



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
Order Year 6 Leavers Hoodie	7 th April	Deadline to order
First Day of Summer Term	22 nd April	School open 8:40am
Year 5 Waddesdon Manor trip	24 th April	Consent and pay via ParentPay
Year 4 Swimming Sessions	29 th April	Info sent separately
4W Class Assembly	29 th April	9am in the school hall
4S Class Assembly	30 th April	9am in the school hall
4J Class Assembly	1 st May	9am in the school hall
Bank Holiday	5 th May	School Closed
3W Class Assembly	20 th May	9am in the school hall
3J Class Assembly	21 st May	9am in the school hall
3S Class Assembly	22 nd May	9am in the school hall
May half term	26 th May – 30 th May	School closed
Inset Day	2 nd June	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Spring Term Update	Read for information
Year 6 Residential – Important Reminders	Read for form information
Year 5 Cricket Sessions	Timetable information
Y5 Big Build	Read for information/materials needed

Spring Term Reflection

This has been another very busy and successful term at Wendover CE Juniors. We have continued to focus on high engagement strategies in the classroom and developed learning tasks, so that they better promote deeper thinking. A new phonics scheme has been introduced and we have changed the way we teach whole class reading – our library has also been improved. In maths, we have continued to focus on mathematical thinking and showing our working. Across the curriculum there have been many exciting topics and many children have benefitted from curriculum enrichment, through visits or visitors.

The School Council and Worship Leaders have continued to promote mental health and wellbeing through worship and weekly reflection – hopefully your child has taken something up for Lent! We have continued to promote the school vision and values; many children have received house points, commendations or headteacher awards. Extra-curricular clubs have continued to be popular and a number of clubs are led by children at lunchtimes. Children have also led a number of charity sales.

The PTA have worked hard this term, organising the disco and Easter bake sale – these events raised much needed funds that will be used to support your child in school. Next term, the PTA will be organising the bingo evening. If you are able to help them, or wish to join the committee, please contact the school office.

Weekly Reflection

This was the last week of our theme – Learn For Lent. We have encouraged everyone to take up something new, thinking about the joy and the feeling of achievement this can bring and also the challenges we face and how we overcome them. In the last two weeks we have thought about how we can learn to become nicer people.

Our School Council have done a splendid job this half-term, encouraging children to learn something as part of their Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport. The theme next half-term is coping.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 wrote thoughtful Easter poems during their reflection time this week, They have written their own traditional tales using their plans in English Children have thought deeply this week comparing Easter with Passover, and whether Easter makes sense without Passover.

Year 4

The year 4 teachers would like to congratulate the children for their hard work and resilience this term. They have experienced new topics across the curriculum and improved in many areas. They are looking forward to sharing their learning with you in the class assemblies next term. We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and have learnt many new skills as well as increasing their confidence. We are looking forward to seeing them continue to develop their sportsmanship over the summer term.

Year 6

Year 6 had fun creating stained glass backgrounds and haikus for the Easter Service today. They were fabulous and a fitting way to end a term of hard work and achievement. Well done everyone.

End of term House Point totals

The points have been counted for the Spring Term - well done to everyone for their hard work and effort! With one term left, keep giving it your best!



9630 points



8980 points

8350 points



8340 points



And the house with the most points this Spring Term is...



Reading Plus

After careful consideration, we will not be continuing with Reading Plus after Easter. Parent feedback about the provision has been mixed - a number of parents have expressed their concern about increased screen time / reading from devices rather than books. We will continue to use Doodlemaths as part of the extended learning provision.

We will continue to promote reading for pleasure in school, ensuring that children have regular access to the school library. The reading record is an important document: please encourage your child to complete this and monitor the record each week.

School Library

We have recently refurbished the school library and purchased many new books to go in it. The librarians have worked hard to organise the books and make this an inviting space in school. More and more children are visiting the library and are eager to take books out.

