

# Wendover CE Junior School

## Newsletter: 10.03.2023



*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.  
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)**

**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Reflection**

**Resilience**

# Collective Worship

This week has seen us taking a closer look at how we can live together better. We have thought deeply about unconscious bias and challenged stereotypes. We have explored the concept of each of us being created in God's own image; no matter what our colour of skin, background, sex, gender or preference we are all the same underneath.

Over the next two weeks we will be finding out more about how we can better support ourselves and others.



# NEU Strike Action - Update

We are planning to remain open for all children, though we may have to amend activities.

**Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on the following days:**

- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

**The DfE are clear that every child is expected to attend school as normal on these days.**

Thank you for your support on these days. I ask that parents refrain from speculation / discussion on social media regarding strike action as this is may not be helpful.

Thank you  
Gareth Kynaston

# This week's Highlights

**Year 3** are very engaged with our new English lessons using 'The Write Stuff'. Children are producing great lettering of an inspirational word ready for photographing in the sunshine!

**Year 4** children enjoyed writing their alternative stories to The Iron Man.

**Year 5** coped very well with their assessments last week, and a couple of the pupils performed beautifully at the music concert - well done!

**Year 6** enjoyed learning about democracy in Britain as part of their PSHE lesson this week.

House point totals: **Red 610** / **Green 300** / **Blue 660** / **Purple 410**

# Pupil Achievements

Some of our students participated in the Scout Endurance 40 event last weekend, which sees the children aged 10+ upwards hiking (and navigating) a 40k route across Buckinghamshire throughout the day (and night), taking on average between 10 and 14 hours to complete <https://enduranceevents.org.uk/>

It is a challenge which encourages you to dig deep and push yourself to your limits so you can do your best. Something all our students excelled at. Ultimately each of the children made it well over 10k and some two even completed the full 40k which at only 11 years old is amazing.

<b>Harrison</b>	<b>- completed 40k</b>
<b>Gus</b>	<b>- completed 40k</b>
<b>Jasmine</b>	<b>- did over 30k</b>
<b>Ellie-Mae</b>	<b>- did over 10k</b>
<b>Harley</b>	<b>- did over 10k</b>



# Young Carers News

Date for the diary –  
National Young Carers Action  
Day will be celebrated on the  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - the  
theme will be 'Make time for  
Young Carers'



# Red Nose Day 2023

**What:** Red Nose day themed mufti – children are invited to wear:

Mr. Men or Little Miss character costume

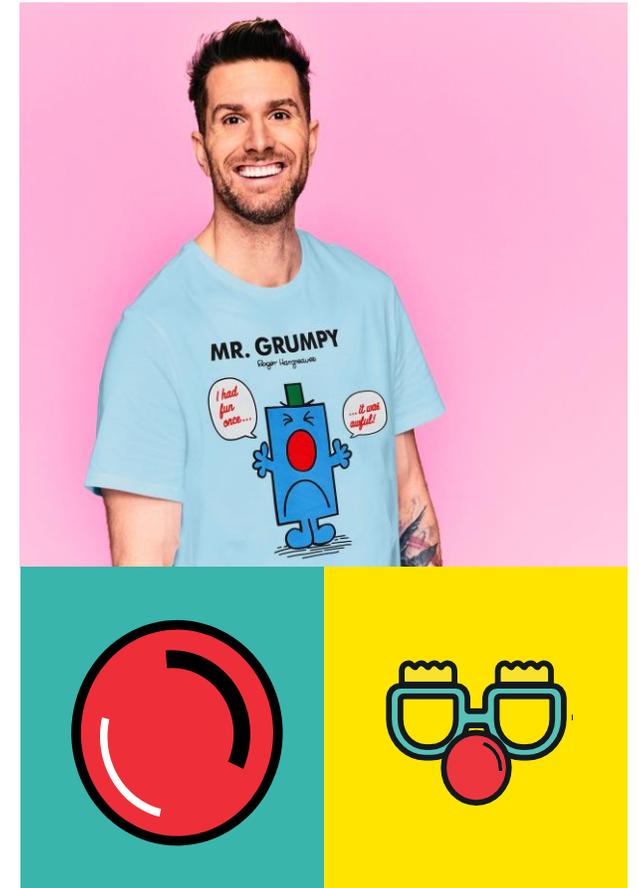
Red clothes

A Red nose (available from Amazon @ £2.50)

Fun at school involving biscuit decorating and a best joke competition!

