

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Collective Worship

Over the last two weeks we have thought about difficult journeys people make in their lives: why they are made, preparations for them and how to cope whilst on them. We have been very fortunate to welcome a number of visitors to our collective worship. Grace Bowler from MIND joined us to talk with the children about mental health, the importance of feeling good and the need to talk to others when you are experiencing difficult times. On Tuesday morning, Ian Hosking shared his journey with the whole school before working with Y6. Ian is the chairman of Stoke Mandeville Maulers Wheelchair Rugby Club. His story helped children understand the importance of resilience and positive mental attitude in overcoming difficult times.

Y4 Science

As part of our science topic on digestion, over the next two weeks Y4 will be conducting experiments to learn how our teeth help us to digest food. We will be eating bread, crackers, carrots and fruit wafers to investigate the role of our teeth. If you do not wish your child to eat the food during this experiment, please email your child's class teacher via the school office.

Cold Weather

As the weather has now turned colder, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day (named please) as well as gloves and a hat if required. A reminder also that PE lessons continue outside over the winter months and your child should have a tracksuit as part of their PE kit.

MUFTI Day – Friday 18 January

Last week's MUFTI day in aid of Zack and Euan's World Challenge trip to Namibia was a great success, raising £320 towards their fundraising efforts – they have asked us to pass on their thanks for your generosity.

Cross Country Report

On Saturday 19 January, Wendover CE Junior School hosted a cross country competition, with 23 schools and a total of 439 children taking part. Individual winners: Lucas G won a gold medal, Mason D and Caelen D each won silver and Stanley H won bronze. Team winners: Stanley H, Euan G and James G won bronze for the Y6 boys, Lucas G, Mason D and Emile JVR won gold in the Y5 boys' race and Caelen D, Jude B and Harry G won gold for the Y3 boys. Overall, we came second in the competition which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all of the runners who took part as you all contributed to this successful day. Huge thanks to Mrs Stanley for organising and running this event so well; thank you also to Mrs Poulton, Mrs Beale and Miss Stewart who supported on the day, as well as the PTA for providing fantastic refreshments and raising £350 for the school. Our next race is at St Edward's School in Aylesbury on Saturday 2 February. Please see Mrs Stanley if you would like a letter – absolutely everyone is welcome to take part!



Letters Sent Home Since the Last Newsletter

Learning Update – Maths (whole school)

RAF Halton WW1 trenches visit (Y6 only)

Road safety (whole school)

Y6 Swimming gala (team only)
 County cross country championships (team only)
 Y3/4 Gymnastics competition (team only)
 Skipping workshops (whole school)

Reminders

Y4 Viking day – still available on ParentPay for donations
 County cross country championships – please return permission slip **by FRIDAY 1/2**
 Y4 residential trip - £25 deposit payment due via ParentPay **by FRIDAY 1/2**
 Hot dog orders – via ParentPay **BY WEDNESDAY 6/2 LATEST**
 Y5/6 cycle training – only 2 places left for Easter holidays course! Please return form if interested
 Y6 residential trip – £80 second instalment due via ParentPay **by FRIDAY 15/2**

Diary Dates

30 January	Y4 Viking day including workshops
31 January	5S class assembly
31 January	PTA bingo & pizza evening, 3.30-5pm
2 February	Cross country meet, St Edward's Junior School
5 February	Class photos
6 February	County cross country championships
7 February	4W class assembly
w/b 11 February	Y5/6 assessment week
11&12 February	Skipping workshops
14 February	4C class assembly
15 February	Hot dog day
15 February	Y3 Stone Age day
15 February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
25 February	School reopens at 8.40am
w/b 25 February	Y3/4 assessment week
26 February	Y6 to RAF Halton (Trenchard Museum/WW1 trenches) – 50% of year group
1 March	National offer day
6 March	4J/4S multi-skills festival, John Colet
7 March	4J class assembly
8 March	World Book Day celebrations
12 March	Y6 to RAF Halton (Trenchard Museum/WW1 trenches) – 50% of year group
14 March	4S class assembly
14 March	Y5 to Holdenby House (Victorians)
14 March	Dance showcase, Grange School (street dance club)
15 March	PTA race night (adults only)
w/b 18 March	Last sessions of teacher-led after school clubs
22 March	National skipping day
23 March	District cross country championships, Waddesdon Manor
w/b 25 March	Last week for external clubs
26 & 28 March	Parent/teacher consultation evening, 4-7pm
27 March	3W multi skills festival, John Colet
29 March	Y3 to Whipsnade Zoo
1 April	4W/4C to River & Rowing Museum
2 April	4J/4S to River & Rowing Museum
5 April	Easter services at St Mary's Church, 10am (Y3/4) and 11am (Y5/6)
5 April	School closes for Easter holidays, 1.15pm
23 April	INSET day
24 April	School re-opens at 8.40am

PTA NEWS

Children's Bingo, Thursday 31 January, 3.30–5pm

Please book on ParentPay TODAY if your child would still like to attend – last few places remaining!



Bag to School, Friday 8 February (before 9am)

Bags have been sent home with your child today. Please follow the return instructions shown on the bag (collection point outside JHS). If you fill your bag, please use a bin bag for any additional items!



Adults' Race Night - Friday 15 March

Book the babysitter – we're running our first Race Night hosted by a professional compère. Please look out for the flyer next week.

