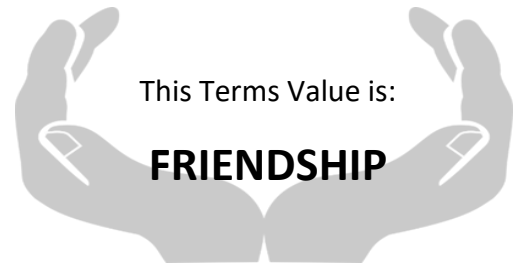




Wenlock's Weekly Round Up

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

Friday 3rd May 2024



Key dates

Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th May	Welcome to Wenlock for Y2 families
Thursday 9th May	Vesper Class Swimming Lesson
Friday 10th May	Year 5 Ancient Greek Experience
Monday 13th—16th May	Year 6 SATS WEEK
Tuesday 14th May	Parent Forum - School hours consultation 3.30—4.30 pm
Thursday 16th May	Vesper Class Swimming Lesson
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Trip to LEGOLAND
Tuesday 21st May	Whole school Maths day
Wednesday 22nd May	School Photographer—Class photo's
Thursday 23rd May	Vesper Class Swimming Lesson
Friday 24th May	Kingswood residential parent talk—3.30—4.30pm
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	Big Weekend—School early finish at 1.45 pm
3rd—7th June	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 19th June	Year 4 Multiplication check week
Wednesday 26th June	Sports Day Years 3 & 4. 2.00—3.15pm
24th—28th June	Sports Day Years 5 & 6. 2.00—3.15pm
Friday 28th June	Wenlock's Got Talent Auditions—all props and music to be sent in
Wednesday 3rd July	Singing Spectacular (Choir Only) More information to follow
Thursday 4th July	Y2's meet the teacher event 3:45 or 6pm please book with the office
Monday 8th July	Move Up Day
Wednesday 10th July—11th July	Wenlock's Got Talent
Monday 15th July—17th July	Year 6 Leaver's Production More details to follow
Thursday 18th July	Year 5 Kingswood Residential
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Service
	Last day 1:45 finish



Attendance

Well done to Omega who achieved the highest attendance last week at 97.74%

The attendance for the whole school was 94.23%

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

Following the school hours consultation, we would like to get more detailed views. The responses received are attached with this weekly round up.

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

Yr 6 families - please look at our SATS page on the website for links and supporting materials (past papers) that can support your child.

[Year 6 SATs Revision | Wenlock CE Academy \(wenlockacademy.co.uk\)](#)

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

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



Year 5

Ancient Greek Day

FRIDAY
10TH MAY
2024

**Come as we transport you back to
Ancient Greece!**

**Experience the architecture, cuisine
and culture!**

**We invite you to dress up as an
Ancient Greek warrior,
god/goddess, noble person or wear
white.**

**£10
Voluntary
Contribution**





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.**

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Online Safety Update

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



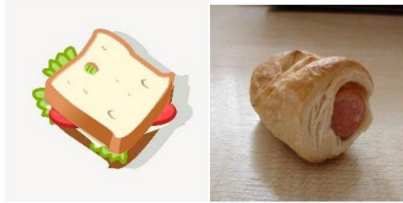
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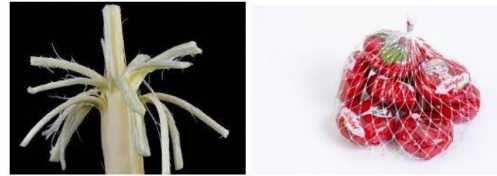
Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps

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."

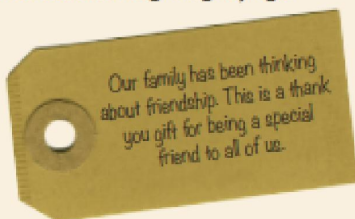
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That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



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.

