



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
PTA Bake Sale	16 th December	Bring all bakes to school on Monday morning
Christmas Carol Service	18 th December	Join us at St Marys Church 10am - Years 3 and 4 11am - Years 5 and 6
Culinera Christmas Dinner	18 th December	Book on ParentPay
Christmas Jumper Day	20 th December	Donate to https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240015148
Last Day of Term	20 th December	Finish at 13:15
First Day of Spring Term	6 th January	
PTA New Year Disco	30 th January	Full details to follow

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Y4 Family photo extension	Extended date to send in a photo
Y5 and Y6 Football and Netball club	Bookings open - Premier Education
Dodgeball and Gymnastic Club	Bookings open – Premier Education

Weekly Reflection

Our third week of Advent has been spent thinking about peace. We have considered what peace means to us, where we might go / what we might do to find peace and how we can spread peace to others.

The school council continued their support for mental health and wellbeing by highlighting how important sleep is. They suggested some ways to sleep better, including not playing video games in the evening, eating well and trying to clear our heads before bedtime. Remco joined us on Tuesday to share the power of prayer, meditation and talking to others as a way of relieving our worries.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

A huge well done to all children in Y3 for their excellent acting, singing and smiling during their performances in Lights, Camel Action 2! this week.

Children in Y3 have been engaging with high participation strategies in lessons- everyone thinking, everyone taking part!

Year 4

Year 4 children demonstrated great teamwork when working in groups to research and present information on everyday life in Ancient Egypt. They have also shown great creativity in writing sentences to describe Aladdin and his experience stuck in a cave.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed creating their own Peter Thorpe-inspired abstract art works. First, they planned the space-themed background, and then created it using black sugar paper and paint or soft pastels. Next, they made rockets out of card and experimented with the best placement on their background. Lastly, the rocket was glued in position. The art works look stellar!

Year 6

Year 6 had wonderful trips to the Hazard Alley Safety Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday. They learnt lots about keeping safe and had a great time. Their behaviour was fabulous. Well done

Celebrating Success

Well done to Zachary in Year 5 for winning the Wendover Library Short Story Competition. His story can be found [here](#).



Well done to Romilly, Harper and Elin are holding a sale on Friday 13 December to raise money for Florence Nightingale Foundation.

Parent Engagement

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Y3 Nativity performances this week. The Year 3 children did exceptionally well and very much enjoyed the singing, dancing and acting.

Our carol service is being held on Wednesday 18 December at St Mary's Church, Wendover. The Y3&4 service is at 10am and then Y5&6 at 11am. Parents are most welcome.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the PTA Christmas Hampers.

Calling all Rhodium spellers!

It's nearly time for another WJS Spelling Challenge test (end of every half term). In addition to correctly spelling the 20 words in each list, Rhodium spellers also need to write 10 successful sentences. When they have written sentences which demonstrate a clear understanding of their 10 chosen words, by using each in the correct context (in addition to spelling all 20 words correctly), they are then ready to move up to the next word list.

We have created a 'how-to' sheet, which sets out our expectations for these sentences - including examples and non-examples. This is available on the school website, with the English resources. A copy has also been made available in school to each child who has reached this level of the Spelling Challenge.

Good luck, Rhodium spellers!

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that children should have a healthy snack for morning break. This can be fruit, vegetables or a cereal bar. The school council will be giving stickers out to reward children who are snacking healthily. Crisps, biscuits or chocolate bars are not allowed – please help us by not allowing children to bring these items in.

Children are allowed just one treat item in their lunchboxes – this may be a small piece of cakes, crisps or a few biscuits.

PTA News

Don't Forget Our PTA Christmas Bake Sale!

Prizes will be awarded to the most creative cakes for each year group, with a sale of the cakes starting at **3:30 PM** in the school hall.

Cake Entries: Please bring your cakes to the school hall on **Monday 16th December 2024 (AM)**.

We can't wait to see your delicious creations!

Raffle Reminder: Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the **Coloured Hampers Raffle!** Tickets are available on ParentPay until **Sunday 15th December 2024**.



Survey Request From Camhs - Say Your View!

In 2025 Buckinghamshire CAMHS will be reviewing its website ([Buckinghamshire | Oxford Health CAMHS](#)) and we know parents and families are the biggest users of our website therefore your input will be crucial in helping us understand what is working well and changes need to be made.

As a starting point we would like you to complete a short survey to help us understand what you currently use the website for and what would make you use it more. There are only two questions at this stage but we will be looking for more in depth feedback in the future and if you would like to be involved in this please provide your email address at the end of the survey. If you do not provide your email address the survey is anonymous.

Please can you let us know your thoughts by the end of December.

[BUCKS CAMHS Website - Parent Feedback](#)

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:

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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.