

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Collective Worship

We have been learning about the Good Samaritan and how important it is to take responsibility for helping others. This has been linked to other recent themes, particularly our learning about diversity. Would we choose to help one person and not another, just because of who they were or what they looked like?

Attendance and Punctuality

As part of our duty of care to children, we make regular checks on attendance and punctuality. We inform parents if the attendance of their child is below 95% or if there are concerns about late arrival to school. This is in accordance with statutory policy. Attendance is calculated from the start of the academic year to the date of the checkpoint (every three weeks); this includes all absences - authorised or otherwise. We understand that children are ill from time to time and that just a few days absence at this stage in the year adversely affects the overall rate. A letter regarding attendance below 95% is for your information only. We work closely with parents and agencies if absence continues to be of concern, particularly when attendance falls below 90%. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that school attendance remains high.

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Friday's fundraiser – we raised an amazing £636.24. Well done to Mrs Simpson and the School Council for organising this very successful event.

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's head regularly and treat as necessary.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Austin, a current member of our LSA team who has direct experience of life in a services family, has taken on the additional role of supporting our service children.

We also welcomed Mrs Do Tanque to our LSA team this week.

Reminders

- Y4 residential trip – deposit now overdue, please visit ParentPay to secure your child's place
- AiP Christmas lunch – please book by Wednesday 11 December latest
- PTA Christmas crafts, Friday 29 November – small number of places remaining, please book today!

Diary Dates

26 November	Y6 e-safety workshops
28 November	6S class assembly, 9am
29 November	PTA Children's Christmas Crafts, 3.30-5pm
3 & 5 December	Parent/teacher consultation evenings (inc book fair), 4-7pm
6 December	INSET day – school closed
9-13 December	All after school activities finish this week
10 December	Flu clinic (whole school)
11 December	Y3 nativity performances, 9.30am & 6pm
17 December	Christmas service, St Mary's Church (Y3/4 9.30am; Y5/6 11am)
18 December	AiP Christmas lunch
19 December	Close for Christmas holidays, 1.15pm
6 January	INSET day – school closed for children
7 January	Spring term starts, 8.40am

PTA NEWS

Wow, where did that fortnight go? Time is flying towards the end of term but before we get there, we have some fabulous fundraising activities and events ahead, so without further ado, here is your latest PTA news!

Christmas Crafts – Friday 29 November, 3.30-5pm

There are only a few spaces left at this fabulous event where your children can decorate cakes, wrap a secret present for a family member, make Christmas decorations and so much more. All simple pleasures really, but there really is nothing like crafts to get your child into the Christmas spirit (and it means you are off the hook on the Pinterest Christmas crafting front yourself!). So, don't delay, sign up today via ParentPay! NB If you have booked a place for your child, don't forget to send in your donation for the wrap a present stall **by Thursday 28 November** (collection box in foyer).



Bag to School – Tuesday 26 November (by 9am)

Last chance to for a clear out! Do you have any unwanted good quality clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding curtains and towels at home? Would you like to reclaim that space under the stairs at home? Then get sorting and bring your unwanted items to the area outside John Hampden School this coming Tuesday (NB all donations must be left by 9am). This joint fundraiser with JHS means that we receive 50% of all profits raised by both schools. <https://bag2school.com/>

Christmas Raffle Time!

The Christmas Hamper Raffle is a key part of our fundraising activity each year as well as a chance to win one of several amazing Christmas hampers to help your celebrations along nicely. Donations for the hampers can be left in the box in the foyer.

Tickets are only £1 each and a book of 10 was sent home with your child yesterday. These will be available from our volunteers at the school gate over the coming weeks, as well as at the forthcoming parents' evenings. Spare books are also available from the school office.

Please return all stubs, money and any unused tickets to school **by Monday 9 December**. The draw will take place at the Y3 Nativity on Wednesday 11 December.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 26 November – Bag2School – drop outside John Hampden School by 9am

Friday 29 November – Christmas crafts, 3.30-5pm

Thursday 30 January – Children's bingo, 3.30-5pm

Friday 6 March – Joint JHS & WJS adults quiz night (date tbc)

Thursday 26 March – Easter crafts, 3.30-5pm

Thursday 7 May – Children's film night, 3.30pm

Saturday 27 June – Strawberry Fayre, 12-3pm



15% OFF
When you book online before 19th December!

Premier Holiday Camps

Go on an adventure with Premier this Winter. Sports and Arts for all aged 4-12.

Choose from a wide variety of exciting sports and performing arts activities. Be creative and adventurous whilst making new friends and having lots of fun!

