



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 7:24-27)

Newsletter 8.3.24



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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

Antibullying has continued to be our theme this week. We focussed on the use of ableist language and why it is very important to think carefully about words we choose to use. Children thought how offensive it might be to describe something as lame, to refer to someone as a midget or use phrases such as 'four-eyes'.

We have been very clear in school that there is no place for such language and that it is not 'banter'. Children are clear that they do not want a school where such language is used. Though incidents are comparatively low, we will continue to challenge inappropriate language.



Holy Week

This year, each year group will be visiting St Mary's Church to participate in learning activities based around Holy Week. These activities will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of term and last for approximately 90 minutes:

Tuesday morning: Y5

Tuesday afternoon: Y3

Wednesday morning: Y4

Wednesday afternoon: Y6

If you are available to help out with any of these educational visits then please contact the school office and further details will be sent to you.

This year's Easter Service will be held on the last day of term in school for children only.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up TWICE this week (thank you for your support with this, parents!)

Y3 have enjoyed dance, drama, feasting and role play at a Roman market

Children have worked hard to demonstrate our 4Rs during this quite different and creative week

Year 4 children showed excellent learning behaviour while reading to the Year 1 children at the John Hampden School for World Book Day. They also enjoyed acting out their playscripts in English.

Year 5 classes have all had their class assemblies this week. They prepared the material themselves and did an incredible job at confidently presenting it to their parents. We are all very proud of them!

Year 6 6J enjoyed their trip to the Trenchard Museum, learning great facts about WWI. Year 6 made a great effort in dressing up for World Book Day. They enjoyed their fun-packed day of quizzes, anagrams, reading with the Year 2s from John Hampden and turning a wooden spoon into their favourite character.

Playground Renovation

Our playground received a makeover this week. Children were excited to see the new markings being set out. Six new games and fourteen exercise stations now complement the 22 element play trail, two table tennis tables, four 4 square courts and 10 basketball hoops.

The crew manager was amazed to see just how much the children have available at social time here – far more than he is used to seeing at other schools.



World Book Day

Once again the children had a fantastic World Book Day and were dressed up in a wide range of superb costumes.

A special mention goes to our Year 3 Teachers who looked amazing!



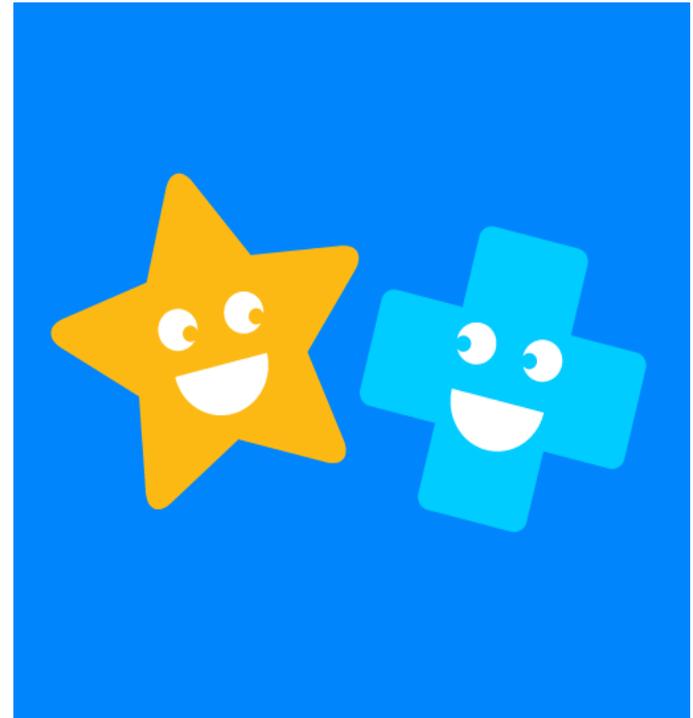
Book tokens:

We have been fortunate to receive a £1 book token for every child in the school to spend on a new book! These have been given out today, so keep an eye out in your child's bag.

Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Attendance & Punctuality

We work with children and families to instil the value of good punctuality. Timely attendance at school helps to form the foundations for positive habits in later life, both academically and socially.

Regular checks are conducted on lateness, and our school attendance officer is dedicated to addressing recurring lateness and concerns.

As a reminder the school gates open at 8:40am and children are expected to be school by 8.50am each day.

Remember that if your child is absent, you must contact the school by email or telephone by 8:30am, allowing the school office to process absences promptly.

Healthy Eating

Thank you for supporting our drive on healthy eating. This is a return to our healthy eating policy that can be found on the school website.

It is noticeable that more children are bringing in a healthier snack for break. Please remember that crisps, chocolate bars and biscuits are not allowed as a mid-morning snack.



Uniform and PE Kit

Thank you to everyone who has ensure their child is in the correct uniform and PE kit. Please remember that children need to wear a house-coloured t-shirt, black sport shorts and black knee length sports socks for PE. Additional layers may be worn outside in cold weather. Tight fitting shorts / leggings may be worn underneath shorts, but not as a replacement. PL school wear provides good quality kit at very competitive prices.



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Home-School Communication

We know that regular and timely sharing of information is important. Please remember that any digital communication for teachers **must** be sent to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk. This is so that messages receive a timely reply and that they are passed to the most relevant person in case of staff absence.

Parent messages sent to teachers via eSchools will not receive a reply.

Dates for the Diary

Year 4 Green Park trip	Monday 11 th March	Children to arrive at school by 8:30am Pick up at 4:30pm
6S Trenchard Museum	Wednesday 13 th March	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 9 th February
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March	Red t-shirt/jumper mufti
RAF coffee morning	Wednesday 20 th March	8:50am
Meet the SEND team	Thursday 21 st March	3pm – 3:30pm
Last day of Term	Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 1:15pm
First day of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	School re opens at 8:40am

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:

Venue Manager: Daniel

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

General Inquiries: Martyn

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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.

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

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.