

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 27.1.2023



*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.
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)

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

Our theme this week has been compassion. We linked this back to our previous theme of curiosity. Nadine shared the parable of the Good Samaritan on Tuesday and Year 6 Worship Leaders shared their own version with Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday. Our weekly reflection was about how we can be more compassionate towards others and towards ourselves.

We marked International Holocaust Memorial Day today by thinking carefully about the importance of celebrating difference – not just tolerating it. Our song this week has been ‘Be Careful Little Eyes’:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqFrXwpTl-w>

This week's Highlights

Year 3 children enjoyed growing cress and observing the results through the week. Some fantastic artwork has been produced using chalks, charcoal and pastels.

Year 4 enjoyed researching everyday Anglo-Saxon life and creating an Anglo-Saxon village.

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about forces in Science.

Year 6 have enjoyed using our new English scheme 'The Write Stuff' and they have written excellent narrative stories as a result.

House point totals: Red 1790 / Green 2240 / Blue 740 / Purple 1650

NEU Strike Action - Update

We are planning to remain open for all children, though we may have to amend activities.
Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The DfE are clear that every child is expected to attend school as normal on these days.

Thank you for your support on these days. I ask that parents refrain from speculation / discussion on social media regarding strike action as this is may not be helpful.

Thank you
Gareth Kynaston

Personal Belongings

Please remember that children should not bring personal items into school. If children need to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be switched off before entering the building and remain in the child's locker for the duration of the day. Cuddly toys or toys should not be brought in unless they are for use in a school club, or permission from a member of staff has been given.

Drinking bottles should be plastic or metal and should only contain **still water**. Prime / energy drink bottles should not be used. We do not want children to be upset should their cherished item be damaged or go missing.

Year 5 Parent Assemblies

Year 5 children will be sharing all that they have done so far this year on the following dates:

5W – Tuesday 7th February 9am

5J – Wednesday 8th February 9am

5S – Thursday 9th February 9am

Young Carer's

After much discussion with the Wendover Junior School Young Carers group, we have decided to take part in Crazy Hair Accessory Day on **Friday 10th February**.

All children are invited to come to school with crazy hair using accessories or sporting a funky style, we do however ask that no hair dye is used.

All donations can be made using the just giving link
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover-1674648341716>

Please see the attached poster for more details.

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

There are still spaces in our extensive range of instrumental lessons.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings/Classical Guitar: (Gareth Hart)



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.

Spaces still available in: Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn) Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) and Classical Guitar
Some lessons can be taken in small groups, which reduces the cost.

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

Please email them for more details and they will help you book your lessons and field them to the relevant teacher

School Office Opening Hours

Please note that the school office is open from **9:00am until 3:15pm** – this allows us to be able to get all of the children in and out of school safely by keeping the main entrance clear.

All other correspondence can be emailed to the office or via a phone call

Email: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk

Telephone: 01296 696822

Dates for the Diary

Year 4 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday - Friday 13th January – Friday 10th March

Year 5 Parent Assemblies: 5W Tues 7 Feb, 5J Weds 8 Feb, 5S Thurs 9 Feb at 9am

Spring Half-Term: Friday 10th February – school closes at 3:30pm

School reopens: Monday 20th February

Easter Service: Friday 31 March at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10am Y5&6 11am)

2023 PTA events

Bingo: Wednesday 22nd February

Easter Crafts: Tuesday 28th March

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

Airplay and Ben Club for Service Families

At RAF Halton, Airplay youth workers are working in partnership with RAF Community Development staff to deliver a range of activities for children and young people. The initiative is designed to help relieve some of the pressure on highly stretched RAF families. Activities provided through the Airplay programme aim to stimulate and nurture children's aspiration, ambition and resilience. We also provide vital support and reassurance to families.



Monday

1600 – 1800 – Junior school years 3,4 and 5. Come along and hang out with friends and do fun activities including arts and crafts, games, cooking and more.

1800-2000 – Senior school years 6+. Come along and chill with your friends, play video games, do some cooking and other cool activities.

Tuesday

1530-1715 – Ben club for ages 5-7. Arts and crafts, games and more. £1.20 entry including a snack

All sessions run from the YAC (building 222) and sessions are £1 entry. There is a tuck shop with maximum spend £1 for Juniors and £2 for Seniors.

For more information about Airplay contact Julia Purton, Station Youth Worker 07548 831755
julia.purton@oneymca.org or Facebook: RAF Halton Airplay Youth Club

Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Premier Education are providing before and after school care every day the school is open and also offer multi-activity camps during the school holidays. Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent. Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and include arts & crafts, baking, sports, Lego, games, quiet reading and general free play.

Our sessions run at the Wendover Youth Centre Monday to Friday for the breakfast and after school club. For the Breakfast club, children are dropped off at the Youth Centre from 7:50am, and will be taken to the school at 8:45am. Children attending the After school course will be collected from the school playground (meeting at the adventure playground) and escorted after registration over to the youth centre.

Prices:

Breakfast club, 7.50am – 8.50am - £5.25 a session

Afterschool club, 3.30pm – 6pm - £12.00 a session

Contact:

Chilterns.office@premier-education.com

01296 620097

Booking:

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

Booking for Gymnastics and Dodgeball:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019/?location=wendover>

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.