



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)

Newsletter 28.11.25

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

| Activity | Dates | Action for Parents |
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| Year 6 Hazard Alley trip | 2 nd December | Consent/contribute by <u>21.11.25</u> |
| Year 6 Maya Day | 3 rd December | |
| INSET day | 5 th December | School closed |
| Flu Vaccinations | 9 th December | See email for consent info |
| Year 3 Nativity | 10 th December | Afternoon performance – tickets will be available from Monday |
| Year 3 Nativity | 11 th December | Evening performance - tickets will be available from Monday |
| PTA Christmas Bake Sale | 15 th December | Details to follow } Parents Welcome |
| Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church | 17 th December | Y3 and Y4 – 10am Y5 and Y6 – 11am |
| End of term | 19 th December | School closes at 13:15 |
| Back to school - Spring Term | 5 th January | School opens at 8:40am |

Letters / documents sent this week

| Letter/Email | Action |
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Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

| Date & time | Activity |
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| Friday 28 November – lunchtime | Table top sale in aid of Tiggywinkles and the RSPCA |
| Thursday 4 December – lunchtime | Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale |
| Friday 12 December – lunchtime | Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale |
| Thursday 18 December - lunchtime | Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale |

The items being sold include things the children have made themselves, as well as small novelty and stationery items. These are pocket money style sales and children are welcome to bring in a couple of pounds to help support each cause.

We kindly ask that any money brought in is in change rather than notes.

Worship

Our new theme is Advent – the preparation for Christmas.

Children thought about how they might prepare for this special time of year. We then thought about how light features in many different religions and celebrations. Children were able to suggest some very good reasons why light is used as a positive sign and we explored some well known sayings, such as ‘there is light at the end of the tunnel’ and ‘would you shed some light on this?’

Over the next three weeks we will be learning more about the importance of spreading hope, peace, love and joy during the festive season.

Advent: hope, love, peace and joy!

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 are working hard on their singing, acting and dancing ahead of the Nativity performances in December. Children learnt about Advent, the significance and meaning of each candle on the wreath in their RE lesson.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown great curiosity and then resilience in researching a famous scientist and writing a biography of that person in English. They have also worked hard to follow musical notation and learn the chorus of the Gift of the Nile song on glockenspiels in Music.

Year 5

Year 5 had a 'space-tacular' day! They were highly engaged in their session in the 'space dome', asking some impressive questions to the presenter. They had great fun making rockets and launching these. In addition to this, they created some impressive art work of colourful galaxies using chalk pastels and the skill of blending. A big well done to Year 5 on a space awesome day!

Year 6

Year 6 had a wonderful trip to the Hazard Alley Safety Centre, they learnt lots about keeping safe and had a great time. Their behaviour was fabulous - well done. The rest of the year group are looking forward to their trip next week.

Plea from Year 3!

Year 3 are asking for any unwanted tinsel and clean tea towels to be donated for use in our Nativity play.

If you have any of these items, please could they come into school with your child.

Thank you for your support!



ITEM DONATIONS

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

A big thank you to all those children who made decorations for the Wendover tree this year.

The winning entry, selected by Wendover Parish Council, is Sylvie from year 6. She will receive a £25 one4all voucher and will also be switching on the lights this Saturday 29th at the Wendover Magical Christmas Celebration.

The celebration will take place from 4pm to 7pm on Manor Waste, with the light switch on at 5:30pm. Join in for an evening full of festive cheer as the community comes together to start the Christmas season in style.

TT Rockstars England Rocks Competition

Last week, children had the opportunity to compete in a national TTRS competition against 4,355 other England schools.

As a school, we came 1,374th out of all the schools that entered.

Within school, we also competed for: Top three pupil scorers, top three whole class scorers and top scorer in each class. Here are the Leaderboard results:



Top Three Class Scorers

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| 1 st | 5S |
| 2 nd | 6W |
| 3 rd | 5J |

Top Three Pupil Scorers

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| 1 st | Svanik | 6W |
| 2 nd | Elwood | 6S |
| 3 rd | Sarah | 5S |

Top Pupil Scorers in each class

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| 3W Penny | 3J Molly | 3S Pandora |
| 4W Max | 4J Nathaniel | 4S Aimée |
| 5W Eloise | 5J Elliot | 5S Sarah |
| 6W Svanik | 6J Nicole | 6S Elwood |

Congratulations to all our winners and a big well done to everyone who took part.

Mrs West

Pupil-led fundraising

Well done to all the children who have led a table-top or bake sale this year. They have raised hundreds of pounds for worthy causes, such as the RSPCA, Florence Nightingale, Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation.

We still have a few sales booked in, including two after school bake sales. Children are already keen to book their sale in for the New Year!

Thank you to all the parents who have supported their endeavours.



Breakfast with Santa

*Come and have breakfast with the man
himself*

*At the Shoulder of Mutton
£12 per children's breakfast*

*including an age appropriate gift, meeting
Santa, and more magical surprises*

6th, 13th, 20th & 23rd December

Booking times available 9am-10:15am

6238@greeneking.co.uk

01296623223

The Shoulder of Mutton have very kindly gifted us with a complimentary Breakfast with Santa for a family of four.

