

Wendover CE Junior School

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*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

This has been a short and very busy half term. As well as high levels of learning, children have also enjoyed events - such as the disco and fundraisers. There have been a number of parental engagement events too; thank you to those who were able to attend – we hope to see even more parents in school next half term. School meals are going really well: the quality of food is very good and the uptake is high (the kitchen also received 5/5 in their food hygiene check this week).

We have continued to develop as a Church school. Our Worship Leaders are doing a great job across the school and had a chance to put questions to the Bishop of Buckingham when he visited this week. Weekly reflection time gives everyone the chance to pause and think more deeply about the weekly theme; there is some really interesting thinking in books.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to half term and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable week. I hope that we are in for some warmer weather on our return!

Gareth Kynaston

Collective Worship

Our model for spiritual growth has been explored further this week. We have been thinking about the world and beyond.

In the 60th year of space exploration, we thought about those who have seen the earth from space and how this has changed their perspective on life. Quotes from members of the different Apollo missions were shared and we considered how we might feel about the planet if it was much smaller – only three feet in diameter!

JOE MILLER

If the Earth
were only a few feet in diameter,
floating a few feet above a field somewhere,
people would come from everywhere to marvel
at it. People would walk around it marveling at its
big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing
between. People would marvel at the bumps on it and the
holes in it. They would marvel at the very thin layer of gas
surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people
would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of
the ball and at the creatures in the water. The people would
declare it as sacred because it was the only one, and they would
protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the
greatest wonder known, and people would come to pray to
it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to
wonder how it could be. People would love it and defend
it with their lives because they would somehow
know that their lives could be nothing
without it. If the Earth were only
a few feet in diameter.



Joe Miller is an artist who lives in the State of Washington.

This week's Highlights

Year 3 children are enjoying learning about the Romans in topic and about Pompeii in our English lessons. Children are enjoying Reading plus and are motivated to work on the programme at home. TT Rockstars battles are going well!

Year 4 in ICT this week, year 4 have enjoyed solving problems using computational thinking and breaking problems into smaller parts.

Year 5 have all completed their class assemblies, the children were magnificent and the performances were enjoyed by all.

Year 6 have created some detailed drawings linked to our WW1 topic.

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

Crazy Hair Accessory Day

Well done to the Young Carers and to everyone who showed their creative side is designing a crazy hair accessory. There were sharks, upcycled sculptures, creatures, racing circuits and pencil cases amongst the wonderful creations.

So far, £350 has been raised towards the target of £400. All funds raised will go to the very worthy cause of Moorvision.

All donations can be made using the just giving link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover-1674648341716>



School Uniform

All children should wear black shoes to school, as per the uniform policy. Trainers or boots are not permitted. If your child needs to wear something other than shoes, i.e. for medical reasons, then please email the school office.

Nearly all children have received black sports shorts and socks for PE. This is the permitted clothing for PE and all children need to be wearing this. Additional layers may be worn outside in cold weather.

Thank you...

We want to say a big thank you to Michelle and Jess from Harrison's Catering for being awarded a **5* rating** by Buckinghamshire Council in our recent unannounced food hygiene and safety inspection!



Road Safety

We have reminded children to:

- Always use pathways
- Push scooters / bikes across car parks and on pathways
- Find a safe place to cross, look both ways, walk across the road and continue to look both ways

Please help us by modelling this behaviour and remember that **no cars should be driven onto campus** unless you have been authorised to do so by the school office.

Additionally, parking is **not** permitted on:

- Double yellow lines at the campus exit
- Hatched area at the campus exit
- SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR yellow zig-zags around the campus entrance and the School Crossing Patrol



NEW lunch time club – Recorders!

Are you in Year 3 or Year 4?

Would you like to learn to play the recorder?

After half term, Mrs Simpson will be running a Recorder Club every **Wednesday lunchtime in 3J from 12:45 to 1:05.**

There will only be **15** places available so if you are interested, please give your name and class to the office on Monday 20th February.

(The first 15 names to be given in will have a place in the club and you will need your own recorder)



Reading Volunteer's

Calling all grandparents...

Do you have any spare time?

Would you like to make a difference to young children's lives?

Do you enjoy reading?

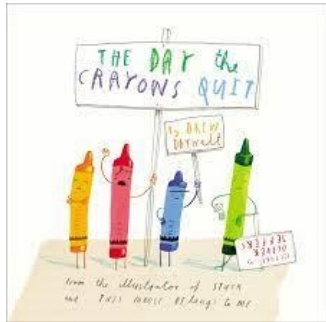
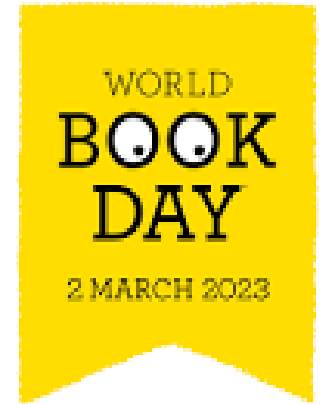
Would you like to volunteer to listen to children read on a regular basis?

If you are interested in supporting our Year 3 children with their reading, please call or drop into the school office for more information.



World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book day on **Friday 3rd March 2023!** As we value reading very highly, it would be wonderful for all of us to take part in this special day to celebrate the joys of reading. During the day, the children will take part in a range of different reading-related activities, including reading to children at John Hampden School.



Favourite Book Character Costumes

We are asking for the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Prizes will go for the most creative costume. **Please do not go to any great expense to provide a costume.** Many costumes can be made from things you already have and creative accessories! For example, children can simply dress up in their favourite colour and this will represent one of the crayon characters from 'The day the Crayons quit' by Oliver Jeffers.

Book tokens:

We have, once again, been fortunate to receive a £1 book token for every child in the school to spend on a new book! These will be given out on World Book Day, so keep an eye out in your child's bag.

Extended learning competition:

Please see attached for our extended learning competition. Children will have the chance to take part in our very own 500-word competition. Prizes will be awarded. The deadline for this will be Thursday 2nd March 2023.

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

Telephone: 01296 696822

Dates for the Diary

Year 4 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday (Friday 13th January – Friday 10th March)

School reopens: Monday 20th February

Service Coffee Morning: Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day: Friday 3rd March

Year 4 trip: Monday 13th March at Green Park, Aston Clinton

Year 3 Roman Day: Tuesday 21st March

Easter Service: Friday 31 March at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10am Y5&6 11am)

2023 PTA events

Bingo: Wednesday 22nd February 3:30pm to 5pm –

Tickets go on sale from midday Monday 6th February until midday on Friday 10th February via ParentPay (see attached poster for more details)

Easter Crafts: Tuesday 28th March

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th 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

Brass please email 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 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

Contact:

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>

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.