



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
Mufti Day/Halloween Jam Jars	25 th October	See PTA news section for info
October Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November	School closed
Y4 Ancient Egypt workshop	5 th November	Consent on ParentPay by 25 th October
Flu Vaccinations	6 th November	Consent or decline by 4 th November
Meet the SEND team	7 th November	
Parent Consultations	13 th November	Booking details to follow
Parent Consultations	14 th November	Booking details to follow
6W Class Assembly	19 th November	
6J Class Assembly	20 th November	
6S Class Assembly	21 st November	
PTA Pizza and Movie Night	21 st November	
Year 6 Maya Day	3 rd December	
INSET Day	6 th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 4 Making Musical Instruments	Request for materials

Weekly Reflection

During Black History Month we will continue to think about injustice and inequality. This is a time when we share the important contributions of individuals who have modelled our school values to bring about positive change. To mark space week, we considered the achievements of NASA and other agencies in furthering space exploration. We then thought about the huge contribution that the 'human computers' made to NASA, many of them African-American women who were treated unequally.

Our reflection this week builds on the theme of injustice and inequality. Should we spend so much on space exploration when people are suffering on Earth?

Black History Month
United Kingdom



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Children have demonstrated great resilience in maths, learning how to cross a ten in addition this week and setting their work out in columns

Children have enjoyed learning about places in our locality in both topic and English

Year 4

Year 4 children have shown great resilience and high participation in maths when learning how to subtract 4 digit numbers with exchanges. Well done! They have also shown compassion in guided reading when reading about the life of Rosa Parks as part of Black History Month.

Year 5

Year 5 used very creative ways to demonstrate how much they have learned about forces in Science. They made posters, leaflets, pop-up books and detailed diagrams to display their knowledge.

Year 6

It was fantastic to get back to the pool for our first swimming session. The children were engaged and enjoyed the change in location. Fingers crossed there are no more mechanical failures!

Smart Phones

You are probably aware that there is much debate currently about children using smartphones. At school, we have certainly noticed a change over the last 10 years as more children have access to them earlier on in their lives.

We work hard to ensure that children are educated about safe and respectful use of devices. But is this enough? We are supporting concerned parents who wish to delay smartphone ownership / use by their child. This may be until children are 13 years old or even older. Many parents are making this pledge to help protect the childhood of their children.

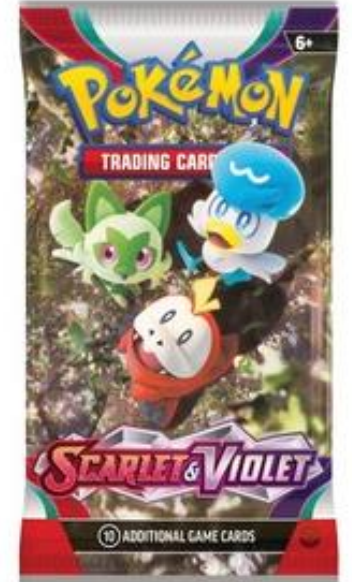
To find out more and to make your pledge, click on this link:

<https://delaysmartphones.org.uk/>



Trading Cards & Toys

Please remember that children are not allowed to bring trading cards or toys into school. Children have been reminded to leave these at home.



