



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)

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Respect

Responsibility

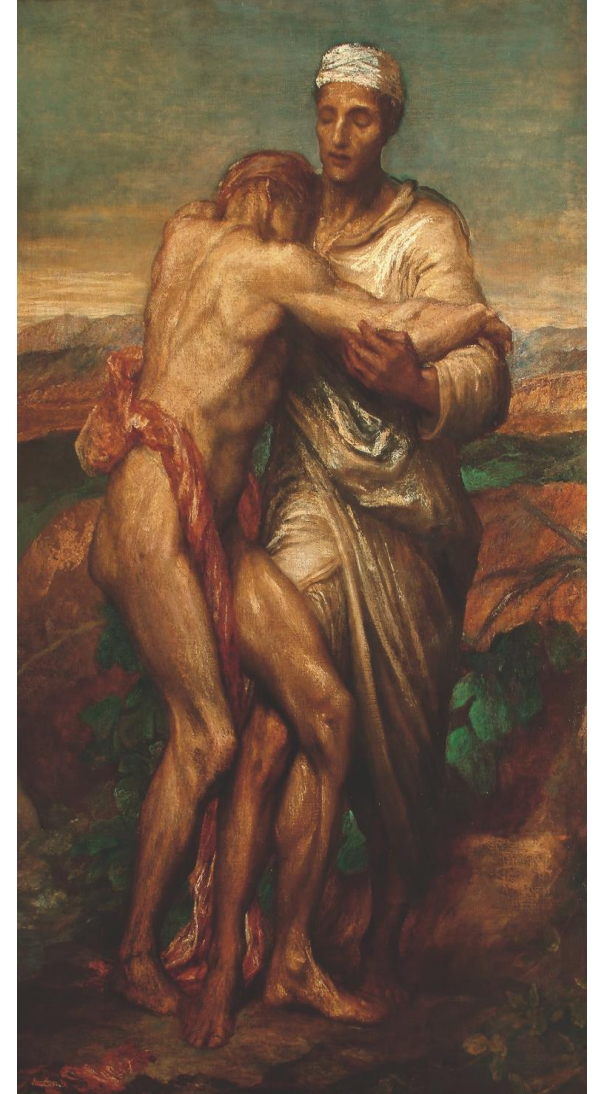
Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

This Saturday is Holocaust Memorial Day. This week has been a chance for us to learn more about this event and the importance of remembering it. We have learned about the different way people might be treated, just because they are perceived as different. Children thought about discriminatory words that they may have heard and why it is important not to use them.

Nadine, from the local church team, led worship on Tuesday. She shared a modern version of the Good Samaritan, reminding us that everyone is our neighbour, irrespective of difference.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 The children have shown great resilience in maths this week while learning how to use bus stop division . The children enjoyed making arm muscles in their science lesson to help them understand how they contract and move

Year 4 children have worked hard to write a detailed explanation on teeth. They also enjoyed and showed great participation in the Zumba session led by Mrs Beck on Tuesday.

Year 5 have learnt about manmade landmarks in Europe and have tried their hand at sketching features of some of them in art. They were very successful!

Year 6 are enjoying writing a journey story based on the wordless picture book, 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have been most impressed with their ideas, vocabulary and imagination. They have also held great discussions, with sensitivity, in RE about Muslim Women dress code. In addition to this, Year 6 enjoyed recreating David Hockney's artwork, 'My Parents', thinking about facial expressions, posture and positioning.

Online Safety

The children have been able to suggest songs to be played at the disco later today. Some of the songs are highly inappropriate for their age – one in particular from TikTok referring to serious physical assault.

In RHSE work this week, Year 6 children have reported experiencing many discriminatory words online – particularly on TikTok. This is another reminder that we need to be monitoring online activity closely.

Attendance

High attendance at school is extremely important. Missing just one day a month equates to almost two weeks of lost schooling per year. There is a clear correlation between children who have high attendance and children who go on to achieve well at secondary school. Absence can also affect social development and reduce self-confidence.

Our school attendance target is 97% and we track all pupils who have an attendance rate below 95% (leave of absence is rarely authorised below this level).

We understand that children are unwell from time to time. Sometimes, it is difficult to know whether to send your child in or keep them at home. Children should come to school unless they have a high temperature, have vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 48 hours or have been advised to stay at home for medical reasons. We will always contact you if your child is unwell at school and needs to be at home.

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.

House Points



840 points

720 points



780 points

750 points



Book Fair

We are pleased to tell you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school this year. It will take place in the hall on the following days:

- Friday 2nd February 2024
- After school on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February
- During Parents evening: Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February

We will have a range of books on offer so please do come and browse the shelves. We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will help us to fund new books for the children.

For any further information,

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

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LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER by ALESHA DIXON. £7.99

NINA PEANUT AMAZING. Available from 9th February. £8.99 £7.99

THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED. £7.99

Scan the QR code to pay online!

****For information on ordering and payment, see the newsletter attachments****

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 God and the Big Bang workshop	Tuesday 6 th February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 26 th January
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 7 th February Thursday 8 th February	Booking portal opens on Monday 29 th January
INSET Day	Friday 9 February	
Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	
6W Trenchard Museum visit	Wednesday 21 st February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 9 th February
Year 5 Waddesdon Manor trip	Thursday 22 nd February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 2 nd February
Kids Bingo and Pizza Evening	Thursday 29 th February	

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

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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.

Next week at Wendover Wraparound...

Monday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: national Puzzle day- Create your own Puzzle
Sports club: Football (Spaces available).

Tuesday: Physical Play-

Afternoon Main Session - Indoor Games- Target Practice
Sports club: Netball (Spaces Available).

Wednesday: Physical play

Afternoon Main Session: Team Obstacle Challenge
Sports club: Dodgeball (Fully Booked)

Thursday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Pictionary
Sports club: RISE Gymnastics (Spaces Available).

Friday: Enrichment and wellness

Afternoon Main Session: Baking-Cheese Twists

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 (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar



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 for:

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.