



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

Spring Term Review

This has been a relatively short but very busy term. Children have been working hard, in and out of the classroom. Our drive on improving maths continues. Additional training has been provided for staff to ensure that we are making the most of maths lessons and doodle maths continues to provide excellent opportunities for children to become more fluent – just 10 minutes a day, three days a week at home is likely to make a real difference. Children have greatly enjoyed the curriculum enrichment activities and extracurricular activities provided by the school staff and Premier Education.

Governors have been into school on many occasions, not least on deep dives. These are a chance for governors to develop an independent viewpoint about the provision at WCEJS. Together with SLT and subject leaders, they visit classrooms, talk to children about learning and look at the written work children have completed. Governors have completed successful deep dives in humanities and PE this term, following very positive visits in the autumn term that looked at writing and maths.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents into school this term, with class assemblies, consultation sessions, meet the SEND / Service team and parent volunteers – thank you all for your support.

Thank you to the PTA for organising more events this term, including the disco and bingo. All of these events raise money that is spent on support children's learning, mental health and well-being. If you would like to join the PTA team then please email the school office: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk

Collective Worship

This week has been a chance to revisit the messages shared this half-term. We have been thinking very much about how our behaviour choices affect ourselves and others. This has been linked up to the national part of the Stand Up to Bullying campaign.

All year groups have visited St Mary's Church this week to learn more about the importance of Holy Week. Thank you to Rev. Moring and the church team for all of their hard work in planning and delivering the activities, and to all who supported us.



Holy Week

Each year group visited St Mary's Church this week to participate in learning activities based around Holy Week. Learning stations included Palm Sunday, Washing of Hands, the Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. As well as participating in the learning activities, children had an opportunity to ask questions about the church.

Thank you to the church team and everyone who helped to support this valuable event.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the church to complete Easter Story activities

Year 3 have enjoyed designing and writing explanation texts about their own useful robots

Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed examining and investigating owl pellets as part of the science topic on food chains. Careful examination of the pellet revealed a variety of mouse, shrew and vole bones and, to the children's delight, a number of rodent skulls! They also showed excellent behaviour when visiting the church and learning about the story of Easter.

Year 5 enjoyed the opportunity for spiritual growth when visiting St Mary's Church, engaging in some fun, Easter-related activities.

Year 6 enjoyed the activities at church and watching the documentary on climate change.

House Points – Spring Term totals



7520 points

6700 points



6590 points



6720 points



Uniform

If you are replacing school uniform over Easter then please remember to check the [uniform policy](#) if you are unsure. If you are replacing school shoes, please do not buy boots, canvas trainers or footwear with contrasting soles / logos as they are not school uniform. Kit can be returned to children much faster if it is named.



<https://plschoollwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/wendover-junior-school>

Equipment

Pencil cases do not need to be brought into school as all stationary needs, including pens, pencils, and other necessary equipment, are provided by the school. This helps reduce the risk of items going missing and ensures that every child has what they need for learning.

Additionally, please note that toys, including fidget toys, should not be brought into school. These items are available to borrow in the classrooms should your child need one during lesson time. Please speak to your class teacher.

PTA Easter Bake Sale

Thank you to all our parents, carers and children for your efforts in baking for our Easter Bake Sale.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us by buying a cake (or two). We raised an amazing £351!

Mr Kynaston chose 1 winner per year group who each won a yummy Easter bag created by Mrs Brister!



Emily (year 3)



Freddie (year 5)



Jaime (year 4)



Imogen (year 6)

PTA colouring competition

The PTA joined up again with Harpers Estate Agents in Wendover to take part in their annual Easter colouring in competition!

Max and Penny from Harpers joined us in assembly on Monday to announce the winners, who each received a Waterstones gift voucher and an Easter Egg!

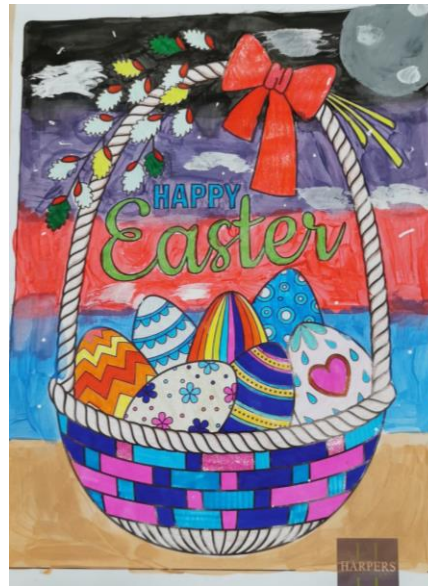
The 12 runners up were also very excited to receive an Easter Egg!



1st place - Freya



2nd place - Zach



3rd place - Elsie

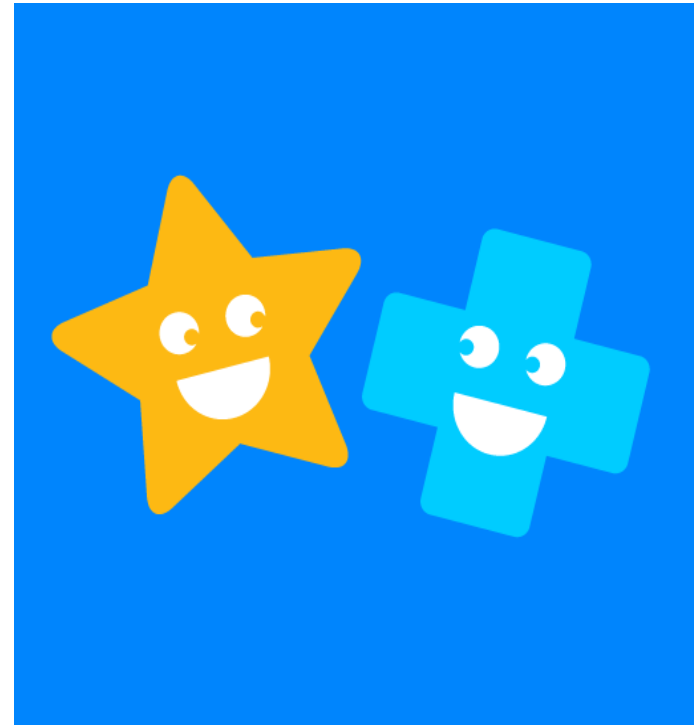


Our 12 runners up

Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Dates for the Diary

Last day of Term	Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 1:15pm
First day of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	School re opens at 8:40am
Y4 Swimming lessons	Tuesday 23 rd April – Tuesday 16 th July (every Tuesday)	Consent on parentpay by Monday 15 th April
Bank holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May	
Y5 Perseus and Medusa drama workshop	Tuesday 7 th May	Consent/pay on parentpay by Friday 19 th April
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	
May half term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 29 th May	
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June	

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

Email: office-11@premier-education.com

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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.

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

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.