Attendance & Punctuality

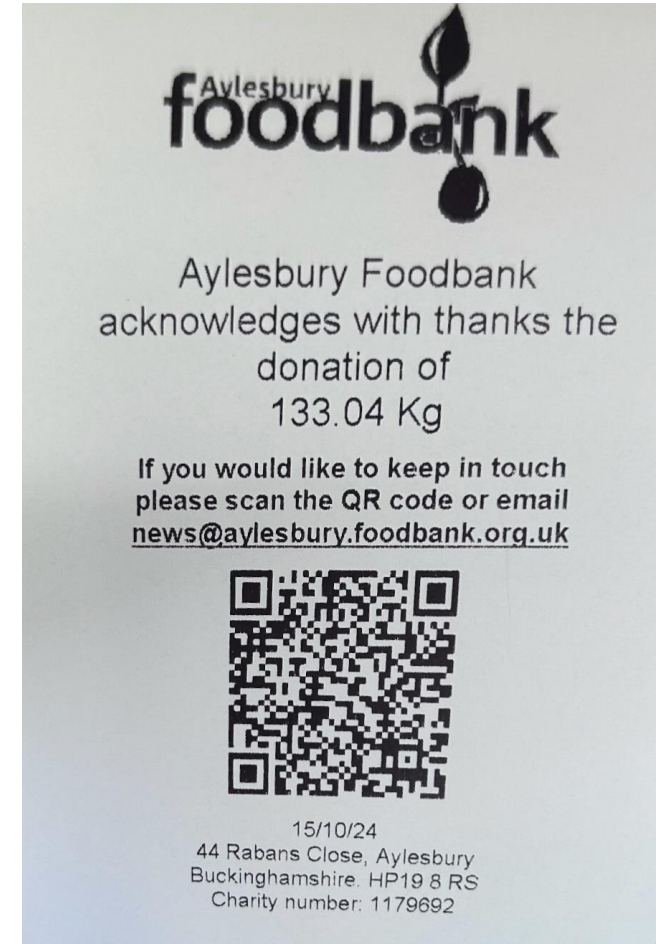
As you know, we make regular checks on attendance and punctuality. Statutory guidance has changed over the summer, which means that we will be monitoring attendance even more rigorously. We are legally obliged to share attendance information with parents. Most of the communication will be for your information only and will require no action. In a small number of cases, further support or action may need to be discussed – this will be clearly set out in the communication. To ensure consistency across the local liaison group of schools, we have a shared policy and we use model letters from the local authority.

Please remember that children should attend every day unless there is a good reason not to. They need to arrive by 8.50am. Our attendance policy is available on the school website: <https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

Celebrating Success

This week one of our Year 3 students, along with a parent volunteer, delivered all of our food donations to the Aylesbury Food Bank. They had the opportunity to get the donations weighed and received a guided tour of the warehouse, learning about how the food is sorted and distributed to those in need. They also met the dedicated team of volunteers who help run the facility. The student found the visit very interesting, and we'd like to say a big thank you to our parent volunteer for her time in delivering the donations to the warehouse.

Thank you to all who contributed!



PTA News

Halloween Jam Jars and Mufti

Get ready for a spooktacular day at school! On **Halloween Mufti Day**, children are invited to join in the fun by wearing Halloween costumes or non-school uniform, in exchange for a decorated jam jar filled with treats!

To ensure that the day is safe and enjoyable for everyone, we kindly ask for your support in following these important guidelines:

Safety First: Costumes should allow children to run, play, and enjoy breaktimes without restrictions or hazards.

No Hair Dye or Face Paints: Please keep it simple and avoid any hair dye or face paints

No Props, Please: To keep things safe, children should not bring any props to school – especially imitation weapons like swords, wands, or toy guns.



Friday 25th October

Extra- Curricular Clubs (please note some changes)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime				
Basketball Y3-6 MUGA	Basketball Y3-6 MUGA	Basketball Y3-6 MUGA	Basketball Y3-6 MUGA	Inter-house Y3-6 MUGA
Harry Potter Club Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Loom Bands Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Beast Quest Reading Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Ocean Club Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Comic Club Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room
Arts & Crafts Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Arts & Crafts Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Arts & Crafts Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Arts & Crafts Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room	Arts & Crafts Y3 – Y6 Bluebird Room
Quiz Club Y5-Y6 North End	Doodlemaths Y3 & Y4 South End	Dramarama Y3 – Y6 Library	Reading Club Y3 & Y4 Library	Spanish Club Y5 – Y6 South End – 4J
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		Singing and Dancing Y3 & Y4 South End – 4J		
After School				
Football Y5 & Y6 Premier Education	Netball Y5 & Y6 Premier Education	Dodgeball Y3 – Y6 Premier Education	Gymnastics Y3 – Y6 Premier Education	
Community Choir Y3 – Y6 Wendover Singers	Street Dance Y3 – Y6 Bodygrooves			

https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/extra_curricular_activities/637881

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

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.