



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

Children's Mental Health week begins on Monday. We spent some time this week thinking about what mental health is and what might affect it – for the better or worse.

Next week will see us creating a challenge for Lent – 40 activities that are aimed to improve the mental health of ourselves and others.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 children have enjoyed using stop frame animation on the iPad this week. They have written non chronological reports on animals following on from their research last week.

Thank you to children in 3W who worked with John Colet Y10 students to help them with their DT project research

Year 4 children have enjoyed playing African music on xylophones, singing and dancing along to the Gumboot song. They have also explored making different shapes in ICT using Logo.

Year 5 children built parachutes in Science to see if they could keep an egg whole testing gravity and air resistance. Mr Newnes launched them from the top of the play frame. Some eggs cracked and some didn't – it was eggcellent fun!

Year 6 The children are enjoying writing the next chapter of their journey story based on 'The Arrival'. They have done very well this week in maths with rounding and multiplying.

Healthy Eating

After half-term, we will be encouraging all children to eat more healthily. Our healthy eating policy can be found on the school website (attached to this newsletter for your convenience).

Please help us by ensuring that children bring a healthy snack for their morning break, such as fruit or vegetables.

Chocolate bars, crisps and packets of biscuits are not appropriate.



Hot Meals

Thank you to everyone who managed to participate in the food tasting session for parents. There were many positive comments about the meals – not least the variety and the additional salad bar options. The provider is now working with children in school to further improve the service, including surveys and discussions with the school council about how to reduce food waste.

Meals can be ordered up to 8am each day through ParentPay. If you require a login for ParentPay, please speak to the school office. If your child is ill or absent from school you must cancel meals through ParentPay, or you will still be charged.

<https://www.culineraco.uk/primarybooking>

Attendance

High attendance at school is extremely important. Missing just one day a month equates to almost two weeks of lost schooling per year. There is a clear correlation between children who have high attendance and children who go on to achieve well at secondary school. Absence can also affect social development and reduce self-confidence.

Our school attendance target is 97% and we track all pupils who have an attendance rate below 95% (leave of absence is rarely authorised below this level).

We understand that children are unwell from time to time. Sometimes, it is difficult to know whether to send your child in or keep them at home. Children should come to school unless they have a high temperature, have vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 48 hours or have been advised to stay at home for medical reasons. We will always contact you if your child is unwell at school and needs to be at home.

Punctuality

We work with children and families to instil the value of good punctuality. Timely attendance at school helps to form the foundations for positive habits in later life, both academically and socially. Regular checks are conducted on lateness, and our school attendance officer is dedicated to addressing recurring lateness and concerns.

As a reminder the school gates open at 8:40am and children are expected to be school by 8.50am each day.

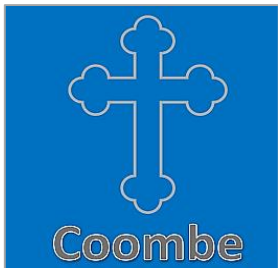
Remember that if your child is absent, you must contact the school by email or telephone by 8:30am, allowing the school office to process absences promptly.

House Points



840 points

870 points



990 points

850 points



Book Fair

We are pleased to tell you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school this year. It will take place in the hall on the following days:

- Friday 2nd February 2024
- After school on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February
- During Parents evening: Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February

We will have a range of books on offer so please do come and browse the shelves. We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will help us to fund new books for the children.

For any further information,

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

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FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

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Why Not? by George Webster. £7.99

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid: SUPER OVERLORE. £7.99

LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER by ALESHA DIXON. £7.99

NINA PEANUT AMAZING. Available from 9th February. £8.99 £7.99

THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED. £7.99

Scan the QR code to pay online!

****For information on ordering and payment, see the newsletter attachments****

Dates for the Diary

Year 6 God and the Big Bang workshop	Tuesday 6 th February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 26 th January
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 7 th February Thursday 8 th February	Booking portal opens on Monday 29 th January
INSET Day	Friday 9 February	
Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February	
6W Trenchard Museum visit	Wednesday 21 st February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 9 th February
Year 5 Waddesdon Manor trip	Thursday 22 nd February	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 2 nd February
Kids Bingo and Pizza Evening	Thursday 29 th February	
6J Trenchard Museum	Wednesday 6 th March	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 9 th February
Year 3 Roman Britain Workshop	Friday 8 th March	
6S Trenchard Museum	Wednesday 13 th March	Consent/pay via Parentpay by 9 th February

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:

Venue Manager: Daniel

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

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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.

Next week at Wendover Wraparound...

Monday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Bingo Bonanza

Sports club: Football (Spaces available).

Tuesday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session - national family day, create a card/poem for a family member

Sports club: Netball (Spaces Available).

Wednesday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Junk Modelling

Sports club: Dodgeball (Fully Booked)

Thursday: Active Minds

Afternoon Main Session: Charades

Sports club: RISE Gymnastics (Spaces Available).

Friday: Wellness and Enrichment

Afternoon Main Session: biscuit Bake off

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



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.