



# Wendover CE Junior School

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## Newsletter 26.3.26

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# Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Last day of Spring Term	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish at 13:15
Spring term updates	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Child bringing home report
INSET Day	27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed
School closed for Easter break	30 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed
Back to school for Summer Term	13 <sup>th</sup> April	School open from 8:40am
Year 5 trip to Waddesdon Manor	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Consent and contribute on ParentPay
Year 6 Swimming Lessons	17 <sup>th</sup> April	Consent on ParentPay and complete form
Year 4 Class assemblies	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Classes TBC
Bank Holiday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed

# Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Y5 Waddesdon Manor trip - volunteers needed	Contact office

# Worship

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in St Mary's Church for our Easter Service yesterday.

Well done to the worship leaders for leading us through and to all the children for sharing their Easter thoughts and their fabulous singing.

We hope that you all have an enjoyable and restive break.



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## 30 Acts for Lent

<p><b>Compassion</b> Ask a friend or classmate "How can I help you today?"</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Admit that you were wrong and apologise.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Practise something each day for a week.</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Share a toy, book, or school resource with a friend.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Try a skill or activity you've never done before.</p>
<p><b>Courage</b> Talk to a trusted person about something that worries you.</p>	<p><b>Compassion</b> Invite someone to do something together with you.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> 'Call out' disrespectful behaviour.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Be yourself, don't copy others.</p>	<p><b>Compassion</b> Help someone to complete a task.</p>
<p><b>Humility</b> Sit or play with someone new at break or lunchtime.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Practise something you have always found difficult.</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Ask, "Is there anything I can do to help you today?"</p>	<p><b>Compassion</b> Say something kind to someone in your class.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Complete all your extended learning this week.</p>
<p><b>Commitment</b> Stick with a task until it's finished.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Talk to your class about something you care about.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Make sure you do something you have promised to.</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Be open to other people's ideas.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Do something that you have been avoiding.</p>
<p><b>Humility</b> Be quick to listen and slow to talk.</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Give up your time to help someone.</p>	<p><b>Compassion</b> Say something kind to someone new each day</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Step up to lead a game, project, or classroom task.</p>	<p><b>Humility</b> Let someone go first.</p>
<p><b>Compassion</b> Only say nice things to people for a whole day.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Complete a chore that your parent has asked you to do.</p>	<p><b>Courage</b> Try eating a new food, fruit or vegetable.</p>	<p><b>Commitment</b> Try as hard as you can in your least favourite subject.</p>	<p><b>Compassion</b> Pick up a piece of litter or recycle something.</p>

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# Spring Term Highlights Y3 & Y4

## Year 3

Year three exhibited an excellent collection of work showcasing their learning about the history topic, The Stone Age.

They demonstrated respect, curiosity and resilience during their trip to Celtic Harmony.

Children have enjoyed their learning about plants and rocks, especially the practical elements.

Great artistic skills have been demonstrated by children using lots of different media.

Well done to Year 3, the adults have noticed behaviours such as sharing, helping each other, humility and compassion.

## Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown both resilience and responsibility this term in engaging with lessons and exhibiting the learning behaviour needed to improve in subjects across the curriculum. It was a short but very busy term in which we had a day of active learning at Cuffley, found out about fractions and decimals, investigated owl pellets, wrote an explanation on digestion, sang a Viking song, learnt new phrases in Spanish and a whole lot more! The Year 4 teachers would like to wish the children and their families a restful and peaceful Easter.

# Spring Term Highlights Y5 & Y6

## Year 5

What a busy term it has been for Year 5—nonetheless, a thoroughly enjoyable one!

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on the Ancient Greeks. They particularly loved Greek Day, participating in a range of activities from competing in the Olympics to creating their own city-states. The children also enjoyed tasting some classic Greek foods and wasted no time going back for seconds and thirds!

In addition to this, the children have been busy rehearsing Greek plays over the last week and performed them this week—well done to all involved! They even wore their Greek masks to enhance their performances.

The Year 5 class assemblies were fantastic this year, and a big well done to both the class teachers and the children for showcasing the excellent learning that has taken place over the last two terms.

ICT has also been a highlight this term, as the children have engaged incredibly well with micro:bit. They have shown great resilience and creativity while exploring ideas through real coding.

Our trip to Aylesbury Mosque this term was very valuable in enhancing our understanding of its role within the wider community. Year 5's level of respect and inquisitiveness was remarkable.

It cannot go without saying that we were extremely impressed with Year 5's effort on World Book Day—from their costumes to their enthusiasm for all activities.

Year 5 is clearly a very creative year group, and we have also been most impressed with their installation art. The children created some truly unique and interesting pieces, which have formed a lovely display in the Year 5 area of the school.

A big well done to Year 5. We wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing you back in the summer term!

