

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Collective Worship

We have continued to explore our values through bible stories. Recently we thought about Noah and the Ark and the Tower of Babel. God asked Noah to build the ark to save all that was good. After the great flood the people of the Earth united, speaking one language and aspiring to build a tower so high that it would reach Heaven – man would be equal to God. As a result, God gave man all the languages of the world so that they would not understand each other; the tower was never finished. We thought about the messages in these stories: God will always be there for us and never wants us to be arrogant; in creating many languages God has made our world diverse and we celebrate this; despite talking many languages we can speak with one voice through music and art and on important issues.

Children have taken a lead in assembly recently. Our Junior Road Safety Officers spoke about the importance of walking to school, improving our health and helping the environment. Also, a group of Year 6 children shared their concerns about the amount of plastic we throw away each day and the catastrophic impact this has on our world. Will God ask for another ark to be built to rescue us in the future?

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival services at St Mary's last week. Thank you for your generosity in sending in donations for Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. We filled 12 crates with food which will be put to very good use supporting local families in need.

Red, White & Blue Day – Friday 5 October

Thank you to everyone who supported this event: we raised an amazing total of £424.15. Well done to the RAF children who did a fantastic job running the cake sale with Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Brettell – house points all round!

School Photographs

The children's individual photographs have been sent home with them today. If you would like to place an order, please complete your details on the proof envelope and return to school by 3.30pm on Friday 19 October. Unfortunately we cannot accept late orders in school, however you can order direct from Tempest if you miss the deadline.

Toys

Just a reminder that we ask children not to bring in toys and games from home – these can cause arguments and upset if they get lost. We have plenty of equipment available in school for the children to use at lunchtime.

PE Safety

During PE lessons the children play a number of invasion games such as football, hockey and tag rugby. Whilst these are not contact sports and we make every effort to ensure the games are as safe as possible, accidents can happen. In order to minimise the risk of injury, it is recommended that children wear a mouthguard for hockey and shin pads for all other games. Mouthguards can be obtained from your dentist (custom fit) or any sports shop (self-fitting). Shin pads are not expensive and should last your child for the whole of their time at junior school.

Extra-curricular Activities

If your child cannot attend a session for any reason, please do let us know so the register can be updated. We expect children to commit to the clubs they have joined and will offer their place to another child if 3 consecutive sessions are missed (doesn't apply if absence due to injury/illness).

Lost Property

Our lost property boxes will be outside school (weather permitting) every afternoon next week – please come and look for any misplaced belongings. All leftover items will be recycled over half term.

Charity Cake Sale

Ania, Chloe and Poppy from 6J will be running a cake sale with Mrs Simpson after school on Wednesday 31 October in aid of Blue Cross for Pets.

Letters Sent Home Since the Last Newsletter

Hazard Alley trips (Y6 only)

Anglo Saxon Day (Y4 only)

Turnfurlong cross country meet (club members only)

Reminders

PTA movie night – book via ParentPay **by Sunday** please

Hot dog day 19/10 – please ensure your child has alternative lunch if you missed this week's deadline

Growth mindset competition entries – in school by **Friday 19/10** please

PTA currency collection – donations in school by **Friday 19/10** please

Y6 applications for secondary school – via online portal by 3pm on **Wednesday 31/10**

