

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 21.04.2023



*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

Being Our Best is the theme for this half-term. We began by looking back at the high expectations that we set for everyone at WCEJS. In a nod to international circus day, we used the metaphor of a juggler on a unicycle – explaining that it is often difficult to keep all the balls in the air, especially when doing more than one activity. Trying to be curious, courageous, compassionate and live the school values all at the same time can seem just as challenging and needs practise. Reflection time this week encouraged children to think about what they need to do better / more off.



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This week's Highlights

Year 3 Children have returned to school with enthusiasm and energy!

New topic in English has been well received by the children - they have responded creatively to a the new way of working and learning how to demonstrate resilience.

Children thought of lots of questions they want to know the answer to for our new Stone Age topic.

Year 4 : 4S children thoroughly enjoyed performing their assembly and showing parents how much they have learnt over the past term.

All of Year 4 have enjoyed the start of the English unit on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – especially the chocolate tasting!

Year 5 have been getting to grips with protractors and using them to draw and measure angles.

Year 6 enjoyed voting in a mock election and learning how (most) laws are made in Britain.

House point totals: Red 960 / Green 1170 / Blue 820 / Purple 1140

NEU Strike Action

Following a successful ballot, the National Education Union has informed schools that strike action will take place this term. Individual schools may be affected on up to 2 days (three national strikes and one regional):

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

I fully intend that the school remains open; we will do our absolute best to ensure that all children are able to attend school on each day affected by strike action. Planning is currently underway and more details will be shared with parents next week. In the meantime, I would ask that parents refrain from speculation on social media as this is may not be helpful.

Thank you
Gareth Kynaston

School Planners

Every child has a school planner. The planner contains lots of useful information and is used to record reminders and homework. It is also a very useful way for teachers and parents to communicate through short positive messages.

Please ensure that your child brings the planner into school each day and that you check your child's planner regularly. We will be conducting regular checks this term. Children who have their planner in school will receive house points. Text reminders will be sent to parents if planners are not in school.

School Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that children returned after Easter looking smart. We understand that some still need to find school shoes – please make sure that they are school shoes and not trainers.

We will continue to check uniform (school and PE) throughout this term. Those who are wearing the uniform correctly will receive house points. Reminders about uniform will be recorded in the school planner.



Young Carers

This week Young Carers have enjoyed sharing with each other what they all got up to over the Easter break.

We have also been entertained by playing games of Charades.



Dates for the Diary

Year 3 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday (Friday 17th March – Friday 26th May)

Y5 Greek theatre workshop: Monday 24th April

Y5 Cricket sessions: Every Friday (21st April – 14th July)

Y6 Leavers Hoodies: Closing date for orders Friday 28th April

Early May Bank holiday: Monday 1st May (school closed)

Bank holiday - King's coronation: Monday 8th May (school closed)

Y3 Class Assemblies: 3W Tuesday 23rd May 9am

3J Wednesday 24th May 9am

3S Thursday 25th May 9am

2023 PTA events

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

Y6 Leavers Garden Party: Friday 21st July

Lunch Club - Drama



Our Drama Lunch Clubs by Dramarama have been running since September and in March our members did their first performances! *'The Magical Toy Shop'* was rehearsed each week and then performed to a small audience at the end of term. The children loved getting dressed up as different toys and the 'buzz' of performing to a live audience!

Drama club presents a wonderful opportunity for children to develop many skills including public speaking, teamwork, compromise and collaboration as well as boosting confidence and making friends.

We currently have a waitlist for the Year 3 lunch club every Wednesday and there are places for our Thursday class for Years 4, 5 & 6.

Places can be booked directly with Danielle at Dramarama at 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

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

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>

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for lunchtime supervisors to join our friendly team to start as soon as possible.

Supervising children aged between 8-11 years old in the lunch hall and outside on the playground. You will be required to work term time only, Monday to Friday 12:00-13:10.

The successful applicant will be subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

For further information or to register your interest please email the school office on admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk



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.