



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

Our exploration inequality and injustice has continued this week. We have focussed on how people might be treated differently than others.

Sometimes people are treated differently because it is the right thing to do and it helps them, such as helping them when they are hurt, upset or just need a little more guidance. However, sometimes are people treated differently because of the way they look, their gender, what they believe or their cultural background. This is negative and is never right.

Our challenge this week has been to think about how we treat other people. Do we treat everyone kindly and in a way that is helpful to them?

The Israeli Palestinian Conflict

Although some of our older children will have watched reports on Newsround this week, we are not planning to cover aspects of the recent events in Israel and Palestine in detail. Teachers will respond to any questions that children ask in an age and stage appropriate manner. Our first response will be to empathise with anyone who is suffering at this time and to hope that a resolution is found without the further loss of life.

Today in collective worship, we prayed for all those who are in a less fortunate position.

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for all that we take for granted.

We thank you for the clean water and food we receive each day. We thank you for our safe warm homes that we return to. We thank you for loving families who keep us safe.

Lord, we thank you.

We ask that you protect all the people who do not have what we have.

Give those who do not have enough to eat or drink their daily bread. Protect the innocent and those who do not have a safe place to stay. Comfort those who find themselves alone.

Please Lord, help them all.

Amen

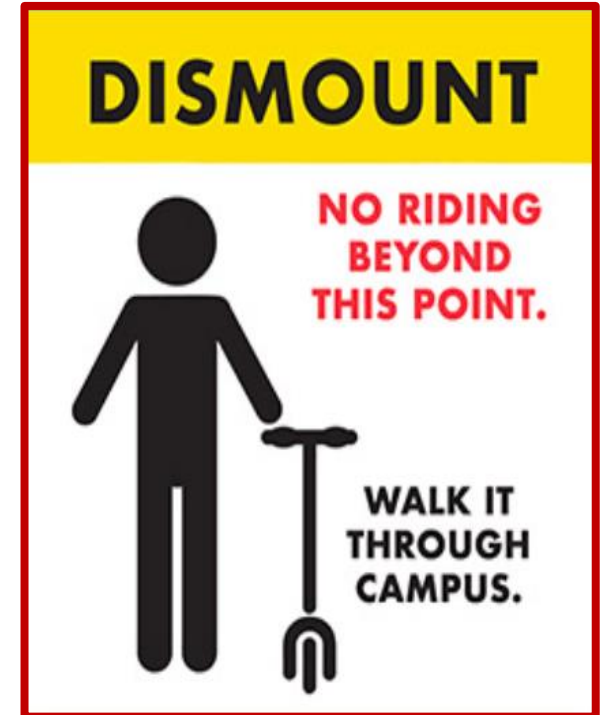
Campus Safety

Ensuring the safety of the children is our top priority we'd like to kindly remind everyone about campus safety.

Please remind your children to take care when traveling to and from school. Whether they walk, bike, or scooter, safety should always come first.

Cycling and Scooting Safely:

- When on campus, children should dismount and push their bikes and scooters to ensure everyone's safety. Riding on campus poses risks to both riders and pedestrians.
- We'd like to stress that the roads on campus are not meant for cycling or scooting. They are shared spaces, and it's crucial to respect this rule to avoid any accidents.



Could you be a school governor?

Have you ever thought of becoming a school governor? The school governors would like you to think about joining them.

School governors oversee all aspects of school life: they monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making; they question, challenge and support the school's leadership team; they advise and help set the strategic direction of the school; they agree staffing levels and the school budget; they strive to ensure that our children have the best possible education.

There is a full Induction process and plenty of training on offer, both face to face and online as well as ongoing support from dedicated support staff at Bucks County Council.

Typically, Governors attend two meetings every half term, and then spend time in school talking to staff and pupils when they can. There is no pay, little recognition, and a lot of responsibility, so why bother? The time you invest as a School Governor will help to shape the future for local children and allow them the best chance to reach their potential. It doesn't get more satisfying than that!

For more details, please contact the school office: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk

Year Group Highlights

Year 3 have enjoyed making Autumnal contributions to our next local Window display, to include some excellent poetry completed in English lessons

Children made thoughtful contributions to class discussions and made posters after thinking about what mental health means as part of Mental Health Week.

Year 4 have shown excellent empathy and creativity in writing a diary from an Ancient Egyptian's point of view.

Year 5 started their first Doodle Maths session in class on Thursday. They enjoyed challenging their own Maths knowledge. Pupils also created their own cake topper with a message to remind them to look after their mental health.

Year 6 found it very interesting finding about Maya inventions such as the number system which included place value and astronomy and calendars. They have also been very busy writing a newspaper report on the Evil Queen poisoning Snow White - be aware she is still yet to be captured!

This Week's House Points

1 st	Red House	2520 points
2 nd	Purple House	2230 points
3 rd	Green House	1380 points
4 th	Blue House	890 points

Mental Health Week



Thank you to Mrs Simpson and our dedicated school council for their outstanding efforts in making Mental Health week a special occasion. They showcased their hard work by icing 400 yellow themed cupcakes, bringing a burst of sunshine to our school day.

The whole school also had an opportunity to participate by crafting cake toppers with meaningful messages. These toppers carried words of support and encouragement to raise awareness of the importance of mental health wellbeing.

