



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)

Newsletter 7.3.25

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Premier Education Taster Session	10 th March	Children to wear PE kit to school
Year 6 Activity Week Meeting	10 th March	3:45pm information meeting
Year 4 Cuffley Active Learning Centre	17 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay
Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip	25 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay
5W Class Assembly	25 th March	9am in the school hall
5J Class Assembly	26 th March	9am in the school hall
5S Class Assembly	27 th March	9am in the school hall
PTA Easter Bake Sale	31 st March	See PTA page for more info
Last Day of Spring Term	4 th April	Finish at 13:15

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action

Weekly Reflection

This week's focus has been Lent. We have thought about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday.

We have encouraged everyone to take up something new during the period of Lent, rather than giving something up. This links with the School Council's MHWB passport theme for this half-term – learning. A number of children have already been excited to share what they are going to learn over the next four weeks. We will be sharing some of these new experiences in worship.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Y3 children have started their new Science topic - Animals including humans. We have been finding out about the human skeleton this week.

The children shared books beautifully with John Hampden children this morning.

The children have engaged well with their new Big Question in RE - does Easter make sense without Passover?

Year 4

The year 4 children have enjoyed writing, rehearsing and performing their playscripts on the plague village of Eyam. It's a shame that we just missed out on the Oscars this year! The children also showed outstanding learning behaviour and empathy when reading to the John Hampden children as part of the World Book Day celebrations this morning.

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed starting their new unit in English which is all about Biographies. We have looked at different broadcasters, specifically David Attenborough. We have loved learning why David Attenborough wanted to study wildlife around the world. Year 5 are excited to learn more about his life and career next week.

Year 6

Well done to Year 6 who have worked hard throughout assessment week, in some cases showing resilience and determination.

Art Competition

Thank you to all of the children that entered the music themed art competition recently. Thank you too, to Willa P and Emily S for running the competition.

Here are the winning entries. Well done Shirley in Y6, Margot in Y4 and Henry C in Y3



Parent Survey

Inspired by the work of Smartphone Free Childhood <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> , a group of parents is working with WCEJS to better understand the impact that devices have on our children.

Please take just 5 minutes to complete this short survey. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/m1YEFQAZotiNd5PZ7>

For Action

PTA News

Join us for our Easter Bake Sale on Monday 31st March at 3:30pm! There will be prizes for the best designs in each year group, and all proceeds will go towards supporting the school. The sale will take place under the gazebo after school—don't miss out!

Next Event:

PTA Bingo Night – Thursday 15th May.
More details to come soon.





Press Release from Buckinghamshire Council

Stop - It's the law

Council urges drivers to be respectful of the vital work carried out by school crossing patrollers.

Known commonly as lollipop men and women, Buckinghamshire's 60 school crossing patrollers are on duty come rain or shine, morning and afternoon during school term time, wielding their trusty STOP signs to help children and adults reach school safely. While most drivers are respectful and stop when requested, a small minority can be abusive and put lives at risk with dangerous manoeuvres, as they refuse to stop to allow safe crossings.

Since the start of the school year in 2021 to November 2024, there have been 39 reported incidents. Of these, four were injury incidents, 29 were near misses, and the remainder were verbal incidents. However, it is expected numbers are higher than this, as patrollers don't report every incident, despite encouragement.

School crossing patrollers have a legal right to stop traffic for anyone who needs help crossing the road. They have the same authority as a police officer to stop traffic. Failing to stop when a school crossing patrol displays the stop sign is an offence that can result in a £1,000 fine, three penalty points, and disqualification. Failing to stop puts vulnerable road users at risk and patrollers are instructed to report any driver who fails to stop to the police, which could lead to prosecution.

Instances of dangerous behaviour include drivers using abusive language, failing to stop when the patroller is already in the road, and swerving around patrollers to get past. Drivers also make patrollers' jobs more difficult by blocking pavements and stopping or parking inconsiderately to drop off children, especially at School Keep Clear markings and bus stops.

Steven Broadbent, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport at Buckinghamshire Council, said: "Our lollipop men and women play an invaluable role in our local school communities and are deeply appreciated by both pupils and parents.

"While most drivers are considerate, there is a minority who disregard the Highway Code and potentially endanger lives. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards any behaviour that threatens the physical or mental wellbeing of our crossing patrollers or compromises road safety.

"We hope that the community continues to support their local patrollers in carrying out their duties safely. Drivers must be patient and considerate—it only takes a few seconds to ensure everyone crosses the road safely." "

Drivers are being reminded when approaching a school:

- Slow down when you see a patrol warning sign or flashing lights and be prepared to stop.
- Stop when the patrol is displaying the stop sign.
- Be patient and do not move forward.
- Do not park where the patrol works, on zig-zag lines, or other areas with parking restrictions.

To report any incidents involving School Crossing Patrollers, residents are asked to contact:

- Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe (West) - Corinne Randall on 01296 383 432
- Chiltern & South Bucks and Wycombe (East) - Nigel Rosier on 01296 382608

Let's keep everyone safe by stopping for the lollipop



#StopMeansStop



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

Email: office-11@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.

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/parenting-programmes/>