



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

Remembrance Day has been our theme this week. We explored the origins of this, including the introduction of the poppy as a symbol. We continued by thinking about the importance of mutual respect and tolerance, democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law (fundamental British values). Throughout the week, everyone has been encouraged to spread peace and compassion. We concluded the week with a short service during worship today.

Next week will see us taking a closer look at anti-bullying and the role of our well-being ambassadors.

A symbol of Remembrance...



**Those who fought,
Their families,
The emergency services,
Innocent victims.**

A hope for peace.

Year Group Highlights

Year 3 Children are continuing to use the ipads to access Doodle Learning and reading Plus
Children have shared what knowledge they have ahead of our new science topic - Animals including humans

Year 4 children showed great respect and concentration when listening to a talk delivered by Yash and his grandmother Indu on the Hindu religion and Diwali.

Year 5 were very excited to learn about the planets in Science this week. They learned that all the planets, apart from Earth, were named after the Roman gods. Earth is definitely the best one to live on!

Year 6 The children have been very excited about creating their own passwords for their individual laptop logins. They are most impressed that even the teachers don't know their passwords! Year 6 have written some impressive suspense stories based on the book 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness - great personification and similes included in their descriptions

Parent Consultation

It was lovely to see so many parents at the consultation evenings this week. We hope that you found the time with class teachers useful and enjoyed seeing all the learning that your child has recorded in their books. Thank you to everyone who checked lost property and found something to take home!



doodlelearning.com



student.readingplus.com



Breaktime Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring in a small snack to have at morning break. This should be a piece of fruit or a healthy snack bar. Crisps or chocolate bars are not allowed at morning break – children have been reminded of this. A treat may be included as one of the items in your child's packed lunch.



This Week's House Points

1 st	Red House	1470 points
2 nd	Purple House	1320 points
3 rd	Green House	990 points
4 th	Blue House	770 points

Children in Need

Our school is raising funds for Children In Need through an exciting raffle on Friday 17th November. Each raffle ticket is a suggested donation of £1, and fantastic prizes await in every year group!

To participate, simply send your child to school next Friday with cash for the raffle tickets. Don't miss out on the chance to win amazing prizes while contributing to a great cause. Raffle tickets will be available through your child's class teacher.

Let's come together as a school community to make a positive impact and bring joy to those in need.

Thank you for your support!



Extended Learning Competition

We have had lots of entries to Wendover Junior Schools 500-word competition. There are many children who have nearly completed their entry, so we have decided to extend the competition to **Friday 17th November**.

Simply print off or send to the office the 500-word story and Mrs Khan will be judging them. There is an incredible first place prize and every person who enters will receive 10 house points.



Young Carers

This week's young carers meeting was a warm embrace of new faces! We joyfully welcomed our new members, creating an atmosphere where everyone felt at ease. Each of us introduced ourselves, fostering a sense of community and enthusiasm for the upcoming weekly activities.

Let's continue to make our group a supportive space for all!



Skipping Challenge

Thank you to all the children for all of their incredible efforts and all of your donations in our skipping challenge for Cancer Research. With the enthusiastic skipping of children leading the way, we have reached our final destination in Colombia.

Journey Update

Total skips: 8,799

Distance travelled: 26,399 km

Places visited: USA and Mexico/Central America and South America

Final destination: Columbia

Thank you for skipping for a great cause!

Although our challenge is complete there is still time to donate using the Just Giving link below:

<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

6W Class Assembly	Wednesday 15 th November	9am – 10am
Year 5 Space Day	Thursday 16 th November	Consent/payment required by 2 nd November via ParentPay
6J Class Assembly	Wednesday 22 nd November	9am – 10am
Year 6 Graffiti Art Workshop	Friday 24 th November	Consent/payment required by 1 st November via ParentPay
6S Class Assembly	Wednesday 29 th November	9am – 10am
INSET Day	Friday 1 st December	
Harrisons Christmas Lunch	Tuesday 12 th December	Bookable on ParentPay until Thursday 7 th December
Year 3 Nativity	Wednesday 13 th December Thursday 14 th December	Afternoon performance Evening performance
Year 6 Mayan Day	Friday 15 th December	
Last day of Autumn Term	Tuesday 19 th December	Finish at 13:15

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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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: Active Minds

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Childrens Quiz Challenge
-  Sports club: Yr 5 & 6 Football at the Junior School (Fully Booked).




Tuesday: Enrichment and wellness

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session- World Book Week- Make your own Bookmarks
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Netball at the Junior School (Spaces left).

Wednesday: Physical Play

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Main Session: - Indoor Dodge Ball
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Dodgeball at the Junior School (Fully Booked).

Thursday: Active Minds

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Main Session: - Children in need-Make your own Pudsey fridge magnet
-  Sports club: Yr 3 - 6 Gymnastics at the Junior School (Fully Booked).

Friday: Enrichment and wellness

-  Breakfast: Pool, Table Tennis, Board Games, Quiet Room, Air Hockey, Lego & Colouring.
-  Afternoon Main Session: Baking- Cake Decorating



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.