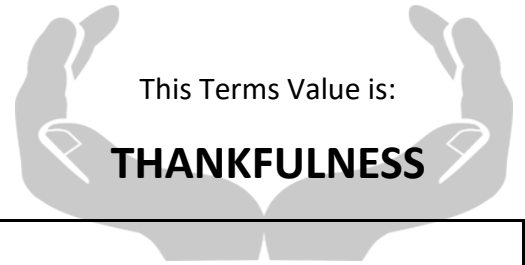




# Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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



## Key Dates

Friday 27th September 2024

Tuesday 1st October

Friday 4th October

Wednesday 9th October

Friday 11th October

Monday 14th October

Tuesday 15th October

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 24th October

22nd November

28th—1st Nov

Monday 4th November

U.K. Parliament visit—School council only

School photographer for children and siblings—see below

St Albans Harvest Service—Selected children

Family Quiz Night—7.00 to 9.00pm—more details to follow

Flu Vaccination team for children

Year 2 Open morning—9.30 to 10.30

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Drama performance—year 3

Harvest Service at St Mary's Church—Y5 parents invited

Half Term

Inset Day—School closed

Tuesday 5th November

All children return to school - Autumn 2

Friday 15th November

2nd December

5th December

13th December

17th December

18th December

19th December

Friday 20th December

Children in Need Day

Y3 to Celtic Harmony - more details to follow

Winter Disco

Wenlock Winter Wonderland in School

Nativity at St Mary's Church—Y3 Parents invited

Y3 & 4 Believe and Achieve awards

Y5 & 6 Believe and achieve awards

Last day of term 1:45 finish

### Attendance

Well done to **Solar** who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 100%

The attendance for the whole school was 94.77%

Our School target is 97%

### Studybugs

We're pleased to announce that Wenlock has introduced a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health

See what illnesses are going around

Secure system, all communications encrypted



### Thursday 3rd October ... is Census day.

This is the day where the children **IN SCHOOL** on this day alone determine our school funding for the following year.

Please ALL attend on this day!

### Homework Grids Autumn term 1

Year 3, 4 & 5 homework grids are live on the new school website and they will be found on the year group pages.

Year 6 Homework will be sent home over the next few weeks and will be in the form of English and Maths books.

### Snacks

Wenlock operates a healthy eating policy and we only allow fruits or vegetables to be eaten at play time for a snack. **Grapes should be sent cut into quarters lengthways to avoid choking.**

This does not include cereal bars or fruit strips. Children also must not have nuts in school at break or lunch due to allergies within our school community

We are a Nut Free school for the safety of our children with nut allergies. We would like to remind parents that most chocolate spread contains hazelnuts. Please can you remember to not put chocolate spread in the children's lunch boxes.

### No ParentMail at Wenlock CE Academy

Just a reminder that we do not use ParentMail at Wenlock CE Academy.

If anyone pays money to ParentMail in error, please contact them directly. The school cannot refund any payments made to ParentMail.

### School Photographer Visit

The school photographer will be taking photos of all the children on Friday 4th October.

These will be individual and sibling photographs which you will have the opportunity to purchase.

Please ensure your child/ren are wearing full uniform, with ties if possible, and those having P.E on that day (year 3 & 6) should bring in their kit to change into.

### New School Website Launch

The new school website has now been launched! The new website will be where you can find all the key information about the school, along with our new-look year group pages and the pick and mix homework grids. [Wenlock CE Academy - Home \(wenlockacademy.co.uk\)](http://wenlockacademy.co.uk)

# PARENT INFORMATION

## PE Days

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

## Driving Safely

We have been informed that some drivers have been coming very close to the path outside the school and this results in children having to quickly move to avoid being knocked down. It's vital that all the school community are kept safe. **Please remember to drive slowly and safely around the school.**

## Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

## Year 3 Arbor Updates

An important reminder that Parents of year 3 children must update their details on Arbor.

Also, If anyone requires assistance applying for free school meals, please contact our pastoral team.

**INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**  
You scan we donate ££s

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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&C's at

## Dinner money

Please top up dinner money payments in advance of your child having school dinner. The cost for school dinner is as follows: £2.75 per day or £13.75per 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)



# Online Safety Update

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **FINAL FANTASY XIV**

AGE RESTRICTION  
**PEGI 16**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

### REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

### VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

### VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

### PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

### MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

### REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRcon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# JUNGLE FEST

**3rd October**

**Leopard's Spotted Pizza Slice**

(Meatball Topped)

with Roast New Potatoes & Salad

or

**Quorn Toad in the Hole**

with Roast New Potatoes &  
Broccoli

and

**Wild Zebra Cake Slice**

Jacket Potato & Hot Tomato Pasta are also available.



# THANKFULNESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

## TALK TOGETHER about Thankfulness

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks you!**

## THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank you?**"

*Anon*



## READ TOGETHER...

### The Man Who Came Back

Jesus was travelling along the dusty roads towards Jerusalem. At each village he was welcomed by people, happy to see him and listen to his teaching. But today, as he entered the village he saw in the distance a small group standing apart from the crowd. They were calling out, "Jesus, Master, help us, please make us well." These poor people had a disease called leprosy. They were terribly ill and no-one in the village wanted to go near them.

But Jesus didn't ignore them. He stood among them and prayed for them. As each of them went on his way they began to notice that their whole bodies were healing up. They were so excited that they immediately rushed off to share their good news. Well, nine of them did. The tenth turned and fell on his knees in front of Jesus and **thanked** him for what he had done.

"I healed ten people with leprosy today", said Jesus to the man. "Where are the others?". But then he smiled "Well at least you came back to say **thank you!**"

Bible story based on Luke 17:11-19



## QUIZ

### Jumbled Words

Unjumble the words (that are known as anagrams), to discover words from the story.

- r sleep \_\_\_\_\_
- per day \_\_\_\_\_
- net \_\_\_\_\_
- sly rope \_\_\_\_\_
- heed al \_\_\_\_\_
- had kent \_\_\_\_\_
- sue js \_\_\_\_\_





## FASCINATING FACTS

Have you ever thought about how many people we have to **thank** for some of the everyday things that we take for granted? For example the milk we drink.

**Thank** you Mum & Dad for buying the milk ,

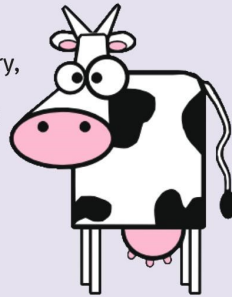
**Thank** you supermarket workers for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills,

**Thank** you lorry driver for bringing cartons of milk to the supermarket,

**Thank** you workers in the packaging factory,

**Thank** you milk tanker driver for collecting the milk from the farms and bringing it to the factory,

**Thank** you farmers for milking the cows.



## ★ HALL OF FAME

### Laura Trott Track Cyclist

At the age of just 20 Laura won two gold medals in Track Cycling at the London 2012 Olympics. Then four years later in Rio, she won another two, making her the first British woman in any sport to win four Olympic gold medals.

It wasn't easy – as a child she suffered from asthma but enjoyed and competed in trampolining until she had to give up due to breathing problems. Then as a young teenager she took up cycling and at 17 won a junior title racing in the British championships.

Her inspiration to train and succeed as a cyclist came from a meeting with Sir Bradley Wiggins for which she will always be **thankful**. She chatted to him and wore his gold medal for a few moments. It felt amazing!

After her success in the Rio 2016 Olympics, Laura talked about her training programme – it is not just her hard work that brings success. She really is **thankful** for the whole team - managers, coaches, doctors, mechanics, therapists and so many more people - who encourage, motivate and support her.



## HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

### Thank you chain

Think about how an everyday item reaches you: Where does it come from? Who was involved in making it? Who should you thank?

Make a **thank you chain** and bring it to school to hang in the Challenge Gallery.



## FAMILY FOCUS

### Time to say "Thank you"

Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together.

Choose one day and ask every one to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say **thank** you for.

Draw a picture of what you are **thankful** for in each segment.