Diary Dates

w/b 15 October	Y5/6 assessment week
15 October	Inter-house cross country competition
17 October	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day
18 October	PTA movie night, 3.30pm
19 October	Hot dog day
19 October	Close for half term at 3.30pm
29 October	Children return to school at 8.40am
w/b 29 October	Y3/4 assessment week
31 October	Charity cake sale, 3.30pm (in aid of Blue Cross)
3 November	Cross country at Turnfurlong
7&9 November	Y6 to Hazard Alley
8 November	Y6 to St Mary's Church (related to WW1 topic)
15 November	6W class assembly, 9am
16 November	Save the date for a special celebration - more information to follow soon!
20 November	Y2 tours, 2pm & 2.30pm
21&22 November	Parent/teacher consultation meetings, 4-7pm
21&22 November	Book fair, 3.45-5pm
22 November	6J class assembly
23 November	Y2 tours, 2pm & 2.30pm
27 November	Y2 tours, 2pm & 2.30pm
29 November	6S class assembly
30 November	Y4 RE trip
7 December	INSET day – school closed for children
12 December	Y3 nativity, 2pm
13 December	Y3 nativity, 6pm
17 December	AiP Christmas lunch
18 December	Christmas carol services, St Mary's, 10am (Y3/4) & 11am (Y5/6)
19 December	School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas holidays
2 January	INSET day – school closed for children
3 January	Children return to school at 8.40am



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Children's film & pizza night – Thursday 18 October

There are a few places left – please place orders and payment via ParentPay by Sunday 14 October. Children are welcome to bring a cushion to sit on and their water bottles to prevent spillages.



Foreign Currency collection – Friday 19 October

Don't forget to send any spare foreign currency in by Friday 19 October.



Christmas cards - 29 October

Templates & a letter will be issued Friday 19 October. If your child would like to create a pack of personalised Christmas cards please return the completed template by Monday 29 October (1st day back after half term).



Save the Date

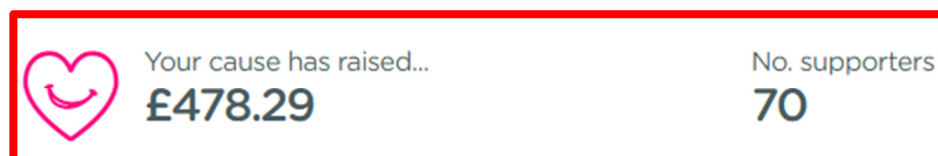
- Thursday 18 Oct – Children's film night (straight from school)
- Monday 29 Oct – Deadline for Xmas cards
- Thursday 29 Nov – Christmas crafts evening (straight from school)
- Thursday 31 Jan – Children's bingo (straight from school)
- Friday 15 March – Adult Race night
- Saturday 29 June – Strawberry Fayre

Easyfundraising

In the last 30 days our cause has raised **£40.28** and recruited **0 new supporters**. Our target is £2,000 and 200 supporters (half the families and staff).



Sign up for **free** - go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wendoverpta/>





There are oodles of great things coming up for children, young people and families at St Mary's this term...

Ignite is our new Sunday morning activity for children aged under 11, taking place during our 10.30am services on the first and third Sunday of every month. We all join in the first part of the service and children usually leave for Ignite after the first song. Parents are welcome to stay in the service or to join in what we're doing in Ignite.

Explore is our (very relaxed!) monthly All Age service, aimed particularly at children and families. We start with some great worship songs and a look at our theme for the day and then break out to explore different learning zones, where you can listen or chat, get busy or spend time in quiet reflection. Whatever suits you that morning! Explore is a great place to come if you and your family are looking to dip a toe back into church or to come along for the first time...

Amazing Donkey is our Friday evening youth club for years 6, 7 and 8, which meets during term time at Wendover Youth Centre from 7-9pm. Activities over the coming weeks include swimming (Oct 12th), bowling (Oct 19th) and a craft evening (Nov 2nd). Please note that there is no Amazing Donkey in half-term week.

Coming up in the next few weeks:

October 14th – All Age Baptism service. Come and support Lewis and Harlen who are being baptised.

October 21st – Ignite. Julia Shyvers is going to be leading our Ignite activities.

October 28th – Explore. It's Bible Sunday – so we'll be taking a good look at what the Bible is all about.

November 4th – Ignite. Ignite will be getting stuck into some drama-based activities with the wonderful Tess Edwards.

For more information on any of these activities, please contact us at info@stmaryswendover.org.uk or call 01296 623123. Or just coming along on a Friday evening at 7pm or Sunday morning at 10.30am. We'd love to see you there!