



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)

Newsletter 19.01.24



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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

This is our last week thinking about Epiphany. We thought about God's gift to us: being created in his image. We learned that some believe this means knowing the difference between right and wrong, being able to build a relationship with God and with others and being able to live more as Jesus taught us. Weekly reflection has focused on the power of prayer.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 children have used soft pastels to represent the work of Magdelene Odundo. Children have shown great resilience practising division in maths this week

Year 4 children enjoyed making a model of their teeth out of plasticine this week in science and also showed a great understanding of playing minims on glockenspiels in music.

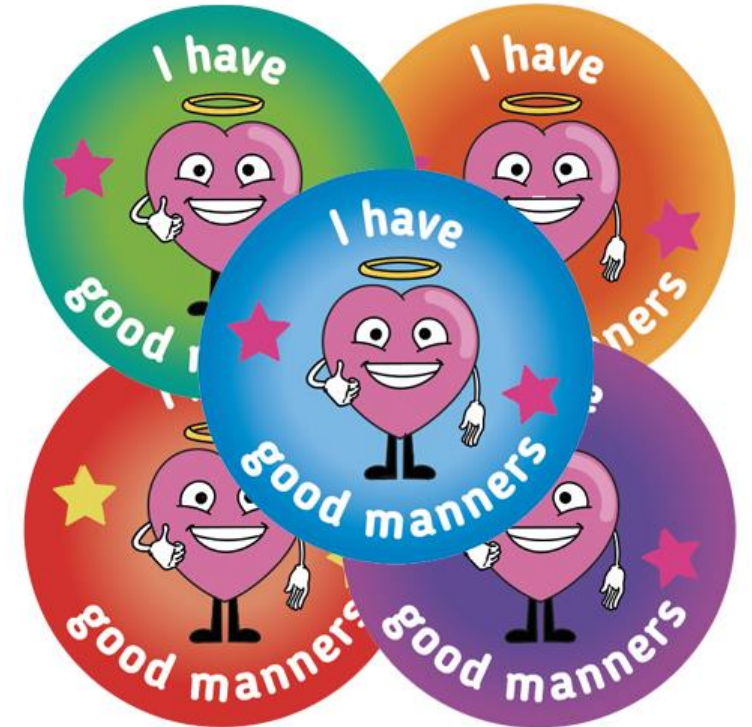
Year 5 completed their Peter Thorpe abstract rocket paintings in art this week. They are out of this world!

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in maths working out mathematical equations. They have also written pleasing narrative poems based on the theme of hope. In PSHE, Year 6 held good conversations about the positives and negatives of mobile phone use.

School Improvement

A number of teachers are engaged in a National Professional Qualification that aims to further improve behaviour and culture in schools. Part of their whole school improvement project will focus on manners and inside behaviour, building on the foundations that were laid in infant school.

We know that our children make good choices most of the time. This focus will help us to be even better, enabling us to attain the highest standards of behaviour.



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.

Please remember that if your child will be absent, please contact the school via email or telephone by 8:30am, allowing the school office to process absences promptly.

PTA Events

The PTA have planned a number of exciting events for the Spring and Summer Term. Their time and effort enables us to provide children with extra-curricular activities, such as the film night and bingo, as well as raising much needed funds to help support the enrichment of learning, play equipment and other resources.

If you are able to give just a little time to the PTA then please email the school office:
admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk



Campus Safety

Please remember that anyone bringing a cycle or scooter onto the school campus should dismount and walk it when on the pathway. Children should cycle or scoot on the campus road.

If you are authorised to drive onto campus, please remember to turn off your engine if you are waiting. We ask that you show your vehicle pass in the windscreen whilst on campus (passes are granted for exceptional reasons on request from the school office).



House Points



1,380 points

1,020 points



990 points

1,140 points



School Disco

The PTA are holding their New Year Disco on Friday 26 February. Tickets are £4 and are available to buy via ParentPay.

Timings:

Y3 and Y4 – 4:30pm to 6pm

Y5 and Y6 – 6:30pm to 8pm

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly from school reception.

Continued good behaviour in school is required for attendance at **all** extra-curricular events.



Time to Party!

WCEJS PTA BRINGS YOU

NEW YEAR DISCO!

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

£4 EACH

YEAR 3 & 4:	16.30 TO 18.00
YEAR 5 & 6:	18.30 TO 20.00

TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY, DRINK AND A TATTOO
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE CASH ONLY
Suggested maximum £2 per child

TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY 22ND JANUARY

EMAIL US AT WENDOVERJUNIORPTA@GMAIL.COM IF AND WHEN YOU'RE ABLE TO SUPPORT / VOLUNTEER ON THE NIGHT

Service Family News

Save the date for our next Service Family Coffee Morning!

Join us for a morning filled with coffee, conversation and connection.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Please RSVP by emailing the school office at admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk if you can make it.



Service Family Coffee Morning

with Mrs Austin

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

8:50 - 9:30

A great opportunity to meet other Service families, make friends and share experiences

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be on offer!

Younger siblings are welcome

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN KITCHEN EVENT



The Culinera team will be running an “Open Kitchen” event for Wendover Junior School. This is a great opportunity to meet the Culinera team, try samples and to provide feedback on the service.

Date: Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Location: The Main Hall, Wendover Primary School

Time: 3.10pm until 3.45pm

Culinera is a small business and are proud to work with Wendover Juniors. We hope this is a great opportunity to discuss feedback to help us all enjoy school meals long term.



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Culinera News

Please join us for an open kitchen event on Tuesday 23rd January.

It will be a chance for you to meet the team at Culinera and try some of their food samples.

No need to book – just drop by anytime between 3:10 and 3:45.

We look forward to sharing this tasty experience with you !

Dates for the Diary

Parents Culinera food tasting	Tuesday 23 rd January	15:15 – 15:45 in the school hall (no booking required)
Service Family coffee morning	Thursday 25 th January	8:50am – 9:30am
PTA school disco	Friday 26 th January	PARENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
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

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.

Next week at Wendover Wraparound...

Monday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Quiz Challenge

Sports club: Football (4 Spaces available).

Tuesday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session - Arts and Crafts- national Squirrel day

Sports club: Netball (5 Spaces Available).

Wednesday: Physical play

Afternoon Main Session: Team Bowls Challenge

Sports club: Dodgeball (Fully Booked)

Thursday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Bingo Bonanza

Sports club: RISE Gymnastics (5 Spaces Available).

Friday: Enrichment and wellness

Afternoon Main Session: Cake Decorating

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.