



# 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 3.11.2023

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**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Reflection**

**Resilience**

## **Collective Worship**

Halloween and Bonfire Night were the focus this week as we continued to explore the theme of inequality and injustice. We thought about the many people that have suffered persecution as a result of appearing different or thinking differently.

Our challenge this week was to think about how people might still be treated differently, to be more curious and to show tolerance.

# Year Group Highlights

**Year 3** The children have been working hard using column methods for addition and subtraction, including exchanging across 10s and 100s.

Y3 children walked to the church and listened to Nadine tell us all about Baptism.

**Year 4** children thoroughly enjoyed making canopic jars out of clay for the Ancient Egyptian topic. They have also been very interested in finding out about the inventor Nikola Tesla.

**Year 5** pupils logged in to the school laptops their own user names and created their passwords, which they understand they are responsible for. They also used Google Maps to find the locations of 5 NASA space stations in North America. Perhaps they even remember what NASA means...

**Year 6** The Prefects, JRSOs and Wellbeing Leads have been very busy this week delivering key messages to Year 1 and Year 2 at the John Hampden. Well done for doing a great job! The year group had great fun learning how the Maya used an advanced form of writing called hieroglyphics which was very different to the Egyptians. They then used clay to create their own glyphs. In addition to this, Year 6 have done particularly well learning about fractions in maths this week.

# This Week's House Points

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Green House</b>	1140 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Red House</b>	1080 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Purple House</b>	930 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blue House</b>	900 points

# **Parent Consultation and Termly Updates**

As a result of recent parent feedback and a review of our internal summative testing arrangements, we have changed the timing of our Termly Updates.

Please see the attached letter for more details.

# Extended Learning Competition

BBC's 500-word competition is back! Children between the ages of 5 and 11 are invited to write short stories that are a maximum of 500 words long and submit them online to enter the competition. To enter this fabulous competition, children just need to write an original story that is 500 words or less, on a computer and get a parent or guardian to submit it online. There are many prizes to be won.

We will also be doing our own version of the competition. Simply print off or send to the office the same 500-word stories and Mrs Khan will be judging them too. If you do not want to take part in the BBC's version, then it is fine to write one just for Mrs Khan to judge! There will be prizes and every person who enters will receive 10 house points.

Deadline: Stories need to be submitted online by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

For further information, please visit the website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>



# Mental Health Week - donations

Thank you for your support and the contributions towards our Mental Health Week, we have so far managed to raise 89% of our target goal of £400.

Mental health is a critical aspect of our children's well-being, and this week served as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness, promote understanding, and provide essential resources to those in need.

Your continued support can make a significant difference. We kindly request your generous donations to help us achieve our goal. Every pound counts and brings us one step closer to creating a more supportive and empathetic environment for our children.

Please consider contributing to this important cause. Your donation will go a long way in ensuring that our awareness to Mental Health Week is a resounding success.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/young-minds-wendover-junior-school>



**£359**

raised of £400 target  
by 72 supporters



# 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.





# Community Activity

Please come and support one of our year 5 students at a community litter pick event that she has organised!

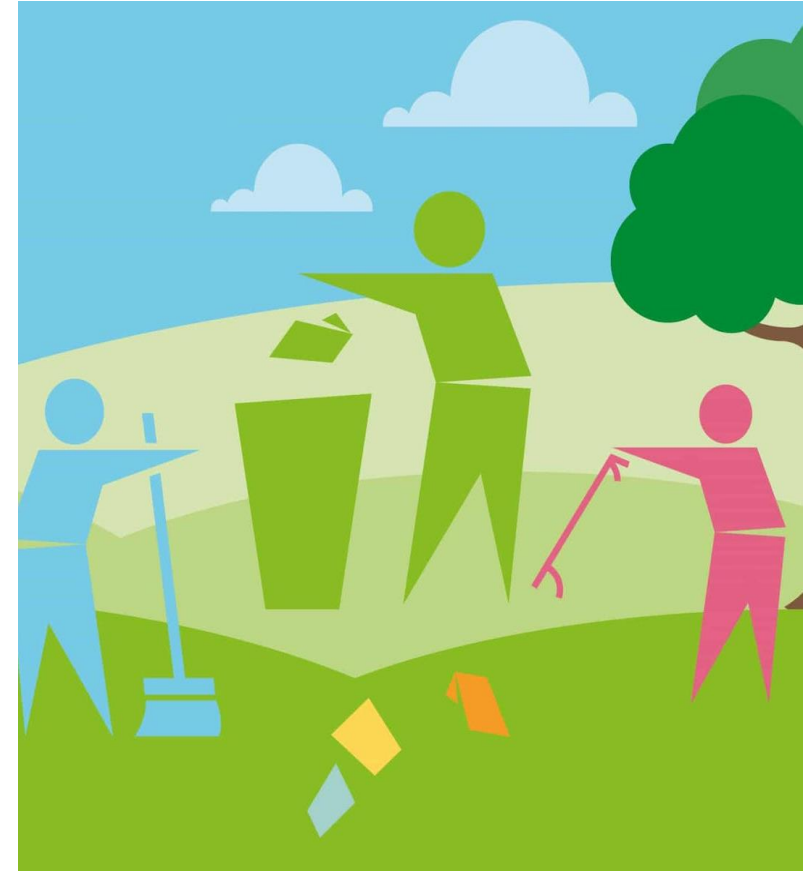
Date: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 10am

Meeting Location: Wendover Memorial Hall

Please bring bin bags, gloves and litter pickers if you have them. If not, don't worry, as there will be equipment available for you to borrow.

Lets work together to keep our village beautiful!



# Dates for the Diary

PTA Movie night	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	3:40pm – 6:30pm
6W Class Assembly	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 10am
Year 5 Space Day	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Consent/payment required by 2 <sup>nd</sup> November via ParentPay
6J Class Assembly	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9am – 10am
Year 6 Graffiti Art Workshop	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Consent/payment required by 1 <sup>st</sup> November via ParentPay
6S Class Assembly	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 10am
INSET Day	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	

# 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:

Venue Manager: Jaki Birch

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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: Active Minds

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Make your own clay models
-  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
-  Session- Make your own remembrance Poppy
-  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: Air hockey team challenge
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Dodgeball at the Junior School (Fully Booked).

## Thursday: Physical Play

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

## Friday: Baking

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



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:beckfordmusic@hotmail.com)

**Brass** please email [rjkitchen@sky.com](mailto: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.