



Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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

This Term's Value is:

THANKFULNESS

Key Dates

Friday 11th October 2024

Monday 14th October
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Tuesday 15th October
Thursday 17th October
Thursday 24th October
Tuesday 22nd October
28th—1st Nov
Monday 4th November

Flu Vaccination team for children
Year 6 CYE Parent Information Meeting—3.40 pm
Year 2 Open morning—9.30 to 10.30
Year 2 Open morning—9.30 to 10.30
Drama performance—year 3
Harvest Service at St Mary's Church—Y5 Families warmly invited
Half Term
Inset Day—School closed

Tuesday 5th November

All children return to school - Autumn 2

Wednesday 6th November
Friday 8th November
Tuesday 12th November
Friday 15th November
2nd December
5th December
13th December
17th December
18th December
19th December

Year 2 Open morning—9.30 to 10.30
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Odd Sock Day—See poster below
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 warmly invited
Y3 & 4 Believe and Achieve awards
Y5 & 6 Believe and achieve awards

Friday 20th December

Last day of term 1:45 finish

Dear Families,

I hope this message finds you well. With only 2 weeks until half term, make sure you keep an eye on the upcoming events in the weekly round-up.

I will be undergoing a minor operation this weekend, and as a result, I will be taking some time off to recover. Mr. Hudson will be stepping in as the acting head teacher during my absence. I have full confidence in Mr. Hudson's ability to ensure that the school continues to operate smoothly. I will miss being at Wenlock during this time, but I am confident that the children will continue to uphold our school's values; I will check in regularly! Miss Raynor will now be your safeguarding lead and Serenity room (family room) is her newly decorated pastoral base, with the rest of the pastoral team.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Hudson or the school office if you have any questions or concerns while I am away. I look forward to returning after half term - Keep working hard, everyone!

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Warm regards,
Ms Burke



Attendance

Well done to **Aurora** who achieved the highest attendance for last week at 99.33%

The attendance for the whole school was 94.69%

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.



The banner features a blue background with a white bird icon holding a blue envelope, flying between two light blue clouds. The text is centered and reads: 'Please get the free Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' Below this is the URL 'https://studybugs.com' and three logos for downloading the app: 'Download on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', and 'Get it from Microsoft'. At the bottom, there are three lines of smaller text: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'.

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<https://studybugs.com>

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Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor at the school.

If anyone is interested in finding out more, please email the school:

admin@wenlockacademy.co.uk

Thank you.

Mrs Garbett is Retiring...

We are sad to announce that Mrs Garbett's last day will be on **Friday 25th October**. She has worked at the school for 20 years! We are going to be lost with out her, but wish her a peaceful and phone free retirement!



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.

Electrical Recycling

We have an electrical recycling collection bin in the reception area of the school. Please see the poster below regarding which items can be recycled.

Adults collecting children

When arranging for someone to collect your child from school, please only send someone who is authorised by yourself on Arbor and is over 16 years of age. Also, please contact the school office if you are going to be late collecting your child.

Thank you.

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 has been sent home this week. This is due back to their class teacher on Tuesday.

Snacks

Many thanks for sending your children in with fruit and veg for snack times and for remembering not to send your children in with nut related products.

Grapes and cherry tomatoes should be sent cut into quarters length-ways to avoid choking.

Road Safety

To keep children safe, please ensure that children are taught how to cross the road safely, especially where there is heavy traffic and outside school.

A reminder that drivers must not stop on the yellow lines outside of the school.

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

Transition to High School

Luton schools and academies are inviting you to visit their open days throughout September and October before applying for places by 31st October 2024, see [High School and Academy Open Days 2025](#)

For further information please email admissions@luton.gov.uk

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 2nd September and 30th 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.

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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&Cs at [https://www.asda.com/parentkind](#). Donations made to [www.parentkind.org.uk](#). Ends 30/11/24.

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 £13.75 per week.

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

PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

AUTUMN TERM 1 2024-25

WHO ARE WE

Welcome to our first ever Pupil Leadership Team Newsletter. We are made up of seven Year 6 Ambassadors and 12 School Council Representatives (one from each class).

We work with the Senior Leadership Team (Ms Burke, Mr Hudson, Miss Anderson and Mr Clark) to help organise school events, make the school a better place for everyone and fundraising for charities that are important to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV

15

Children in Need Day

DEC

17

Christmas Jumper Day

THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Tuesday 1st October we travelled by train and the London Underground into central London where we visited the Palace of Westminster - more commonly known as the Houses of Parliament. We were taken on a tour of the Palace, seeing both the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We learnt about how laws are made, and discovered that Bills (the Green Paper) are ping-ponged between the Houses until an agreement happens and the King gives his Royal Assent.



The background features a watercolor illustration of autumn-themed elements. At the top left, there are several leaves in shades of purple, red, and orange. To the right is a large, light-colored pumpkin. The bottom left shows a greenish-grey pumpkin, and the bottom right features a yellow pumpkin and a branch of red berries. The text is centered on a white background.

WENLOCK CE ACADEMY

HARVEST

Appeal

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR
DONATIONS

**DRY GOODS
PASTA/RICE
TINNED ITEMS**

Please send by 18th
October

**Open to Wenlock families
from the 21st October in
the Serenity room**

HUMANS OF
LUTON

Don't bin them, recycle your old electricals

Anything with a plug, battery
or cable can be recycled and
turned into something new.

Bag up your electricals and
bring them to your school.
The school with the most
electricals collected will
have a chance to win a
cash prize!

Scan or search 'Recycle Your Electricals'
to find your local recycling points.



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SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

Tuesday 5th November

Blazing Bonfire Bangers
(Hot Dogs)

Quorn Bonfire Bangers
(Quorn Hot Dogs)

**Flame-tastic Sweet Potato
Wedges and Firework Rainbow
Slaw**

AND

Sparkle Sprinkle Cookies

GHOST STORY COMPETITION

CATEGORIES AGE 8-12 13-16

LIVE IN LU1-LU5 POSTCODES

SEND US A SPINE TINGLING STORY 1500
WORDS MAX

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024

40 ENTRIES
LAST YEAR

PLEASE SCAN QR FOR ENTRY FORM

boo!



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WIN VOUCHERS
£50 1ST PRIZE
£30 2ND.
£20 3RD





 **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ChooseRespect

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

- Your Parents
- Your Class Teacher
- Anyone In The Pastoral Team
- The Office Staff
- Or Any Other Member Of Staff In Your School



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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



PARTNER

Online Safety Update

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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 ,

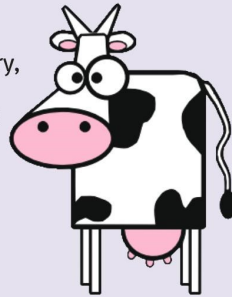
Thank you supermarket workers for stacking the shelves and operating the cash tills,

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.

