



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

This has been our final week focussing on Stand Up to Bullying. It has been a chance to reflect on what bullying is and is not, the different ways in which people might be bullied and how important it is to treat everyone with kindness and understanding. The reflection piece was to write an antibullying prayer.

Next weeks begins a two-week focus on Easter. Worship in school will lead up to the carousel of activities that children will complete in St Mary's Church in the last week of term.



Holy Week

This year, each year group will be visiting St Mary's Church to participate in learning activities based around Holy Week. These activities will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of term and last for approximately 90 minutes:

Tuesday morning: Y5

Tuesday afternoon: Y3

Wednesday morning: Y4

Wednesday afternoon: Y6

If you are available to help out with any of these educational visits then please contact the school office and further details will be sent to you.

This year's Easter Service will be held on the last day of term in school for children only.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about pollination and completing a practical activity to help understand the process. Y3 have continued to work hard on fractions - equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line and comparing fractions.

Year 4 children showed excellent behaviour during the Green Park Activity Day and were a credit to the school. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and demonstrated great teamwork, compassion and understanding when encouraging each other to complete the challenges. The weather may have dampened the bush fire activity but didn't dampen their enthusiasm to shoot a true arrow in archery, reach for their climbing goals or overcome an obstacle course blindfolded! Well done Year 4.

Year 5 had a smashing time taking part in the relay for Red Nose Day today. They looked amazing, sporting wigs, wellies, sunnies and tutus!

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about climate change as part of their new unit on persuasive speeches.

Pupil entry and exit – South Gate

We have been reviewing our procedures for pupils entering and leaving the school site, taking into account parental feedback.

We will shortly be returning to all pupils using the school gate at the south end of the school. Y5 will begin on Monday 18 March and Y6 will follow on Monday 25 March. The school office will be open to parents from 8.40am from Monday 25 March.



Road Safety

We received another concern this morning about driving without due care and attention. If you are authorised to drive on campus, please observe the speed limits and the crossing. If you are not authorised and need to drive onto campus, email the school office to request permission, explaining the extenuation circumstance.

Otherwise, do **NOT** drive onto campus.



Red Nose Day Joke Winners...



“Have you heard the rumour going around about butter?”
“Never mind, I shouldn’t spread it”.
Amelia-Rose (year 3)

“What did Alex say when they saw a bunch of cows on the top of a mountain?”
“The steaks have never been higher”.
Tristan (year 6)

“What do you call a ruler with no measurements?”
“Useless”.
Lauren (year 6)

“Two cannibals are eating a clown. One cannibal says does this taste funny to you?”
Leon (year 4)

“What did the triangle say to the circle?”
“You're pointless”.
Ava-Jane (year 5)

“What do you do with a sick boat”
“Take it to the doc”.
Gracie (year 6)

Martha (year 4)
Reggie (year 4)
Ayva (year 5)

“What do you call an alligator in a vest?”
“An investigator”.
Bella (year 5)

“Why did the baker stop making doughnuts?”
“Because he was sick of the hole business”.
Harry T (year 3)

“What do you call a funny lizard?”
“A stand up chameleon”.
Theo (year 3)

Comic Relief 2024

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to this worthy cause.

So far, £282 has been raised.

HOW YOUR MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Whatever you do this Red Nose Day, the money you raise could help put food on plates and roofs over heads, keep little ones safe and support families affected by conflict and climate change.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 15 MARCH

GIVE A CHILD LIFE CHANGING SUPPORT	IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING	HELP KIDS STAY HEALTHY
£5 could provide a child with a disability in Kenya with essential equipment so they can go to school.	£10 could pay for a much-needed respite session for an isolated young carer in the UK.	£20 could help provide healthcare for a year for a child living/working on the streets in India.
OFFER HOMELESS PEOPLE SUPPORT AND DIGNITY	HELP GIRLS STAY IN EDUCATION	KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER
£50 could provide toiletry packs for 10 people sleeping rough in the UK, offering dignity and the basics needed to stay clean.	£100 could train a mentor in Kenya to help keep young girls safe and in school.	£200 could pay for legal aid to help reunite five separated refugees families.

FR Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Red Nose Day is an initiative of Comic Relief, operating name of Charity Projects, registered charity in England & Wales (222608) and Scotland (SC039733) and company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (3185645), registered address 6th Floor, The White Chapel Building, 30 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 8QJ.
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If you would like to donate, you may do so through ParentPay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14506>

Blue Peter Badge Winner

Congratulations to Sid in 3S who has earned a coveted Blue Peter Blue Badge for sending in some of his amazing drawings of soldiers to the TV team. They thought his drawings were very detailed and fantastically creative. Sid is now working to earn himself another Blue Peter badge for Music.

Sid is now awaiting for his Blue Peter Badge Card to arrive to gain free access to Blue Peter Badge Attractions. Well done, Sid & good luck with your next challenge!



House Points



570 points

480 points



420 points

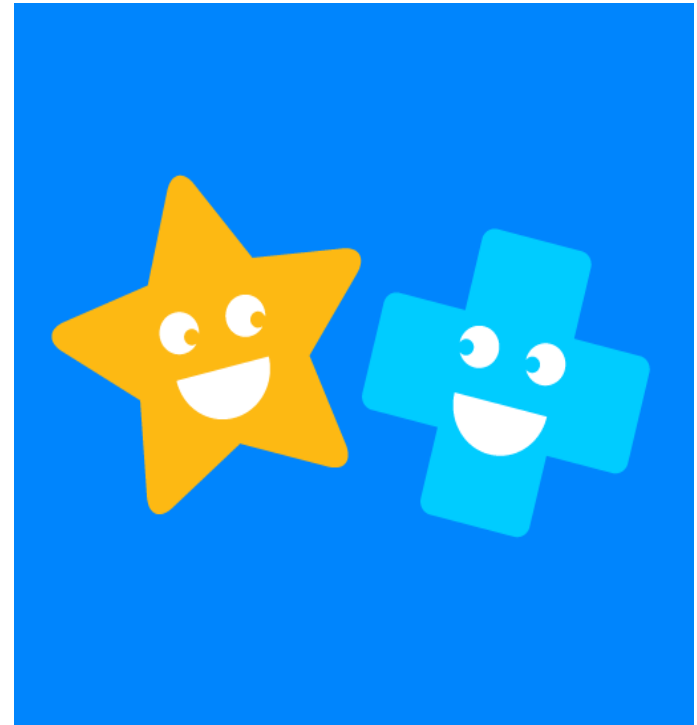
630 points



Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Uniform and PE Kit

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their child is in the correct uniform and PE kit. Please remember that children need to wear a house-coloured t-shirt, black sport shorts and black knee length sports socks for PE. Additional layers may be worn outside in cold weather. Tight fitting shorts/leggings may be worn underneath shorts, but not as a replacement. PL Schoolwear provides good quality kit at very competitive prices.



<https://plschoollwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/wendover-junior-school>

The school PTA hold a second hand uniform sale termly and Aylesbury Vineyard can help provide school uniform for any families with financial difficulties.

Dates for the Diary

RAF coffee morning	Wednesday 20 th March	8:50am
Meet the SEND team	Thursday 21 st March	3pm – 3:30pm
PTA Easter Bake Sale	Monday 25 th March	Info to follow
Last day of Term	Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 1:15pm
First day of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	School re opens at 8:40am
Bank holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May	
Y5 Perseus and Medusa drama workshop	Tuesday 7 th May	
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	

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

General Inquiries: Martyn

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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.

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

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.