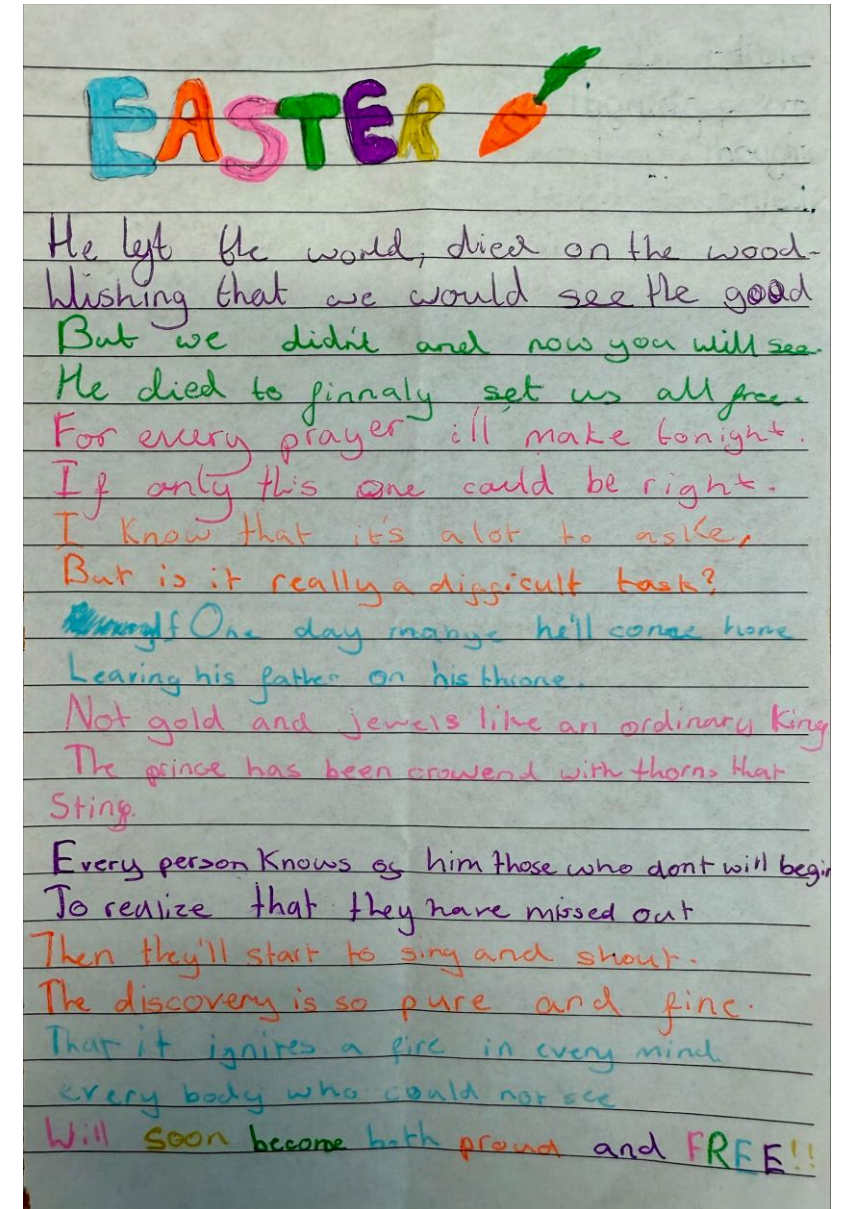
Sadly, not all of the books are finding their way back to the library. Would you please help children check their books at home – the library books are stamped with the school name. Children can return the books after Easter so that they can be enjoyed by others.



Easter Poetry Competition

Ava received over 40 entries to the poetry competition.

Ava selected the winning poem, which was written by Kinza. She won an Easter egg, and her poem was read out during this morning's Easter service.



School Uniform

Would you please support the school by ensuring that children return after Easter in full school uniform. Our uniform policy is available on the school website. If for any reason this is not possible, please email the school office so that class teachers are aware. The school office will be sending reminder texts to parents otherwise.

There is currently a lot of lost property. We will be having PE kit checks after Easter – each named item is worth a house point (children will be allowed to write their name on the clothing label if this has not already been done).

Medicine in School

We kindly remind parents that a consent form must be completed before any medication can be given at school. Prescription medicines should be in-date, clearly labelled, in their original packaging, and include dosage instructions. Antibiotics prescribed three times a day should be taken outside school hours, while four times a day doses can be administered at school with parental consent. Parents are responsible for bringing and collecting antibiotics daily. All medicines must be handed in at the school office.

For full details, please refer to the policy section of our website.

Calling all parents, grandparents and guardians!

Do you fancy having some gardening fun this Easter!?



Come & join Mrs Corns on
Thursday 10th April from 9-12pm

Whether you have 10 minutes or 2 hours, all help is very welcome!
Let's get our garden beds ready to grow our seedlings this summer!

- Bring your own tools and gloves!
- ALL children MUST be accompanied by parent or guardian for the duration of the time



Lifeguard Needed

We are looking for a qualified lifeguard to support our school swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons at Wendover Pool. This is a temporary position for 2-4 weeks starting from 29th April.

Applicants must hold a current lifeguarding qualification and have experience in pool safety procedures.

If you are available and interested in helping, please email the school office as soon as possible.



Support required

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:

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.

Free parenting programmes and resources

If you are interested please click on the below:

<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/advice-and-support/parenting/free-parenting-courses/>