



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)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
6W Class Assembly	26 th November	9am
Year 6 Mayan Day	3 rd December	Information letter sent
INSET Day	6 th December	School closed
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	10 th and 11 th December	Consent and pay on ParentPay
PTA Bake Sale	16 th December	
Culinera Christmas Dinner	18 th December	Book on ParentPay
Last Day of Term	20 th December	Finish at 13:15

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Link to Government Advice
Year 6 Mayan Day	Information letter
Letter from Cllr Rob Goodall	Read

Weekly Reflection

This has been our last week focussing on injustice and inequality. We have been thinking about different religions and how they encourage us to celebrate difference and treat everyone equitably.

On Tuesday, Rev. Moring joined us to share the story of the sheep and goats from Matthew 25. We were reminded that we need to treat everyone with respect and help everyone whenever we can, not just the people we like. In weekly reflection, children thought about which values and virtues they would include in their own code of conduct.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Children in Y3 have made an enthusiastic start to their Nativity rehearsals

Y3 are continuing to engage well with Doodle maths - They were the Top Doodler' year group this week!

Year 4

Year 4 children are working hard to identify family relationships in Spanish. They have also shown great resilience in completing the first round of assessments this week.

Year 5

Year 5 had an out-of-this-world experience on Space Day! They behaved like stars in the Wonder Dome, learning about many intergalactic facts. In class, they designed their own planet to live on and then made their own soda-straw rocket, which they launched after making some adjustments and having a few test flights.

Year 6

We have loved watching the children's suspense writing come together this week - fabulous suspense laden writing with great use of figurative language. Well done, Year 6.

Campus Road Safety Check

Thank you to everyone who supported the campus road safety check this week; the ongoing checks are necessary to reduce traffic on site and improve safety for our children. Many parents thanked staff for taking the time to reinforce the many reminders that have been sent out to parents about parking safely, commenting that the campus was visibly safer as a result. We will continue with checks; if you would like to help by joining a check team then please contact the school office.



Please remember that neither verbal nor physical abuse will be tolerated. The police may be informed of incidents and, if deemed serious enough, a bar from campus may be imposed.

Important Information

Pupil Voice

The school council has held their first meeting and have been busy planning and delivering presentations and activities as part of national antibullying week. They will be going on to lead a range of activities throughout the year designed to promote mental health and wellbeing.

Worship Leads continue to play a vital role in school. They not only help to plan and deliver collective worship, but also facilitate the weekly reflection sessions that are held in class each Thursday morning. They will soon be meeting with members of the local church team and school leaders to review this term's activities and plan for the spring.

The Eco Team are busy in school, making sure that waste food is recycled, that energy is used as efficiently as we can – lights and equipment off when not in use – and that we provide recycling for other items, such as batteries.

Charity Fundraisers

Our children are incredibly eager to raise money for organisations – local, national and sometimes even further away. In addition to our whole school events, many children like to hold sales at lunchtime or after school. This is a true demonstration of how they are living the school vision and values – being advocates for positive change.

The next pupil-led sale will be on **Friday 29 November** to raise money for Chiltern Dog Rescue.

Our next charity fundraiser is happening on **Friday 20th December**, and it's a **Christmas Jumper Day** to support Save the Children!

More details will follow soon, but please don't feel the need to buy a new Christmas jumper. The focus will be on upcycling and creativity, so you can make your own festive top while supporting this wonderful cause.

The attached document has ideas on how to create your unique Christmas jumper.

Parent Engagement

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Y6 class assemblies. The children greatly enjoyed sharing what they have learned so far this term.

Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Maths workshop survey. The majority of parents indicated a preference for a morning session, so the workshop will take place on **Thursday 5th December** starting at 9am in the school hall. Please feel free to join us right after the school drop-off. This will be a chance for parents to learn more about how children learn calculation, how they use manipulatives and the importance of improving fluency.

The session is open to all, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!

Reading Records

This week, all children have been sent home with a Reading Record. It is important that they are in school daily for children or adults to add comments in, record pages or books they have read.

Listed below are some comments which may help you when writing in your child's Reading Record to describe how your child has read to you at home. At time, it may be a simply logging books and a quick comment. The statements below are just a guide; please feel free to alter the wording and write what best suits your experiences.

Word skills	Comprehension skills	Interests and attitude
Read familiar words independently. Found this word/these words difficult... Worked out new words by sounding them out. Used the punctuation well (Paused at full stops, used expression for exclamation marks etc..)	Able to predict what happens next in the text. Showed good understanding of the text Discussed the story and characters well.	Enjoyed reading this book a lot. Excited and motivated to read. Read with good expression. Enjoyed the story because Would benefit from reading the book again to improve fluency.

How can you help with your child's reading?

- Try listen to your child read every day.
- Find anywhere to share books where you can be comfortable.
- Encourage your child to read a range of texts such as comics, newspapers, non-fiction, plays and poetry etc.
- Talk about the book.
- Visit the library.
- Encourage increase usage of Reading Plus.
- But most of all, be massively enthusiastic!

Adverse Weather

We experienced our first snow flurry earlier than expected this year. Thank you to everyone for ensuring that your child was in school – we completely understand if this took a little more time and effort to get them in!

Wearing alternate footwear to and from school is often a good idea for those walking. Normal school shoes should also be brought so that children can change once in school. Children are allowed to change into their PE socks if their feet are wet from walking in – another good reason to ensure that they have PE socks in their PE bags / lockers.

In the rare event that we have to switch to remote learning, we will notify the local authority – updates on school closures can be found at: <https://closures.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/check-if-your-school-is-closed/> Local radio will also be notified. An email / text will also be sent to parents. Children then need to login to eSchools where learning tasks will be posted. Readingplus, doodlemaths and TT Rockstars are also available for online learning.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit, as per the uniform policy

<https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

In particular, children should bring a change of socks to school for PE – black sports socks. We will be going outside for PE in most weathers and it is important that children have dry clothing to change back into. Additional layers can be worn – these should be additional and not replace shorts and T-Shirt.

Please ensure that kit is named so that it can be returned if lost.

PTA News



Thank you also to the PTA and staff for the Film & Pizza evening this week. It was a great success, raising approximately £1,000 which will be spent on improving opportunities for children in school.

Upcoming events:

12 days of Christmas Coloured Hampers
from 1st – 12th December

Christmas Bake Sale on 16th December



Fancy learning a musical instrument?

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.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings (Gareth Hart)

Classical Guitar



As music lessons are very popular some instruments become oversubscribed quickly but students can be added to a waiting list and offered a place as soon as one becomes available. Please contact the instrumental teacher directly via the email addresses below for further information.

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 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 Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.