THU 2nd, FRI 3rd & MON 6th January at;
Bishop Wood School, TRING, HP23 5AU

Wendover Youth Centre, WENDOVER, HP22 6HF

Half Day: *9am - 1pm
St'dard Day: 9am - 3.30pm
Xtra-time: 8.30am - 4pm

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Ext Day: 8am - 6pm

*Suitable for children aged 4, for 'Xtra time' select this option when booking a standard day and pay an extra £5.00
*Suitable for children aged 4

Click to book Bishop Wood Camp **Click to book Wendover Camp**

Sample Programme;

SPORT	PERF. ARTS	ADVENTURE
9.30-10.30am Football	Gymnastics	Adventure Walk*
10.30-11.15am Tag-rugby	Cheerleading	Den-building*
11.15-12.00pm Basketball	Arts & Crafts	Archery
1.00-1.45pm Swimming*	Street Dance	Capture the flag
1.45-2.30pm Dodgeball	Drama	Fencing
2.30-3.15pm Athletics	Musical Theatre	Nerf Wars

You will need...

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water or non fizzy drink
- Weather-appropriate clothing

Don't worry!
Our Activity Professionals are fully insured and DBS checked. They all hold an Emergency First Aid certification.

*If your child can only attend for up to 4 hours we have different activities. *Swimming is not included as this takes place in the afternoon. However, children must be aged 10 and be able to swim. Please note that children attending the outdoor adventure walks also need to be aged 10 or older. We operate a NO PET policy on all of our courses. For full terms & conditions please visit www.premier-education.com

Prices starting from £11.00 a day!

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Family Dog Workshops

Workshops for parents /carers of a child aged between 3 - 16 years old with a clinical diagnosis of autism.



Family Dog Workshops are ideal if you:


- Are at the early stages of considering getting a dog to help your autistic child
- Know that you want to get a dog and are looking for help choosing and handling a dog
- Already have a pet dog but would like training ideas and support

The series of three one day workshops use a combination of practical demonstrations, discussions, hands on learning and course hand outs.

Following the workshops, ongoing support is available to families including telephone support, online resources, and a private Facebook group.

For dates and venues visit:
www.dogsforgood.org/family-dog

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LIFE CHANGING DEVOTION



General Election Hustings

7.30 - 9.00pm,
Tuesday 3rd December at
St Mary's Church, Wendover

You are invited to meet our local constituency candidates for the General Election.

There will be an opportunity to hear them speak & to ask questions. Please submit questions to hustings@stmaryswendover.org
Questions to be submitted by end of Monday, 2nd December.

Limited parking: Please consider Church Lane as a one way road on the evening.



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Christmas Celebration Event

Wednesday 4th December, 4-7pm on Manor Waste

Wendover Parish Council has organised a wonderful Christmas Celebration Event for everyone to enjoy starting at 4pm on Wednesday 4th December. Proceeds from the event are going to Wendover Action Group - Providers of the Wendover Community Car.

Eating and Drinking
 Hot refreshments will be available. These will include a Kings Farm Shop BBQ, Monsta Pizza, Popcorn and Candy Floss, and Coffee Stop.

Christmas Trees
 Many thanks to Harpenden Building Society for sponsoring the tree on Manor Waste once again this year. Thanks also to the many businesses who have paid for a small Christmas tree which always makes central Wendover look so lovely, see map on page 18.

Reindeer
 Many thanks to Wendover Heritage & Sons Funeral Directors for their sponsorship towards the reindeer this year!

You can also expect
Christmas Market Stalls - Christmas gifts, handmade crafts, jewellery, cards, gin & ale.
Santa's Grotto - Bring along £2 to receive a present from Santa.
'Guess how many' competition - Wendover Parish Council will be running a competition from their stall where you could win a £50 voucher from Budgens by guessing the number of balloons in the gator.

Timetable
 All times are approximate.

4pm The Christmas music begins, with Halton Singers and Friends joining in.

5:15pm Wendover Parish Council Chairman, Tom Walsh, will present the Wendover News Cup for the Best Dressed Shop Window 2019 and prizes for the Christmas tree decorations.

5:30pm Our special guest from Mix96 will switch on the Christmas tree lights.

5:35pm John Colet School Choir will be performing a musical medley.

7pm Manor Waste event closes.



Christmas Gift Fair

11 - 3pm 23rd November 2019

**A beautiful selection of gifts
 including Christmas
 decorations, jewellery, food,
 homeware and more...**

The Gateway Conference Centre, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF

FREE PARKING

Entrance £3 / Concessions £1.50



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Charity No. 1011133


St Mary's Church
 At the heart of the community



Join us this Christmas at St Mary's Church

8 December - Christingle at 3pm

22 December - Carols by Candlelight at 7pm

24 December - Nativity Service at 1.30pm
 (for children under 5 years old)

24 December - Crib Service at 4pm

24 December - Midnight Service at 11.30pm

Get on Santa's 'Nice' List!

11am, Saturday 21st December

**2.5k fun run starting
 and finishing at
 Wendover Memorial Hall**

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