Easter Crafts, Thursday 4 April, 3.30–5pm

Due to the success of our Christmas crafts event, we are going to run an Easter session. Please look out for the flyer in the next couple of weeks. Children will work on 5 different crafts and receive an Easter Egg and snack for an all-inclusive ticket price of £8. As before, numbers will be limited to 100 children.



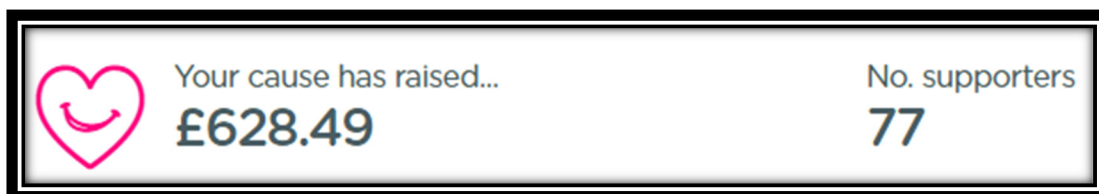
Save the Date

Saturday 29 June – Strawberry Fayre

Easyfundraising

When booking your holidays please use Easyfundraising; it costs you nothing but raises the money for the school. Since our last update our cause has raised **£30.15** and gained **2 new supporters**. Our target is £2,000 and 200 supporters (half the families and staff). Sign up for **free** - go to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wendoverpta/>



CLIMBING FRAME AVAILABLE

Free to collect (Wendover)
Please contact Caroline or Richard on 01296 620077





St Mary's Church
At the heart of the community

Coming up for children and families at St Mary's over the next few weeks...

January 27th – Explore. We'll be exploring Justice – and what we can do to work for a better world.

February 3rd – Ignite. "Swimming against the tide" – thinking about how we can avoid simply running with the crowd and develop the confidence to stand up for what is right and what we believe.

February 10th – All Age Service and Baptism. An opportunity to come and support those being baptised in our morning service.

February 17th – Ignite. "For this life only?" We'll be looking at resurrection and what it means for us today.

February 24th – Explore. We'll be exploring the concept of Trust.

Ignite is our Sunday morning activity for children aged under 11, taking place during our 10.30am services on the first and third Sunday of every month. We all join in the first part of the service and children usually leave for Ignite after the first song. Parents are welcome to stay in the service or to join in what we're doing in Ignite.

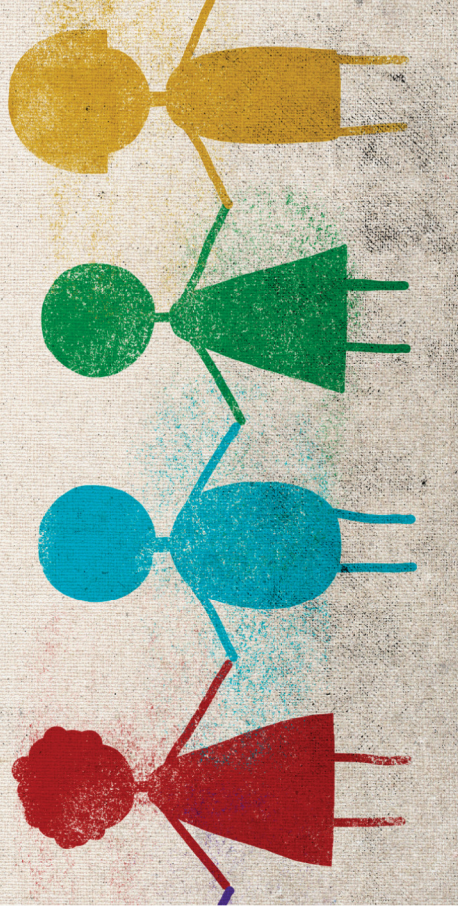
Explore is our (very relaxed!) monthly All Age service, aimed particularly at children and families. We start with some great worship songs and a look at our theme for the day and then break out to explore different learning zones, where you can listen or chat, get busy or spend time in quiet reflection. Whatever suits you that morning! Explore is a great place to come if you and your family are looking to dip a toe back into church or to come along for the first time...

Amazing Donkey is our Friday evening youth club for years 6, 7 and 8, which meets during term time at Wendover Youth Centre from 7-9pm. Activities over the coming weeks include Quiz & Chips (Jan 25th), Pizza & Pamper (Feb 1st), Crafts (Feb 8th) and Bowling (Feb 15th).

For more information on any of these activities, please contact us at families@stmaryswendover.org or call 01296 623123. Or just coming along on a Friday evening at 7pm or Sunday morning at 10.30am. We'd love to see you there!

Stronger together

The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.



'Walking With You' is a new parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can sit and discuss shared experience with other parents and carers over coffee and biscuits as well as having a group Q&A with parents and mental health professionals from CAMHS.

The informal sessions are open for any parents and carers with children up to 25. Come to as many sessions as you like – it's entirely up to you.

Due to lack of facilities and support we are unable to accommodate children at the group.

Adam's Park (Wycombe Wanderers FC), 10-11:30am (main club reception)
Friday 25th January, Friday 1st March, Friday 28th March

Contact
Need more information? Contact the Single Point of Access on 01865 901951 or email: oxfordhealth.bucksCAMHSSPA@nhs.net



Walking With You