

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 13.01.2023

*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

We are looking forward to another busy term in school. Already we have launched our new focus for collective worship – exploring the virtues of curiosity, courage and compassion more deeply and understanding how this helps us to grow spiritually. The Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson, will be paying us a visit soon and children will be contributing to a whole school activity for Lent – one that we hope families will be involved in too. Our Easter service is planned for Friday 31 March in St Mary's Church – parents as ever will be invited (Y3&4 10am and Y5&6 11am).

Our focus of high participation, deep thinking and positive choices continues. Staff will be learning more about our new approach to teaching writing – this will be introduced to children this term. We will be encouraging children to engage with Reading Plus at home as well as in school, perhaps even having a competition or too before the end of the year. Times tables continues to be very important for all pupils. All children practise regularly in school and should practise at home as part of extended learning - they have logins for TT Rockstars that provides fun activities with competitions.

We have regular uniforms checks in school. Please ensure that you email or make a note in your child's planner if, for any reason, they are not able to wear school uniform.

Gareth Kynaston - Headteacher

Collective Worship

Over the next three weeks, we will be exploring the virtues of curiosity, courage and compassion. These form a core part of our school vision. We began this week by thinking about courage, what it is and where we take courage from. Children thought about a time in their life that was challenging, anxious or when they were afraid – who was there to support them? We thought about self and others as part of spiritual growth.

Our song this week has been 'Do not be afraid'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAdRk9c1R1o>



This week's Highlights

Year 3 Enthusiastic start to new topics - Romans and plants.

Children are thinking about how to be courageous in their lives and reflecting on times when they have needed to find courage. Class tick lists are successfully encouraging children to bring their planners in daily.

Year 4 children enjoyed their first swimming lesson today and they were all really well behaved.

Year 5 enjoyed performing their personification poetry in class

Year 6 have enjoyed their introductory lesson to World War I

House point totals: Red 1590 / Green 1470 / Blue 1080 / Purple 1230

Year 5 Parent Assemblies

Year 5 children will be sharing all that they have done so far this year on the following dates:

5W – Tuesday 7th February 9am

5J – Wednesday 8th February 9am

5S – Thursday 9th February 9am

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/Classical Guitar: (Gareth Hart)



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 should be made via Bucks Music Trust: <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Please email them for more details and they will help you book your lessons and field them to the relevant teacher

Dates for the Diary

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

Year 5 Parent Assemblies: 5W Tues 7 Feb, 5J Weds 8 Feb, 5S Thurs 9 Feb at 9am

Spring Half-Term: Friday 10th February – school closes at 3:30pm

School reopens: Monday 20th February

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

2023 PTA events

School Disco: Friday 20th January

Bingo: Wednesday 22nd February

Easter Crafts: Tuesday 28th March

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

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.



Lunch-time Drama Club

at Wendover Junior School

Grow in confidence, develop
communication skills AND have
FUN!

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
LUNCHTIMES
ONLY £5 per LUNCHTIME
(must be pre-booked termly in advance)



Book your child's place via our website:
www.dramaramaclubs.uk

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:

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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>