If you would like to be entered into a draw to win this prize, email the school office with the answer to this question.....

What positive symbol did the children discuss during worship?



Congratulations and 'Break-a-Leg' to **Rosie M** and **Megan H** in Year 4 and **Xander G** in Year 6!

They have been cast to perform in this magical, brand-new, family Christmas musical which is raising money for two incredible children's charities: Inspire Bucks and The Pepper Foundation.

The show has been written by West End star and national treasure **Gary Wilmot MBE** and is being brought to life for the **very first time**, by the award-winning Vale Musical Society.

The performances will be every evening from 8th to 13th December plus two matinees on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December. You can catch the WCEJS trio on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday night performances PLUS both matinees!

Sunday is an accessible performance, and there are also VIP packages, group booking discounts, and a special celebrity gala night on the Friday with Gary Wilmot himself!

This show is for everyone who loves Christmas, musical theatre and those who care about children and **Rosie, Megan and Xander** would love it if you could come and watch the shows and help them raise lots of money for these two wonderful charities – they promise, will LOVE it!

Swim Instructors Needed

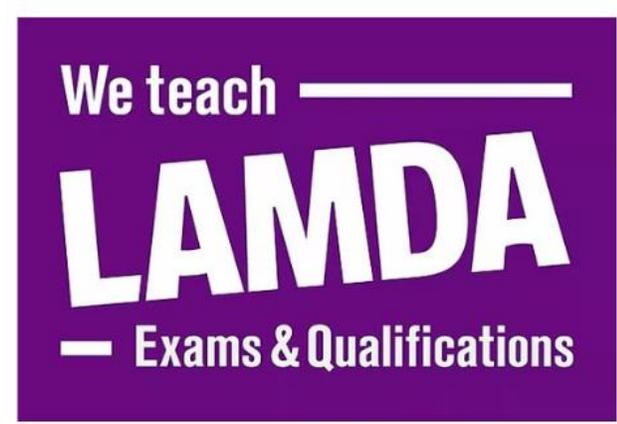
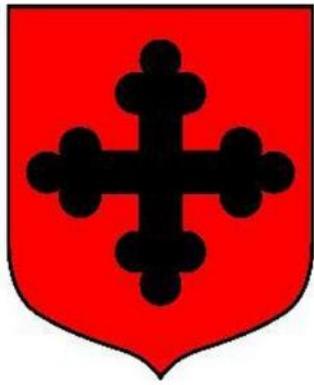
We are looking for three qualified swim instructors to support our school swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at the Wendover Pool.

Applicants must hold a current qualification.

If you are available and interested in helping, please email the school office as soon as possible. Unfortunately, without these positions filled, we will not be able to run swimming lessons.



Support required



Unlock Your Child's Confidence and Creativity

LAMDA Performance Coaching & Exams with Danielle Gaglione from Dramarama

Unlock your child's potential through the world of performance! LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) tuition builds confidence, communication skills, and creativity—skills that last a lifetime. Danielle Gaglione, an experienced drama coach from Dramarama, offers engaging 1-2-1 or paired LAMDA performance coaching sessions in acting or introductory poetry during afternoon lessons. Whether your child loves acting or simply wants to be more confident, this is the perfect opportunity to develop accredited life skills in a fun and nurturing environment .

- ✨ Book a LAMDA taster session at WCEJS and enjoy 10% off Danielle's usual fees!
Spaces are limited—don't miss out!

www.dramaramaclubs.uk/LAMDA

Wraparound Care at Wendover CofE Junior

We're delighted to partner with Premier Education to provide high-quality wraparound care at our school.

Our Ofsted registered provision gives children a safe, fun, and stimulating environment before and after school, while supporting busy parents with flexible childcare options.

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Experienced, caring staff (all DBS checked)
- ✓ Paediatric First Aid & Safeguarding trained team
- ✓ Fun, structured activities every day
- ✓ Healthy snacks included (dietary needs catered for)
- ✓ No deposit or registration fee

Who Can Attend?

- Open to Years 3–6
- Flexible ad-hoc bookings available
- Block bookings welcome

Contact Us

- ☎ 01296 620097
- ✉ office-11@premier-education.com

Drop off & Collection

The sessions will take place at the Wendover Youth Centre. Children attending the breakfast club will need to be dropped here. Our staff will then take the children over to the school to start their day. For the Afterschool club, children will meet our team on the school playground. Once registration has been completed, the group will then walk to the Youth Centre, Collection can be from 4:00pm.

Session Times & Prices

Breakfast Club

🕒 7:45–8:45am

📅 £6.50 per session

After School Club

🕒 3:30–6:00pm

📅 £13.50 per session

♣️ 15% sibling discount

Holiday Clubs (including INSET Days)

Full Day

🕒 8:30–3:30pm — £37.59 per day

Extended Day

🕒 8:30–6:00pm — £46.80 per day

Book a Place

Booking is quick and simple through our online portal.

- Book online up to 1:00 pm on the same day.
- For emergency bookings after 1:00 pm, please call us directly on 01296 620097.

(Please note: late/emergency bookings may include an admin charge.)

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

Free parenting programmes and resources

If you are interested please click on the below:

<https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/advice-and-support/parenting/free-parenting-courses/>