## Year 6

It may have been a short half term, but Year 6 have squeezed a considerable amount into the time. Well done for all the hard work and the progress so many of you have made. Have a wonderful Easter break.

# Spring Term House Point totals



7110 points



7870 points

6790 points



6800 points



Congratulations to **BLUE** house for being awarded the most house points this term.

# WCEJS and JHIS Shared Garden

We are developing a shared garden area for children at Wendover CE Juniors and the John Hampden Infant School. The outside learning area will be used as part of an improved transition package, allowing younger and older children to learn together. Volunteers from RAF Halton helped to clear the area and they will return to help us complete the project.

Members of the John Hampden and Wendover CE Junior school council created a plan of the area, making very good suggestions for what could be included. We now need raw materials to help us complete this project:

- Railway sleepers and log edging for seating and pathways
- Bark chippings for the seating areas and pathways
- Pallets and tyres for the minibeast hotel and vegetable areas

If you are able to help, then please contact the school office: [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

Help Needed



# Easter Bake Sale Winners

Thank you as always to all the children (and parents) for this year's Easter Bakes.

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Bake Sale:

Year 3 – Mackenzie

Year 4 – Rose

Year 5 – Emily

Year 6 – Molly



# Hot Meals – New Menu

We are pleased to introduce our NEW hot lunch menu for the Summer Term.

Meals can be booked via ParentPay from Monday 6th April.

Please note that all hot meals must be booked in advance, no later than 8am on the day.

## Your Spring / Summer 2026

WEEK 1 - 13/04, 04/05, 01/06, 22/06, 13/07, 31/08, 21/09, 12/10				
	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Baked macaroni cheese with garlic bread (V)	Mediterranean vegetable bake (V)	Garlic bread, Peas, Sweetcorn	Vanilla cookie (V)
Tuesday	Creamy chicken tikka with steamed rice	Creamy vegetable tikka with steamed rice (V)	Green beans, Carrots	Chocolate Krispie cake (V)
Wednesday	Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy	Vegetable wellington with gravy (Ve)	Roast potatoes, Mixed vegetables	Vanilla sponge (V)
Thursday	Cheese and tomato pizza	Roasted vegetable pizza (V)	Baked wedges, Mixed salad	Chocolate orange brownie (V)
Friday	Fish cakes	Quorn nuggets (Ve)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Sprinkle sponge (V)

WEEK 2 - 20/04, 11/05, 08/06, 29/06, 20/07, 07/09, 28/09, 19/10				
	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Turkey and cheese tortilla wrap	Roasted vegetable, tomato and cheese wrap (Ve)	Baked wedges, Mixed salad	Vanilla cookie (V)
Tuesday	Traditional beef lasagne	Baked macaroni cheese with garlic bread (V)	Sweetcorn, Peas	Lemon flapjack (Ve)
Wednesday	Chicken Sausage and mash with gravy	Quorn sausage and mash with gravy (Ve)	Mixed vegetables	Toffee sponge (V)
Thursday	Sticky BBQ glazed chicken	Vegetable chilli (V)	Steamed rice, Broccoli, Carrots	Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)
Friday	Chicken nuggets	Green veggie burger (Ve)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Chocolate brownie (V)

WEEK 3 - 27/04, 18/05, 15/06, 06/07, 14/09, 05/10				
	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Creamy garlic chicken penne	Tomato and pesto penne (V)	Garlic bread, Mixed salad	Carrot cake (V)
Tuesday	Beef taco with steamed rice	Vegetable chilli taco with rice (V)	Peas, Sweetcorn	Chocolate chip cookie (V)
Wednesday	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Cheesy vegetable bake (Ve)	Roast potatoes, Mixed vegetables	Sprinkle sponge (V)
Thursday	Breaded chicken burger	Quorn burger (Ve)	Baked wedges, Carrots, Broccoli	Chocolate brownie (V)
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn nuggets (Ve)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Oaty biscuit (V)

**Menu Key:** (Ve) - Vegan (V) - Vegetarian (APP) - Added Plant Power

**ALLERGY INFORMATION** - We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination. If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please speak to your child's school or the Cook Manager on site before ordering your meal for more information. Forms are available through our website or via the school.

Available everyday:



FRESH FRUIT



JELLY

**culinera**  
feeding the future

# 'Purple Up' Day

We are celebrating our service children on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

We are inviting children to wear a **Purple** accessory to show your support for the sacrifice's and resilience that our Service children make.

