



Wendover CE Junior School

*Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

Building solid foundations (Mathew 7:24)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Year 6 Mayan Day	3 rd December	Information letter sent
Parents Maths Workshop	5 th December	9am in the school hall
INSET Day	6 th December	School closed
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	10 th and 11 th December	Consent and pay on ParentPay
Year 3 Nativity – 2pm performance	11 th December	Reserve a seat
Year 3 Nativity – 6pm performance	12 th December	Reserve a seat
PTA Bake Sale	16 th December	
Culinera Christmas Dinner	18 th December	Book on ParentPay
Christmas Jumper Day	20 th December	Donate to https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240015148
Last Day of Term	20 th December	Finish at 13:15

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 3 Christmas Production 2024	Use the link to reserve a seat https://forms.office.com/e/84Sb7XiqDM
Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip	See letter for trip details
Year 4 Green Park Trip	See letter for trip details
Year 6 NCMP Results	Register to view results
Year 4 Family Photo	Send a photo for topic

Weekly Reflection

Our focus on Advent has begun! Over the next four weeks we will be thinking about Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

The school council have launched their Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport. This is a programme of activities and learning that all children will engage in over the next 5 half-terms. We are beginning with the basics: safety, food and sleep. This week, children have been thinking about staying safe. Next week is all about food. The school council will be given stickers out to everyone who has healthy break snacks.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Y3 are making great progress learning their lines, songs, dances and cues for the Nativity performance. Children are continuing to work hard at their times tables, focusing on the 3s and 4s this week

Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown great curiosity in science investigating which materials are conductors and which are insulators. They have also demonstrated resilience when writing a biography of a famous scientist in English lessons.

Year 5

Year 5 welcomed the senior Drama students from Tring Park School who performed a brilliant short play, entitled 'What's the matter, Jack?'. It highlights many topic areas in our Science curriculum, particularly the themes of matter, changing states of matter and the water cycle.

Year 6

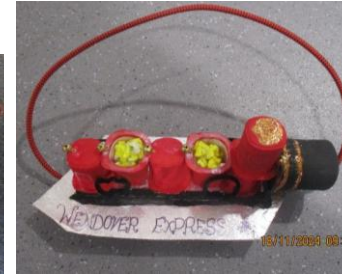
Year 6: Assessment Week is never the most exciting week for the children but they have all acquitted themselves well. They enjoyed getting to know Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol in preparation for our next English writing unit.

Celebrating Success

A big thank you to all those children who made decorations for the Wendover tree this year.

The winning entry, chosen by Wendover Parish Council, is Florence from year 6. She will receive a £25 one4all voucher and will also be switching on the lights this Saturday 30th at the event.

Here is a selection of decorations entered.



A huge well done to Dan, Laila, Felicity, George, Tom and Anelisa for their sale last week. They raised £126 for Tiggywinkles. Thank you to everyone who was able to support them.

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that children should have a healthy snack for morning break. This can be fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar. The school council will be giving stickers out to reward children who are snacking healthily. Crisps, biscuits or chocolate bars are not allowed – please help us by not allowing children to bring these items in.

Children are allowed just one treat item in their lunchboxes – this may be a small piece of cakes, crisps or a few biscuits.

Parent Engagement

Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Maths workshop survey.

The majority of parents indicated a preference for a morning session, so the workshop will take place on **Thursday 5th December** starting at 9am in the school hall. Please feel free to join us right after the school drop-off. This will be a chance for parents to learn more about how children learn calculation, how they use manipulatives and the importance of improving fluency.

The session is open to all, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!

Date for the Diary

Help Us Recycle Pens!

We've always taken pride in recycling our used pens and markers, but unfortunately, the scheme we previously used is no longer available. We're looking for new recommendations for recycling pens and would love your help!

If you know of any local schemes or services, please send your suggestions marked for Mrs. Simpson's attention to the school office email.

Thank you for helping us continue to reduce waste and support recycling efforts!



Adverse Weather

We experienced our first snow flurry earlier than expected this year. Thank you to everyone for ensuring that your child was in school – we completely understand if this took a little more time and effort to get them in!

Wearing alternate footwear to and from school is often a good idea for those walking. Normal school shoes should also be brought so that children can change once in school. Children are allowed to change into their PE socks if their feet are wet from walking in – another good reason to ensure that they have PE socks in their PE bags / lockers.

In the rare event that we have to switch to remote learning, we will notify the local authority – updates on school closures can be found at: <https://closures.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/check-if-your-school-is-closed/> Local radio will also be notified. An email / text will also be sent to parents. Children then need to login to eSchools where learning tasks will be posted. Readingplus, doodlemaths and TT Rockstars are also available for online learning.

PTA News



Upcoming events:

- Christmas Coloured Hamper donations - 1st - 12th December (see attached poster for details)
- Christmas Bake Sale on 16th December



Fancy learning a musical instrument?

Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret. At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar



As music lessons are very popular some instruments become oversubscribed quickly but students can be added to a waiting list and offered a place as soon as one becomes available. Please contact the instrumental teacher directly via the email addresses below for further information.

Strings and classic guitar should be made via Bucks Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email beckfordmusic@hotmail.com

Brass please email rjkitchen@sky.com

Premier Education Sports Clubs:

Don't forget that Premier Education sports clubs are available throughout the half term! You can still book online (pending availability) and will only pay for the remaining sessions.

If your child hasn't already booked a place for these sessions, we encourage you to do so soon to secure their spot. Spaces are limited, and we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate in these enriching activities.

Booking portal: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Key Contacts:

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our dedicated team:

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We look forward to welcoming your child to our Afterschool Wraparound Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.