

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 08.09.2023



*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)*

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

It was lovely to see everyone returning to school this week. We have had a warm start to the year and I would like to thank all the children and staff for ensuring that we had a very positive and calm week in school. Hopefully, next week will be a little cooler!

Our theme for worship this week has been new beginnings. As part of this we thought about the new school year being 'Just the same...but a little different.' As we constantly strive to improve, we will make changes to the way we do things. One change is that classes now have the chance to earn reward time each and every lesson. Each 'link' they gain is worth a minute of reward time; the class then decides when to cash these minutes in. This will replace the daily afternoon reward break. Also, class teachers will be taking their class for an extra PE lesson each week – this is designed to promote collaboration and team building skills.

We look forward to seeing you at our first parent / teacher event – Meet the Teacher on Monday 25 September 3.40 – 4.30pm.

Gareth Kynaston
Headteacher

ZEN Sensory Garden

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.

Y5 & Y6 Football club

Premier Education are running an after school football club for year 5 and 6, every Monday at school.

There is no charge for this club and will be on a first come fist serve basis.

11th September 2023 - 16th October 2023

Course starts on **Mon 11th September 2023**

Times: 15:15 – 16:15

Age Range: 10-12

Year Group: Y5-Y6

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019-856473/?back=1&school=wendover>

Y5 & Y6 Netball club

Premier Education are running an after school netball club for year 5 and 6, every Tuesday at school.

There is no charge for this club and will be on a first come fist serve basis.

12th September 2023 - 17th October 2023

Course starts on **Tue 12th September 2023**

Times: 15:15 – 16:15

Age Range: 10-12

Year Group: Y5-Y6

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019-856477/?back=1&school=wendover>



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PERFORMING ARTS AT WENDOVER C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Monday Lunchtime*

Musical Theatre with Alana

Wednesday Lunchtime*

Drama Club with Danielle

Thursday Lunchtime*

Drama Club with Alana

*Lunch clubs run throughout lunchtime and cost £5

Children can either bring a packed lunch to Lunch Club or have a fast-pass to their hot dinner and come after they've eaten. Drama club is a bite-size session and give a flavour of what our after-school sessions are like.

Monday After School**

Dramarama Star-Lings for
Years 3, 4 & 5

** After-school sessions run at the Legion Club in Wendover from 3:50pm to 5pm. We provide free pick up from WCEJS at 3:30pm to take them there; just collect them at 5pm. Cost £7.50

BOOK at www.dramaramaclubs.uk

Dates for the Diary

Meet the teacher: Monday 25th September 3:40pm – 4:30pm

Year 6 SSTT: Tuesday 12th September (mock) and Thursday 14th September

Harvest Festival: Tuesday 3rd October at St Mary's Church

School photos: Tuesday 10th October

Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

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

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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>

Schedule for next week at Wendover

Monday - Garden games

Tuesday - Arts and Crafts-self portrait

Wednesday - Volleyball in the garden

Thursday - Free play

Friday - Biscuit Bake off

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.