



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

This week has seen us focussing on climate injustice. We learned that the actions of a few can have very serious effects on many. Lots of people throughout the world are experiencing very real problems because of global warming, something that they did not contribute to.

Children have been challenged to think about changes they could make within their lifetime that might reduce the effects felt by others living in different parts of the world.

Year Group Highlights

Year 3 rehearsals are coming together this week - The stage is helping us to perform!

We are using a different text each week for Guided reading - the children are really enjoying learning techniques to answer questions about the texts.

Year 4 pupils have been working hard researching a famous scientist and writing a detailed biography.

Additionally, the year 4 children selected for the multi skills event thoroughly enjoyed the event and were commended for their behaviour and enthusiastic participation.

Year 5 enjoyed the play, 'Jack and the Catalysts', performed by the students from Tring Park Academy. They learnt an awful lot more about science, and were still singing the song when they returned to class!

Year 6 children have absolutely loved their graffiti workshop today. They listened attentively to the techniques graffiti artists use and applied these brilliantly to create fantastic, eye-catching art work. It was great to see all the children enthused and focused. In addition to this, collaboratively, the children have spray painted a mural on the school field with the school's logo, 4Rs and 3Cs.

This Week's House Points

1 st	Purple House	1050 points
2 nd	Blue House	1000 points
2 nd	Green House	790 points
4 th	Red House	630 points

TT Rockstars England Rocks Competition

Last week, children had the opportunity to compete in a national TTRS competition against 4,358 other England schools.

As a school, we came 830th out of all the schools that entered.



Within school, we also competed for: Top three pupil scorers, top three whole class scorers and top scorer in each class. Here are the Leaderboard results:

Top Three Class Scorers

1 st	6J
2 nd	4J
3 rd	6S

Top Three Pupil Scorers

1 st	Archie 6J
2 nd	Milo 6J
3 rd	William 6J

Top Pupil Scorers in each class

3W	Lily	3J	Charlie	3S	Tariq
4W	Clara	4J	Martha	4S	Felicity
5W	Elliot	5J	Estelle	5S	Arthur
6W	Claire	6J	Archie	6S	Kingsley

Congratulations to all our winners and a big well done to everyone who took part.

Young Carers

This week's young carers group started by any sharing good news and updates on activities they have enjoyed over the last week.

The highlight of this weeks meeting was engaging in indoor ball games, bringing joy to all the children involved.



School Meal News...

From January we will be welcoming NEW caterers **Culinera**

Watch out for new menu's which will be available to view and book before the end of term. There will also be a competition for the children to name our school 'restaurant'.

About Culinera

Our aim is to be long-term partner of the school; so we strive to deliver exceptional food every day. We do this by ensuring our team have the tools and skill-set to cook fresh food, from scratch every single day.

Our food

All of our meals are freshly prepared within the school kitchen. Our menus are nutritionally analysed to ensure they meet and, in most cases, exceed standards. We are committed to constantly reviewing our menus and recipes to ensure they are healthy. We also have a number of plant-based recipes to our menus and meat free days to support the sustainability aspects of our offer.



TASTERS /
SAMPLES



SUGAR
SWAPS



PLANT
POWER



HIGH
STREET
CONCEPTS



HEALTHY
EATING
POINTS

AVAILABLE DAILY

- Meat and vegetarian options
- Junior School pop-ups
- Fresh jacket potato and fillings
- Deli boxes
- Daily, fresh salad bar with flavoured bread
- 4 pudding options
- Introducing hydration stations

Campus Safety

Please be reminded that driving on campus is prohibited unless you have requested a campus permit from the school office.

If the barrier is up during school drop off/school pick up times please respect the campus rules and do not drive up.

If you do have permission to drive up and park please be mindful and switch off your car engine whilst waiting.

Did you know?

One minute of a car engine idling produces enough emissions to fill 150 balloons!

Switching off your car engine when parked is a simple way we can help the air we breath.

Children are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution.

Please do not leave your car engine idling – let's help keep our school children healthy.

Church Christmas Events

We have attached a leaflet to this weeks newsletter with some Christmas and Advent events taking place at St Mary's Church in Wendover.

Advent & Christmas 2023 What's on Guide for Families



Hi All,



It has been such a privilege and a joy to get to know so many of you and your little ones either through our Sparklers Group or through a Baptism.

I thought I would update you on a few things that are happening at St Mary's in the run up to Christmas which I am sure will be of interest to you and your family.

I look forward to welcoming you to one of these events (or all of them!) soon.
With best wishes, Nadine



Dates for the Diary

Y6 NCMP height and weight measurements	Tuesday 28 th November	http://qlink.uk/Buh236/110421
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	
Christmas Service	Monday 18 th December	St Mary's Church
Last day of Autumn Term	Tuesday 19 th December	Finish at 13:15
First day of Spring Term	Thursday 4 th January	8:40am

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: Active Minds

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Bingo Bonanza
-  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- Finger painting Tree
-  Sports club: Yr 5 - 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: Biscuit Bake Off



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.