



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

As we build towards the second Sunday of Advent, love has been our theme for this week.

Weekly reflection has seen us thinking about how we can spread love amongst one another, helping each other and making an extra special effort to get along and include everyone.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 Children have enjoyed learning about different types of skeletons in Science.

Children have enjoyed comparing similarities and differences between Christmas and Diwali, and have considered the significance of light for these two special celebrations

Year 4 children have shown great learning behaviour when finding out different ways to learn and remember multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. They have also contributed some great descriptions to the class fantasy story based on Aladdin

Year 5 started planning their reports in English, using their writing of the past two weeks about an astronaut being stranded on Mars as inspiration. They could choose to invent a completely new planet, and how they came to be stranded there. We look forward to reading their reports!

Year 6 children have enjoyed making their Ancient Maya Headdresses ready for Ancient Maya day next week. They thoroughly enjoyed their very last swimming lessons, playing water polo and relay races.

This Week's House Points

1 st	Red House	1620 points
2 nd	Purple House	1560 points
2 nd	Green House	1480 points
4 th	Blue House	1210 points

Young Carers

In this week's young carers meeting the children continued with the festive spirit and engaged in additional Christmas crafts.

The continued focus on the festive theme has brought joy and excitement to all that attended.



Christmas Bake Competition

A huge thank you for all of the wonderful cakes that you baked for the PTA sale on Monday. It was a really difficult job choosing winners from each year group.

Congratulations to Emma, Molly, Freddie and Imogen for their superb designs and delicious looking cakes!



Carol Service

As previously advertised, our carol service will be in St Mary's Church on the morning of Monday 18 December.

Y3 & Y4 9.45am

Y5 & Y6 10.30am

We hope you are able to join us.



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

PTA Christmas Hamper raffle

🎄 Lets get into the festive spirit! 🎄

Don't forget to bring in your Christmas coloured hamper donations by Monday 11th December.

Whether its shampoo or champagne, socks or chocolates, or pencils to panettone – if it matches your class colour, it's a winner!

Purchase your raffle tickets for £1 each on ParentPay ready for the winners to be drawn on **Friday 15th December!** 🧑🏻

🌟 Good luck! 🌟

WCEJS PTA PRESENTS

THE COLOURED HAMPERS OF CHRISTMAS

We're asking each class to bring items to create different coloured Christmas Hampers for our raffle!

3W - RED	5W - PINK
3J - ORANGE	5J - WHITE
3S - YELLOW	5S - BLACK
4W - GREEN	6W - BROWN
4J - BLUE	6J - SILVER
4S - PURPLE	6S - GOLD

PLEASE MAKE DONATIONS VIA THE CLASS TEACHER BY **MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER** EXCEPT ALCOHOL WHICH CAN BE HANDED TO OFFICE

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS ON PARENT PAY FROM 1st to 14th DEC

RAFFLE DRAW ON FRIDAY 15th DEC

PLEASE BRING YOUR COLOURED DONATIONS TO SCHOOL BY 11th DECEMBER AND WE'LL DO THE REST!

Dates for the Diary

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	
PTA Christmas Hamper draw	Friday 15 th December	Raffle tickets available on Parentpay
Christmas Service	Monday 18 th December	St Mary's Church Y3/Y4 9:45am Y5/Y6 10:30am
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: Children's Christmas quiz
-  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- make your a Christmas bauble
-  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: team races- Decorate a teammate into a Christmas tree as quick as you can
-  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: make your own Snow
-  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: make a Gingerbread man

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



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.