Thank you for the generosity in helping us raise £309 in online donations. If you wish to contribute and haven't had the chance yet, the donation link is still open.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/young-minds-wendover-junior-school>



October 2023 Skipping Challenge

We are excited to kick off a fundraising initiative this month at school - the Skipping Challenge for Cancer Research. Inspired by Mrs. Weeks-Pearson and her dedication to raising awareness and funds for cancer research.

Journey Update

Total skips: 9337

Distance travelled: 28,011 km

Places visited: Europe, West Africa, Central Africa, East Africa

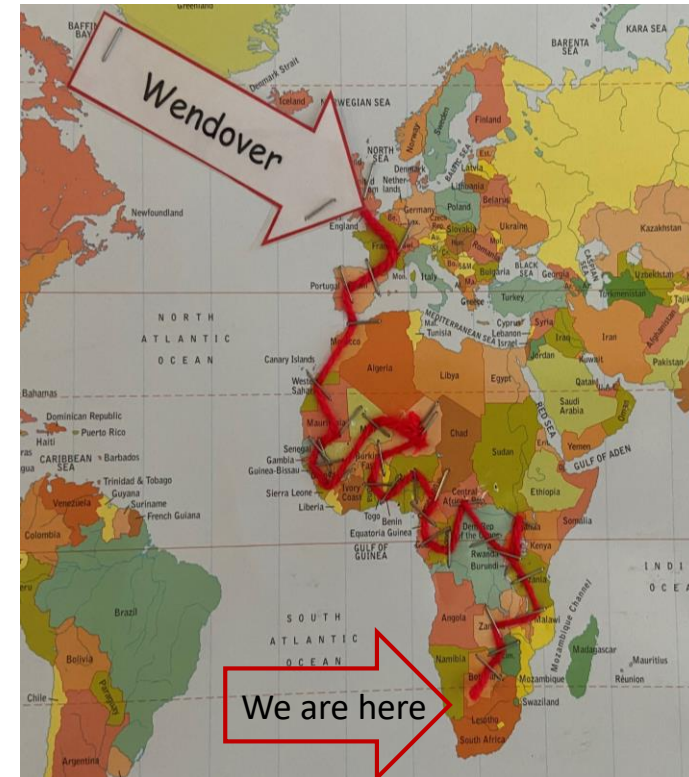
Current location: Botswana in Southern Africa

Join Us in Supporting Cancer Research by:

1. Encourage your child to take part in the skipping challenge every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at **12:50**. It's a fun way to stay active, and every skip counts toward our collective goal.

2. Donate: Your generous contributions can make a significant difference in the fight against cancer. Please use the link below to donate to this important cause

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nikkis-giving-page-2417>





ZEN Sensory Garden – Voting is live!

We are delighted to announce that Wendover Junior School has been entered into the Tesco Stronger Starts programme and our ZEN sensory garden project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.


Our Zen garden will be used to provide a safe space for the children to reflect in.

The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500.

The stores listed below are taking part in voting for our project.

Aylesbury Extra, Broadfields Retail Park
Tesco Superstore - Tring Road, Aylesbury
Tesco Express - Jackson Road, Aylesbury
Tesco Express - Wendover
Tesco Express - Meadow Way, Aylesbury

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.



Dates for the Diary

Year 4 Ancient Egypt theatre workshop	Tuesday 17 th October	In school – All year 4
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	Wednesday 18 th October	6W and 6J
Mufti (non-uniform)	Friday 20 th October	Bring a decorated jam jar – Halloween Theme!
Break up for half term	Friday 20 th October	3:30pm
Back to school	Monday 30 th October	8:40am
Flu Vaccinations (all years)	Wednesday 1 st November	
Meet the SEND team	Thursday 2 nd November	2:30pm-3:30pm

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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General Inquiries: Martyn

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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: Science

 Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.

 Afternoon Main Session: Build a Steam circuit flower

 Sports club: Yr 5 & 6 Football at the Junior School (Fully Booked)

Tuesday: Arts and Crafts

 Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.

 Afternoon Main Session- make juice box balloon car (can you please bring in some milk bottle tops and any plastic drinks bottles or cartoon drinks bottles)

 Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Netball at the Junior School (Spaces left)

Wednesday: Sports games

 Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.

 Afternoon Main Session: Table Tennis tournament

 Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Dodgeball at the Junior School (Fully Booked)

Thursday: Team Games

 Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.

 Afternoon Main Session: Who am I game ?

 Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Gymnastics at the Junior School (Fully Booked)

Friday: Baking

 Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring

 Afternoon Main Session: Coffee Ground Fossil Making



Lunch-time Performing Arts Clubs

at Wendover Junior School

Grow in confidence, develop communication, co-ordination and collaboration AND have FUN!

MONDAYS with ALANA
Musical Theatre Club (yrs 3-6)

WEDNESDAYS with DANIELLE
Drama Club (yrs 4-6)

THURSDAYS with ALANA
Drama Club (yrs 3 & 4)



We are delighted to partner with *Dramarama Clubs* to provide lunchtime performing arts opportunities for our students in the school library.

Children are invited to either bring a packed lunch to the club or get a fast-pass to their hot dinner and join after they've eaten

The new term starts on Monday 18th September and places should be booked directly with Dramarama on their website.

Term starts Mon 18th Sept. Places must be booked online:

www.dramaramaclubs.uk

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

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.