



# Wendover CE Junior School Newsletter 13.09.24

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*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)

## Dates for the Diary

### **PTA Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> September 8pm @  
Shoulder of Mutton

### **Meet the Teacher**

26<sup>th</sup> September

### **Meet the SEND team**

26<sup>th</sup> September

### **Harvest Festival**

1<sup>st</sup> October

### **School photos**

8<sup>th</sup> October

### **October Half Term**

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

### **Flu Vaccinations in school**

6<sup>th</sup> November

### **Meet the SEND team**

7<sup>th</sup> November

### **INSET day**

6<sup>th</sup> December

# Collective Worship

Our school vision has been the focus of the last seven days. Children have been thinking about what curiosity, courage and compassion means and how they might see this in school. We shared the bible stories of Joshua and Good Samaritan to help us better understand courage and compassion.

We will be moving onto think about our four school values next week: respect, responsibility, reflection and resilience.

The remainder of this half-term will see us exploring the themes of inequality and injustice, particularly in relation to climate change. We will be preparing for Harvest Festival and support the Aylesbury foodbank.



# Meet the Teacher

I am sure that your child will already have told you something about the adults that are supporting them this year, what their classroom is like and a little of what they have been learning.

We are welcoming all parents into school at 3.40pm on Thursday 26 September. This will be your chance to meet your child's new teacher and for you to see the classroom for yourself.

Later this term we will be inviting you to a 1:1 parent teacher meeting where you can discuss how they have settled and how they are progressing.

**Thursday 26 September**

# Weekly Highlights

## Year 3

Y3 children are continuing to settle well into life at Wendover Junior School brilliantly, showing lots of enthusiasm to learn new things

Children are enjoying our Silly Billy story in English, really enjoying making their own worry dolls this week

## Year 4

The Year 4 children have settled in well and have enjoyed the first full week back in school. They have shown great learning behaviour in their lessons and participated well in the whole year group 3 ball rounders game and team building session.

## Year 5

Year 5 started learning about Forces in Science this week. They learned that Newton's first law is also known as the law of inertia, and conducted an experiment, using Newton meters to measure the mass of objects around the classroom.

## Year 6

We are very proud of Year 6 for the manner in which they have returned to School after the Summer Break. This week they have shown us their resilience and positive attitude. Well done.

# Governor Update

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you all have had a restful holiday and are ready for the new school term.

It is only the second week back but the Governors have already been into school to talk to the leaders of the core subjects, Maths, English, Science and Computing. Very interesting and challenging discussions were had in each case.

We were told about the revised schemes of work and progression document that are on the school website for parents (curriculum). We also discussed the What I Need to Know (WINK) documents that children will use in every subject. Careful thought has gone into making the WINKS user friendly for the children. They are now subject specific, not just in content but in the way they will be completed by the children. We hope that you will find them a useful starting point for discussions with your children about what they have been doing at school.

# Attendance

You may be aware that school attendance is a high priority for the government and they have released new guidance for schools. We wrote to all parents in the summer term, anticipating many of the changes to the guidance.

We know that children need to be absent from school from time to time. However, we want children to be in school as much as they possibly can. Parents should arrange non emergency medical appointments outside of school time and leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday is not likely to be authorised.





# Water Bottles, Snacks and Packed Lunches

We encourage children to bring a named water bottle to school. Please ensure that this is filled with water and **not** squash or fruit juice. Please think carefully about sending expensive water bottles into school as we will not accept liability for loss or damage. Children may bring a piece of fruit or snack bar to eat at morning break.

We encourage everyone to eat a healthy lunch in school. Packed lunches should contain a balance of food groups. An example might be: a sandwich, wrap, roll or pasta salad; a piece of fruit; a snack bar or crackers. We do allow one 'treat' item, such as a small cake or small bag of crisps.

**Please remember that we are a nut free school.**

## LUNCH BOX IDEAS



# School Uniform

Thank you for making sure your child is in full school uniform.

Children should be wearing:

**General Uniform:** Grey trousers, shorts, or skirt; white polo shirt; and a red jumper or cardigan. (Gingham dresses are only for the summer term.)

**PE Kit:** House colour T-shirt, black sports shorts, and long black sports socks. (Cycling shorts can only be worn as a base layer.)

**Footwear:** Black shoes (no trainers).

**Jewellery:** Only a watch and one simple stud earring per ear are allowed. (Please remove these for PE.)

**Hair:** Long hair should be tied back and kept off the face.

Please make sure all items are named. If there are special reasons why your child can't wear the uniform, email the school office. You can find our full uniform policy on the school website: [Uniform Policy](#).



# 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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**Thank you....**



Thank you to your children for the amazing and kind donation of £120.00 that they raised from the sale at their school, your support is much appreciated.

Summer is by far our busiest season, with some days up to 100 casualties arriving through our doors. The majority of patients we see at this time of year are little orphaned birds and mammals, with deer fawns also arriving from June – so I'm sure you can imagine just how crucial support like yours is for our work. Each of these youngsters will need round the clock care, specialist handling and feeding, as well as housing, to ensure the best possible chance of returning them to the wild once ready.

This summer we have also been very privileged to be able to care for and hand-rear two very small kestrel chicks, who were sadly found alone with no nest in sight. They have been keeping our baby bird feeders very busy indeed and have grown at a rapid speed. Seeing these beautiful youngsters develop into the formidable falcons they will become has been a wonderful experience – we are very hopeful they will soon be hovering in the skies back where they belong.

From us all at Tiggywinkles, our heartfelt thanks for your much needed support.

Yours sincerely

**Tim Moran**  
Director of Operations



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