

### 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 27.6.25

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## **Dates for your diary**

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Transition Day	1 <sup>st</sup> July	
Culinera Food Tasting	1st July	
Young Carers Fun Run	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Pupil only event - children to arrive in PE kit
Strawberry Fayre	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	See newsletter for more info
Year 6 Production	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July	See school calendar for timings
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10am-11am St Marys Church – Parents welcome
Year 6 PTA Leavers Party	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
Last day of term	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Collect children t at 1.15pm

## Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
REMINDER: Service coffee afternoon	
Class Photo	Link to order your child's class photo
Strawberry Fayre volunteer sign up link	Link to volunteer

# **Weekly Reflection**

New Beginnings has been the theme for this week. We have thought about how important strong foundations are for developing our core-self and that each new day, week, year gives us the opportunity to start again.

Matthew joined us on Tuesday to re-tell the story of Zacchaeus, but from a different angle. Children thought about what Zacchaeus did after meeting Jesus, starting his live again.

# **Y6 Residential Experience**

I would like to thank Mr Kirk, the Y6 teachers and all the staff for what was a fantastic experience for Y6 this week. A lot of time has been spent planning this event and staff have given their personal time to provide this opportunity for the Y6 children.

Thank you to the parents who took time to say thank you to staff on Wednesday afternoon and to those who emailed a thank you to the school office.

"I just wanted to say thank you to the year 6 team, and everyone involved, on the residential to Caldecotte. He had such an amazing time which I'm sure he will remember for life. Thank you to all that helped and gave their time, to allow our children to have a great few days away!"

"Thank you so much for all the hard work, time and care you put into making the year 6 trip such a memorable and successful experience. You have given the children an opportunity they will never forget - filled with fun and adventure."

# **Weekly Highlights**

#### Year 3

Year 3 children have worked hard and shown resilience during assessment week
Children have thought about how they might be their best selves ahead of Transition morning on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July
Children are excited and preparing for their class stalls ahead of the Strawberry Fayre next week

#### Year 4

The year 4 children showed great enthusiasm for this morning's cricket experience at the Witchell Cricket ground and enjoyed the variety of experiences provided by the Grange sports leaders. Year 4 have also demonstrated resilience in debugging and improving their programs in ICT using Scratch.

#### Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed creating their Greek masks based on their interesting designs. They used a range of materials, such as paint, card, tissue paper and coloured straw to represent their Greek Gods. We hope you have enjoyed seeing their finished masterpieces and that it has sparked an interest in Greek mythology for them.

#### Year 6

The Year 6's enjoyed a wonderful 3 days camping at Caldecotte Lake. Friendships were forged, challenges completed and new things experienced. A special mention for those who stayed at school: you were tremendous mentors for the Year 3 and 4 children. Well done everyone.

### **Warm Weather**

It is likely that we will have some warm days before the end of term. We have spoken with children on a number of occasions about coping strategies. In worship today, children said it was important to wear a hat in the sun, drink water regularly, put some cream on before coming into school, take your jumper off if you're getting warm, find the shade, stay calm and not run around in the heat.

We have provided additional large fans for classrooms and teachers will make appropriate adaptations to lessons. We will make adjustments to social times in order to make the best use of natural shade and to stay off the playground when hot.

## **Transition Day**

Tuesday 1 July is transition day at Wendover CE Juniors. During the morning, all children will move up to join their new classes and meet their new class teacher. Year 2 children will also be joining us.

Classes will be getting to know each other and finding out more about what is like to be in the year group above.

Children will be told which class they are in on Monday afternoon.

### **PTA Strawberry Fayre**

We are so excited about this years Strawberry Fayre, last year was a huge success and we raised much needed funds for school! This year we want to raise even more!

The PTA are supporting the school Strawberry Fayre on **Thursday 3rd July** - Please click on the link below to add your name - any amount of your time would hugely appreciated!

- We desperately need parent helpers to serve tea, hot dogs and cake! We also need help manning some of the stands: Sign up here - <a href="https://signup.com/go/jhXJarw">https://signup.com/go/jhXJarw</a>
- Games tokens and meat/vegetarian hotdogs are all available to order on ParentPay until
   Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- To be in with a chance of winning one of our amazing raffle prizes click here: https://go.rallyup.com/strawberryfair25/Campaign/Details

## Fundraising event – new total

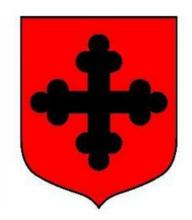
We are excited to announce that our Young Carers and Service Children have organised a fun run event happening in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £2 per child which can be made via ParentPay. Every penny raised will be donated to Little Troopers and Global's Make Some Noise.

All children are invited to wear their PE kit for the day and join in the fun.

Total raised so far for the fun run is £327.50, we still have a way to go for our target of £500 for the children to enjoy watching the WJS Staff in the mascot race after the fun run.









## LAMDA Tuition starting in September 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Danielle Gaglione of Dramarama will be offering individual, paired and small group LAMDA tuition at WCEJS as a visiting peripatetic drama teacher from September!

If your child would love to develop their performance skills and build confidence in a fun and structured way, you can now sign them up for individual or small group coaching in acting or poetry at Wendover Junior School. Lessons are 20 or 30 minutes each week and will take place during the school day (on a rotating schedule so they don't always miss the same lessons or lunchtime).

Mrs Gaglione is offering 10% discount from her usual tuition costs for Wendover C of E students. To find out more see the poster attached to this email and register for a Taster Session on the website:

www.dramaramaclubs.uk/LAMDA

### 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 <a href="https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/">https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/</a>

Drums/Bass/Electric guitar/Piano please email <a href="mailto:beckfordmusic@hotmail.com">beckfordmusic@hotmail.com</a>

Brass please email <u>rjkitchen@sky.com</u>

### **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: <a href="https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover">https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover</a>

#### **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 Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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/