



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)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

On Monday we were joined by Laura from Young Carers, Aylesbury. She reminded us of what a young carer is and provided a glimpse of what it is like to be young carer. Our Young Carer group continues to meet regularly in school.

Our Well-Being ambassadors introduced anti-bullying week on Tuesday, taking part in a question and answer session. This helped everyone better understand what bullying is, and is not, and what to do if you experience bullying. Everyone was invited to sign a class sock (anti-bullying charter) that will be displayed and to wear odd socks today to remind us that we are all different and all equally important.

Year Group Highlights

Year 3 children are singing wonderfully in preparation for their Nativity performance. Children enjoyed finding out about bones in the human body this week

Year 4 have worked hard this week on consolidating multiplication and division facts and improving their recall time through songs. They have also shown good pencil technique when shading to produce a 3D effect.

Year 5 had a stellar day, learning more than they could imagine, during Space Day on Thursday. They learnt about different galaxies, and even explored what would happen if the Milky Way would collide with Andromeda. Fortunately, that event is billions of years into the future, and doesn't seem like it would cause too much of a fuss! Soda straw rockets were also made, launched and the distances travelled measured - that was fun! Seeing how astronauts live while they are on the ISS was also quite fascinating.

Year 6 Well done to 6W on their class assembly! It was an informative and thorough performance! Year 6 have been busy learning about online personal boundaries. They have thoroughly enjoyed discussing different scenarios and whether it is respectful to share information about themselves and others.



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Doodle Maths

Children are now well-used to using the doodle maths platform. They are very busy collecting stars, trying to win the class challenge!

The aim of doodle maths is twofold:

1. To build fluency
2. To identify gaps in learning

This may mean that children are given lots of questions that they are expected to answer quickly and confidently. It also means that they may be given easier questions if they have not answered a number of questions correctly – going back to the basics to ensure they have strong foundations.



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This Week's House Points

1 st	Red House	1380 points
2 nd	Purple House	1130 points
2 nd	Green House	1130 points
4 th	Blue House	1100 points

Young Carers

This week's Young Carers meeting was filled with holiday cheer as the children had a blast crafting Father Christmas advent calendars. Smiles, laughter, and creativity illuminated the room, making it a joyous occasion for all.



Children in Need

We're thrilled to announce the success of our recent school raffle in support of children in need. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an impressive £332 through ticket sales. This contribution will make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Donations can still be made via:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Winners of the raffle are:

Year 3 – Bertie

Year 4 – April

Year 5 – Edward

Year 6 - Lincoln





ZEN Sensory Garden – Voting is live!

We are delighted to announce that Wendover Junior School has been entered into the Tesco Stronger Starts programme and our ZEN sensory garden project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.


Our Zen garden will be used to provide a safe space for the children to reflect in.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

The stores listed below are taking part in voting for our project.

Aylesbury Extra, Broadfields Retail Park
Tesco Superstore - Tring Road, Aylesbury
Tesco Express - Jackson Road, Aylesbury
Tesco Express - Wendover
Tesco Express - Meadow Way, Aylesbury

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.



Dates for the Diary

6J Class Assembly	Wednesday 22 nd November	9am – 10am
Year 6 Graffiti Art Workshop	Friday 24 th November	Consent/payment required by 1 st November via ParentPay
6S Class Assembly	Wednesday 29 th November	9am – 10am
INSET Day	Friday 1 st December	
Harrisons Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 12 th December	Bookable on ParentPay until Thursday 7 th December
Year 3 Nativity	Wednesday 13 th December Thursday 14 th December	Afternoon performance Evening performance
Year 6 Mayan Day	Friday 15 th December	
Last day of Autumn Term	Tuesday 19 th December	Finish at 13:15

Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

We're thrilled to share the weekly activities schedule for our Afterschool Wraparound Program, running Monday to Friday. Our goal is to provide a fun, engaging, and enriching experience for your children.

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 Program and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.

Next week at Wendover Wraparound...




Monday: Physical Play

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Table Football Tournament
-  Sports club: Yr 5 & 6 Football at the Junior School (Fully Booked).




Tuesday: Enrichment and wellness

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session- Road Safety week-make your own speed awareness signs
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Netball at the Junior School (Spaces left).



Wednesday: Physical Play

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Ping Pong team Challenge
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Dodgeball at the Junior School (Fully Booked).

Thursday: Active Minds

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Team Charades
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Gymnastics at the Junior School (Fully Booked).

Friday: Enrichment and wellness

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-   Afternoon Main Session: Baking Cheese Twists



Lunch-time Performing Arts Clubs

at Wendover Junior School

Grow in confidence, develop communication, co-ordination and collaboration AND have FUN!

MONDAYS with ALANA
Musical Theatre Club (yrs 3-6)

WEDNESDAYS with DANIELLE
Drama Club (yrs 4-6)

THURSDAYS with ALANA
Drama Club (yrs 3 & 4)



We are delighted to partner with ***Dramarama Clubs*** to provide lunchtime performing arts opportunities for our students in the school library.

Children are invited to either bring a packed lunch to the club or get a fast-pass to their hot dinner and join after they've eaten

The new term starts on Monday 18th September and places should be booked directly with Dramarama on their website.

Term starts Mon 18th Sept. Places must be booked online:

www.dramaramaclubs.uk

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 (Chris Milton)



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.