**When:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover3>



# WJS Easter Bake Sale

**When: Monday 27 March 2023 at 3:30pm**

**Where: Under the Gazebo**

Have fun creating amazing Easter themed bakes, bring them into school on Monday 27 March!

A prize for the best Easter-themed entry per year. Remember to name your entry if you want to enter the competition!!

Winners announced in the next School Worship.

All bakes will be displayed for sale under the Gazebo after school, so remember your pennies!!

Have fun, get ready, let's bake



# Book Fair

We are pleased to tell you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school this year. It will take place in the hall on the following days:

- Thursday 23rd March 2023 and Friday 24th March after school 3.30pm-4pm.
- Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March after school during parents evening.

We will have a range of books on offer so please do come and browse the shelves. We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will help us to fund new books for the children.

Book fair and online payment

This year, the fair will be cashless. To make buying your books even easier, we are able to take payment through the Book Fair website at the following link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1232560>

Or you can scan the poster's QR code and enter the school's postcode on the website.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.



# Spanish

To give students the opportunity to practise Spanish at home, they can access the following 2 websites:

## Language Angels

<https://www.languageangels.com/schools/index.php/home>

username: Wendover

password: Children2023

## Linguafun

<https://www.linguafun.eu/>

username: wendover

password: games73

# School Office Opening Hours

Please note that the school office is open from **9:00am until 3:15pm** – this allows us to be able to get all of the children in and out of school safely by keeping the main entrance clear.

All other correspondence can be emailed to the office or via a phone call

Email: [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

Telephone: 01296 696822

# Dates for the Diary

**Year 4 trip:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Green Park, Aston Clinton

**Year 3 Swimming Lessons:** Every Friday (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May)

**Comic relief:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Year 3 Roman Day:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

(please log on to ParentPay to consent and pay)

**Year 6 Big Bang Workshop:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

(please log on to ParentPay to consent and pay)

**Easter Service:** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10am Y5&6 11am)

# **2023 PTA events**

**Easter Bake Sale: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

# 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)

# Airplay and Ben Club for Service Families

At RAF Halton, Airplay youth workers are working in partnership with RAF Community Development staff to deliver a range of activities for children and young people. The initiative is designed to help relieve some of the pressure on highly stretched RAF families. Activities provided through the Airplay programme aim to stimulate and nurture children's aspiration, ambition and resilience. We also provide vital support and reassurance to families.



## Monday

1600 – 1800 – Junior school years 3,4 and 5. Come along and hang out with friends and do fun activities including arts and crafts, games, cooking and more.

1800-2000 – Senior school years 6+. Come along and chill with your friends, play video games, do some cooking and other cool activities.

## Tuesday

1530-1715 – Ben club for ages 5-7. Arts and crafts, games and more. £1.20 entry including a snack

All sessions run from the YAC (building 222) and sessions are £1 entry. There is a tuck shop with maximum spend £1 for Juniors and £2 for Seniors.

For more information about Airplay contact Julia Purton, Station Youth Worker 07548 831755  
[julia.purton@oneymca.org](mailto:julia.purton@oneymca.org) or Facebook: RAF Halton Airplay Youth Club

# Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Premier Education are providing before and after school care every day the school is open and also offer multi-activity camps during the school holidays. Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent. Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and include arts & crafts, baking, sports, Lego, games, quiet reading and general free play.

Our sessions run at the Wendover Youth Centre Monday to Friday for the breakfast and after school club. For the Breakfast club, children are dropped off at the Youth Centre from 7:50am, and will be taken to the school at 8:45am. Children attending the After school course will be collected from the school playground (meeting at the adventure playground) and escorted after registration over to the youth centre.

## Prices:

Breakfast club, 7.50am – 8.50am - £5.25 a session

Afterschool club, 3.30pm – 6pm - £12.00 a session

[Chilterns.office@premier-education.com](mailto:Chilterns.office@premier-education.com)

01296 620097

## Booking:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Booking for Gymnastics and Dodgeball:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019/?location=wendover>

## Next weeks activities:

**Monday - indoor Dodgeball**

**Tuesday - Bingo Bonanza**

**Wednesday - Arts and Crafts (mothers Day)**

**Thursday - Pool Tournament**

**Friday - Children's Choice**

# 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.