



Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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

Friday 1st December 2023

This Terms Value is:

COMPASSION



Key dates

Monday 4th December	Future Games Activity Day—Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 5th December	Book Fair—3.30 to 4.00 pm Flu immunisations—for children given consent by parents
Wednesday 6th December	Book Fair—3.30 to 4.00pm
Thursday 7th December	Choir singing at Luton Airport Year 4 Aurora Final Swimming Lesson Year 6 visit to QES—Panto Wenlock Film Night—Booking available via Arbor School Shop
Friday 8th December	Non Uniform Day—Donations of Chocolate bars/boxes for Winter Wonderland
Tuesday 12th December	Girls football league Y3 Nativity in Church. Y3 families are invited to attend St Mary's @ 10am
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas jumper day (we love homemade) Christmas dinner day
Thursday 14th December	Y3 & 4 Believe and Achieve awards (invited families only) 9:15 am
Friday 15th December	Y5 & 6 Believe and Achieve awards (invited families only) 9:15 am Wenlock Winter Wonderland Fair 3.45—5.00 Hosted by Year 5—all invited
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1.30 pm (see below)
Wednesday 3rd January	Inset Day—School closed
Thursday 4th January	Start of Spring Term—Children return
Thursday 4th January	Year 4 Alina Swimming Lesson

Attendance

Well done to Alpha who achieved the highest attendance last week at 97.04%

The attendance for the whole school was 94.53%

Our School target is 97%

Last Day of Term—Early finish

Children can be collected at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th December. They won't be allowed to walk home on their own.

Please click on the link to select an option.

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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED

PARENT INFORMATION

PE Days

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

Wenlock Winter Wonderland—Santa's Grotto

As our Wenlock Winter Wonderland is fast approaching. We would like to remind you that we will be having a Santa's Grotto. Slots for Santa's Grotto can be booked via Arbor. Please book a slot for your child/children. This will be under School Shop in Arbor.

Thank you.

The Big Ambition

There is a national campaign called 'The Big Ambition' from the Children's Commission.

Children and Parents are asked to click on the link to complete a survey.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Further resources are on their website.

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

Warm Clothing Request

With the cold weather here, we would like to ask that if any children have outgrown a coat, that parents would consider donating it to the school. This is so that we can offer one to any family struggling to buy a new coat.

We also need hats, gloves and scarves if anyone would like to donate any .

Please bring any donated items to our family worker or drop them into the school office.

Coats that have been in lost property for a few weeks, which are not named, will be placed with our family worker along with donated items unless claimed by Friday 8th December.

Thank you.

Dinner money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having school dinner. The cost for school dinner is as follows: £2.40 per day or £12.00 per week.

If you have a query relating to dinner money payment, you can contact the finance team on schooldinner@wenlockacademy.co.uk

Wenlock Film Night

There will be a film night for children on Thursday 7th December.

This will be from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm and the children will be able to change into their pyjama's for this.

The cost will be £3.50 which will include a drink and a snack.

This will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please book your child's space on Arbor in School Shop.

Please see the poster below for more details



YOU ARE INVITED



MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

START 3.30PM

PICK UP 6PM

WENLOCK CE
ACADEMY

THE POLAR EXPRESS

£3.50 PER TICKET

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Non-School Uniform Day Friday 8th December 2023 Chocolate Tombola



In preparation for our Winter Wonderland, we are having another non-school uniform day fundraiser.

Please can you dress up in the colours of your favourite chocolate bar!

We would like you to support us by donating £1 and bringing in a chocolate bar (large or small) or other chocolate flavoured treat!

Please make sure that the chocolate bar doesn't contain nuts.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday 15th December 2023 for our Winter Wonderland!



WENLOCK'S WINTER

WONDERLAND

FRIDAY 15TH

DECEMBER 3.45PM -

5.00PM

CHOIR, RAFFLE, GAMES, REFRESHMENTS

**Santa's Grotto
£3 - includes
gift!**

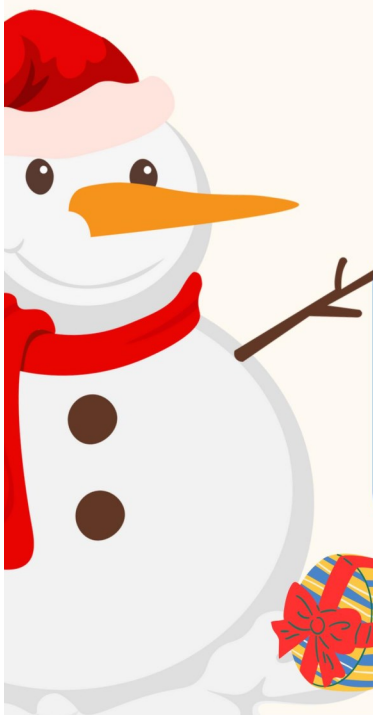
Tombola
Bottle in a bag
Nerf Gun
Challenge
& more!

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON FULL OF
GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND TREATS!

WE HOPE TO

SEE YOU THERE!

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE -
VOUCHERS
HAMPER
TOYS
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE
ENTRANCE





Wednesday 13th December

Turkey Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey with Sticky Chipolata,
Roasties, Christmas Vegetable
Medley & Gravy

or

**Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry &
Cheese Puff Pastry**

with Roasties, Christmas
Vegetable Medley & Gravy
And

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball

or

White Chocolate Snowball Cookie

**FOOD
FESTIVAL**

By Aspens



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the
Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps,
please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



To WENLOCK C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

You raised an AMAZING amount of £404.23

In total Luton Schools raised a whopping £17,867.02



Online Safety Update

What Schools Need to Know about **THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT**

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Luke Ramsden is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.



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

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-31



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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|---|------|
| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | ---- |
| The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man | ---- |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____ | ---- |
| We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | ---- |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | ---- |
| The Samaritan in the story was | ---- |



FAMILY FOCUS

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



www.randomactsofkindness.org



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make!

Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to 'Sponsor a Child' in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

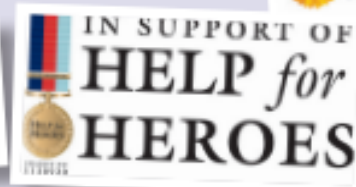
www.worldvision.org.uk

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

www.hospiceuk.org



HALL OF FAME

A famous bear with a spotty scarf



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. www.bbc.co.uk/childreninneed