



# 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 5 Space Day	18 <sup>th</sup> November	Consent on Parentpay by 10 <sup>th</sup> November
6W Class Assembly	19 <sup>th</sup> November	9am
6J Class Assembly	20 <sup>th</sup> November	9am
6S Class Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> November	9am
PTA Pizza and Movie Night	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Event details in newsletter (PTA News)
Year 6 Mayan Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
INSET Day	6 <sup>th</sup> December	School closed
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Consent and pay on ParentPay
Culinera Christmas Dinner	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Book on ParentPay
Last Day of Term	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish at 13:30

# Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Road Safety Week	Read the letter for ways to support
Year 6 Mayan Day	T-shirt reminder info

# Weekly Reflection

We held our remembrance service on Monday of this week. Members of the school council and the worship leaders helped to lead the service and we were joined by Rev. Sally Moring who reminded us why poppies are a good symbol of remembrance.



The main focus of the week has been antibullying. The school council has taken an active part in planning and delivering activities, supported by the worship leaders in weekly reflection yesterday. Children have been reminded what bullying is, the difference between banter and bullying, the need to be respectful to everyone and what to do if you experience bullying.

# Weekly Highlights

## **Year 3**

Year 3 have enjoyed learning how to use Seesaw and creating their own stop frame animations in their computing lessons this week,

Children have enjoyed creating botanical observational drawings using natural objects this week, remembering to use their line and shading skills.

## **Year 4**

Year 4 have shown great curiosity when looking at the importance of Mary to the Christmas story. They have also learnt how to sing in unison when singing The Gift of the Nile song in music – a very harmonious year group.

## **Year 5**

Year 5 learned more about being a champion for people who are being bullied this week. On Wednesday we had a conversation about banter and bullying, and became quite able to distinguish between the two.

## **Year 6**

On top of their usual studies, all of Year 6 have been hard at work writing their own scripts and practising for the upcoming class assemblies.

# Child-led Art Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the art competition run by children in the school.

Prizes were given to the top four entries and the winning entry will be used as a logo by the school council for their work this year on mental health and wellbeing.



# Pupil Voice

**The school council** has held their first meeting and have been busy planning and delivering presentations and activities as part of national antibullying week. They will be going on to lead a range of activities throughout the year designed to promote mental health and wellbeing.

**Worship Leads** continue to play a vital role in school. They not only help to plan and deliver collective worship, but also facilitate the weekly reflection sessions that are held in class each Thursday morning. They will soon be meeting with members of the local church team and school leaders to review this term's activities and plan for the spring.

**The Eco Team** are busy in school, making sure that waste food is recycled, that energy is used as efficiently as we can – lights and equipment off when not in use – and that we provide recycling for other items, such as batteries.

# Christmas Decorations

A huge thank you to all those who created a Christmas decoration for the Wendover tree. The decorations will be on display on the tree soon.

All children who participated have been rewarded for their efforts with 10 house points.

Thank you very much all.

Mrs McHardy-Jones





# Charity Fundraisers

Our children are incredibly eager to raise money for organisations – local, national and sometimes even further away. In addition to our whole school events, many children like to hold sales at lunchtime or after school. This is a true demonstration of how they are living the school vision and values – being advocates for positive change.

The next pupil-led sale will be on Friday 22 November to raise money for Tigglywinkles.

We have to balance these fundraisers and PTA events against national fundraisers. Looking ahead to this term, we will not be supporting Children in Need in school this month, but are instead supporting Save the Children through our Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term. Details about this will be shared soon (please do not rush out to buy a Christmas jumper – the emphasis will be on upcycling and raising money for Save the Children rather than buying a new Christmas jumper).

# Parent Engagement

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parent consultations this week. We hope that you found this a useful experience and enjoyed looking at your child's books. Thank you to everyone who managed to find items of lost property. It was lovely to hear your positive comments about the school and what your child has experienced so far this term.

Class assemblies are starting next week, beginning with Year 6 (Year 5 will be in the spring term) and our carol service will be on Wednesday 18 December in St Mary's Church, Wendover (Y3&4 10am and Y5&6 11am); we hope that you will be able to join us.

# Extended Learning

Getting children into good habits regarding independent work is a really important part of getting them ready for secondary school. We have clear expectations about the extended learning that our children should complete each week and encourage them to adopt a 'little and often' approach.

ReadingPlus and doodlemaths are provided for children to increase fluency. We are providing a doodle club at lunchtime for all children to help them and we are rewarding children for their efforts at home and in school. Please ensure that your child engages with these platforms at home – contact the school office if you are having difficulties accessing them.

We are proposing to run a maths workshop for parents on Thursday 5 December in school. 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. Please complete the survey to help us gauge interest - <https://forms.office.com/e/hi4TFVXk67>

# Scooters

We have received concerns about the safe use of scooters on campus, particularly by older children at WCEJS. Children currently have the privilege of using a scooter to come to school on. They know that they need to come directly to school, walking their scooter along the pathways whilst on campus. They should always be mindful of pedestrians.

Children have been reminded of our expectations this week. Please reinforce this message with your child if they use a scooter. We will be monitoring the use of scooters over the next few weeks. Children who cannot use them safely may lose the privilege of bringing them to school.

## PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit, as per the uniform policy <https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

In particular, children should bring a change of socks to school for PE – black sports socks. We will be going outside for PE in most weathers and it is important that children have dry clothing to change back into.

Please ensure that kit is named so that it can be returned if lost.

# PTA News



**Next event: Movie and Pizza Night – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

\*Don't forget to bring a cushion for a comfy movie night experience!\*

To make this event a success (and future events), we're always looking for parent volunteers to help out. If you are available to lend a hand, please email [pta@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:pta@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

## Christmas Card Orders

Don't forget to log in and order your Christmas cards. As a school we will raise valuable funds from your purchases so you're not just getting professionally printed gifts and cards, but helping your school at the same time.

The deadline for ordering is 22<sup>nd</sup> November so don't miss out!



# 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](mailto:beckfordmusic@hotmail.com)

**Brass** please email [rjkitchen@sky.com](mailto: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.