

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 24.02.2023



*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

This week has been all about preparing for Lent. We have explored the historic reasons behind pancake day and the importance of Ash Wednesday.

Worship leaders have been working with their classes to set challenges for us all over the period of Lent. Children will be bringing these booklets home on Monday and a pdf copy will be sent out to all parents.



This week's Highlights

Year 3 Well done 3S for winning the TT Rockstar's battle!
Children are enjoying their RE lesson learning about Jewish food rules.
Children have shared some lovely half term experiences with each other.

Year 4 have enjoyed starting "The Write Stuff" English unit for The Iron Man.

Year 5 took part in the Big Build this week. They brought in their recycling from home and created the most incredible buildings, while working together as teams. Well done!

Year 6 have enjoyed investigating the impact exercise has on their heart rate.

House point totals: **Red 1610** / **Green 1680** / **Blue 1260** / **Purple 1080**

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



Young Carers News

- The final total for the Young Carers Crazy Hair Accessory day was £373.50! Many thanks to all the children and parents who participated and helped us to raise this amazing amount for Moorvision.
- We were lucky to have a visit from Laura Troll from Young Carers Bucks during Tuesday's Young Carers group and we made pancakes!
- National Young Carers Action Day will be celebrated on the Wednesday 15th March - the theme will be 'Make time for Young Carers'



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 27th February.

The club will start on Wednesday 1st March

(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?

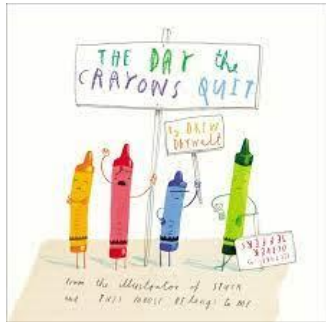
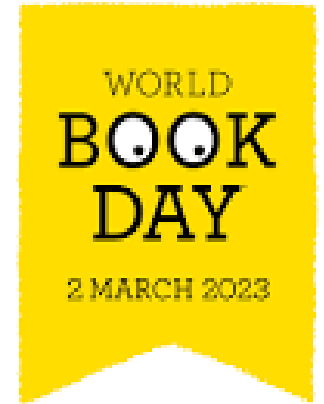
Would you like to volunteer to listen to children read on a regular basis?

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.

WJS Easter Bake Sale

When: Monday 27 March 2023 at 3:30pm

Where: Under the Gazebo

Have fun creating amazing Easter themed bakes, bring them into school on Monday 27 March!

A prize for the best Easter-themed entry per year. Remember to name your entry if you want to enter the competition!!

Winners announced in the next School Worship.

All bakes will be displayed for sale under the Gazebo after school, so remember your pennies!!

Have fun, get ready, let's bake



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)

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

Easter Bake Sale: Monday 27th 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

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>

Next weeks activities:

Monday - Pokémon Day (create your own Pokémon card)

Tuesday - Bingo night

Wednesday - Ball Games in the Garden

Thursday - World book day (come as a book character)

Friday - Free Play Friday (children's choice)

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.