his horror the first thing he saw was his son's cot. It was empty!

The frantic father turned on the dog, thinking he must have harmed the boy. He killed Gelert there and then with his sword. At that moment a child's cry rang out through the house. Llewelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Gelert had killed before it attacked the small child.

Prince Llewelyn is said never to have smiled again and with tears of sadness he buried Gelert in this place, which became known as "the grave of Gelert", or in Welsh, Beddgelert.