## ***What is the Month of the Military Child?***

*The Month of the Military Child is an annual event held in April, providing an opportunity to celebrate Service children and the vital role they play within the Armed Forces community. Every year, we recognise their resilience, adaptability, and unique experiences.*





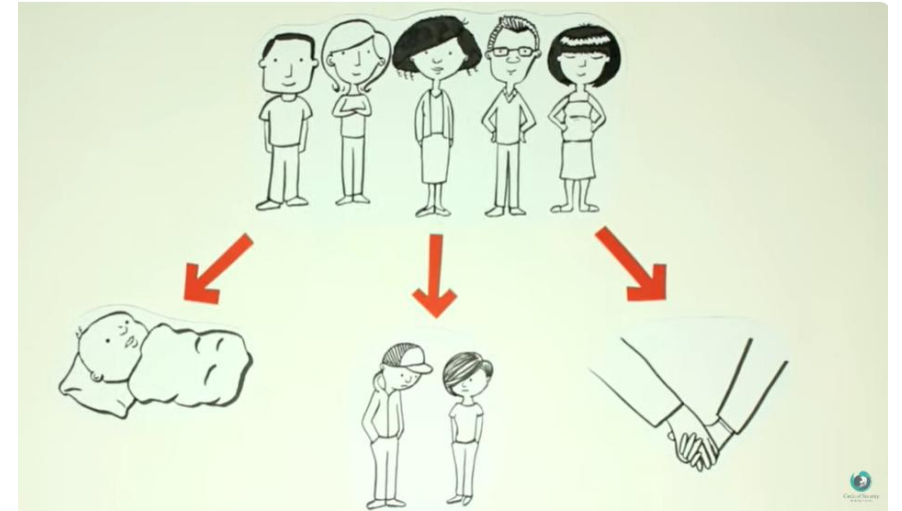
# Free Parenting Course

Restore Hope is running free sessions for parents every Wednesday at 3.30pm at Wendover Junior School.

The course focuses on building stronger relationships with your children.

You can sign up and see more information here:

<https://forms.gle/iK8UeuxFUuWB43Tw5>



**'Circle of security made me a calmer mum, I stopped shouting at my kids and they noticed the difference in me'**

Dawn, Beneficiary



# Free Parent Support

- **Parent Puzzle Workshops (0–5 years)** - Fun and practical sessions to help parents understand their child's behaviour and build a calmer, happier home.
- **Little Talkers (18 months–3 years)** - Relaxed sessions for parents and their child to support speech and language development through play, songs, and routines.
- **The Nurturing Programme (3–11 years)** - Learn new ways for parents to connect with their child, manage behaviour calmly, and strengthen family relationships.
- **Talking Teens (11–18 years)** - Support for parents to improve communication with their teenager and reduce conflict.
- **Keeping Your Child in Mind (All Ages)** - For parents who want to reflect on their own relationships and parenting style to make changes that can positively impact your child's emotional wellbeing
- **Balanceability (2.5 – 5 years)** - Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers

## Young People's Courses:

- **How to... Build Confidence and Self-Esteem** - Help your teenager feel better about themselves, build resilience, and navigate peer pressure and social media.
- **How to... Cope with Stress, Anxiety and Low Mood** - Equip your teenager with tools to manage their emotions and take steps toward a more positive future.
- **How to... Move up to secondary School** – we will be releasing dates of courses and webinars over the next few weeks.

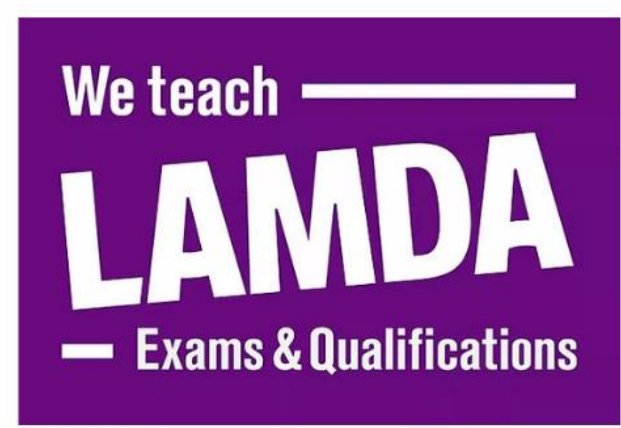
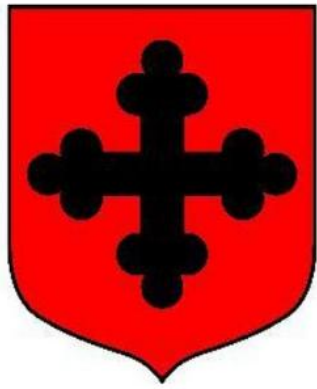
## Children's Courses:

- **Wellbeing Matters (Ages 7–11)** - A fun one-day workshop to help children understand their feelings, build confidence, and learn how to get along with other

All sessions are free and delivered by experienced practitioners in a welcoming, inclusive environment. For more information or to book a place, parents can visit [View our courses, groups, and support | Family Information Service](#).

Parents and young people are also able to drop in to Southcourt Family Centre Plus for **free and confidential advice and information** Mon – Friday (posters attached).

Support Sessions



## 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](http://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](mailto:beckfordmusic@hotmail.com)

**Brass** please email [rjkitchen@sky.com](mailto: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/>