



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)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Year 6 class assemblies	18 th November - 6W 19 th November - 6J 20 th November - 6S	
Year 5 Space Day	28 th November	Live on ParentPay
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	28 th November	Live on ParentPay
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	2 nd December	Live on ParentPay
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
Year 3 Nativity	11 th December	Evening performance
PTA Christmas Bake Sale	15 th December	Details to follow
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
Year 6 Maya Day - Wednesday 3rd December	See letter for information
Flu Vaccinations - 9th December 2025	See letter for consent info
A message from Premier Education	Book holiday camps now for discounted rates

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Friday 7 November - lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of the Aylesbury Food Bank
Friday 14 November - lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Many Tears and Dogs Trust
Friday 21 November – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of the RSPCA
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 current worship theme is **inequality and injustice**.

Worship this week has focussed on Remembrance. Remco, the minister at Wendover Free Church, joined us on Tuesday to share an important message about making judgments:

Children thought about how they live the school values and the fundamental British values: democracy, right of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. They have created fruits, displaying their thoughts, for our prayer trees.

Inequality & Injustice

Fundraising

We are strong believers in courageous advocacy. We encourage children to stand up for what they believe in and help them to do this in a respectful positive way.

Many children are actively involved in organising fundraising activities for a range of worthy causes, through table top sales and bake sales – see page 4. If your child would like to support them, they can bring some change into school to buy one of the items (items usually range from 20p up to £2 per item). Children have already raised hundreds of pounds this term alone.

We do not usually support the national fundraiser days, such as Children in Need. This is because so many children organise weekly fundraisers and mufti days have not raised very much in recent years. Parents have also fed-back that these days can be expensive if children want to buy the latest merchandise, eg t shirts. Obviously, children and families are free to support these charities in other ways; children sometimes do this through cubs, brownies etc. The PTA continues to fundraise on behalf of all the children; mufti days are used to encourage children to engage with these activities.

For Information

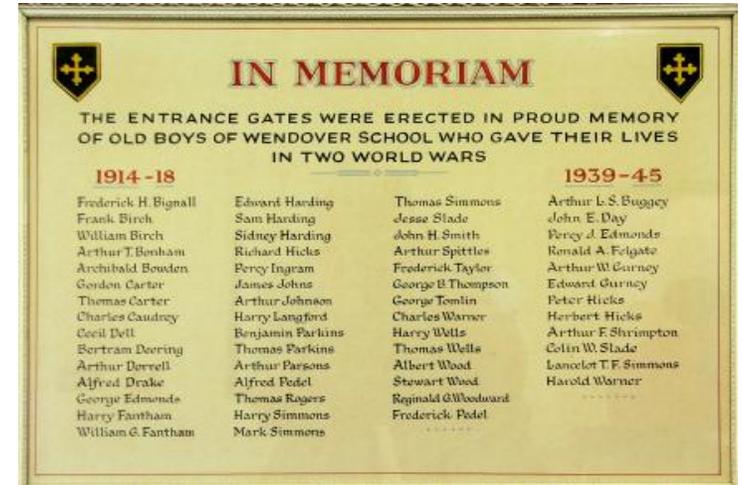
Memorial Gates

We're really pleased to share that our school's historic memorial gates have found a new home in the village. When the school moved, the gates came with us but were no longer being used, so we returned them to the Parish Council to find a new purpose.

The gates were originally put up in 1951 to remember former pupils who lost their lives in the two world wars, replacing wooden gates that were blown down in a tornado. They were blessed on May 10th, 1951, by the Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Buckingham.

The memorial plaque with the pupils' names remains at our school, and the gates can now be seen at the start of Heron Path on the High Street.

The Parish Council will be holding a blessing for the gates in due course, which some of our pupils will be invited to.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 children have been working hard in Maths lessons, completing their end of unit work today, ready to learn about multiplication and division next week!

Children are thinking about the benefits of owning a Robot Dog during our new English unit, Explanation text. Children have enjoyed sharing their learning with parents and adults this week at Parents' Evening.

Year 4

The Year 4 children showed great curiosity when finding out about the Early Church in R.E. In Spanish they have just started their new topic – La Familia – and are planning a surprise which will be shared later in the term. The children have also shown great resilience this week in Science when problem solving different electrical circuits.

Year 5

Year 5 have completed the sentence stacking phase of their newest unit in English, 'Cosmic'. They are now planning and drafting their own adventure stories, including all kinds of shiny vehicles going on impossible adventures. We look forward to reading what the characters in their stories get up to!

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been hard at work creating and practising for our class assemblies next week

TT Rockstars Competition

As part of our commitment to improve times table knowledge in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England.

The competition runs from 07:30 on Tuesday 18th November 2025 to 19:30 on Thursday 20th November 2025. It's all done online via <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> or on the app.

 **PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!** 



Children can play in any game mode, with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

Please check that your child knows their TT Rockstar log in details. If they need a log in reminder, please contact their class teacher.

Class Representatives

Thank you to the four Y3 parents who have volunteered to be Class Reps for this year. We are now busy working with the reps to help further improve our provision and support parents.

There have not been enough volunteers to fill the class representative positions in other year groups – we need all three classes to be represented for this to work effectively. We are going to contact parents again in the spring term and will hopefully fill the vacant positions.

For Information

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 Decoration Competition

The Christmas decoration competition has now closed.

We received lots of really fantastic entries, so thank you to all those children (and parents!) that created an entry and sent it in to school.

The entries will be displayed on the Christmas tree on Manor Waste in the next few weeks.



Uniform

Please support the school by ensuring that your child wears correct uniform – this includes black school shoes (boots or trainers are not school uniform).

Naming kit greatly helps us to return lost property.

Children should not wear jewellery, other than a **single plain stud** in pierced ears and a wristwatch if they choose.



For Action



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

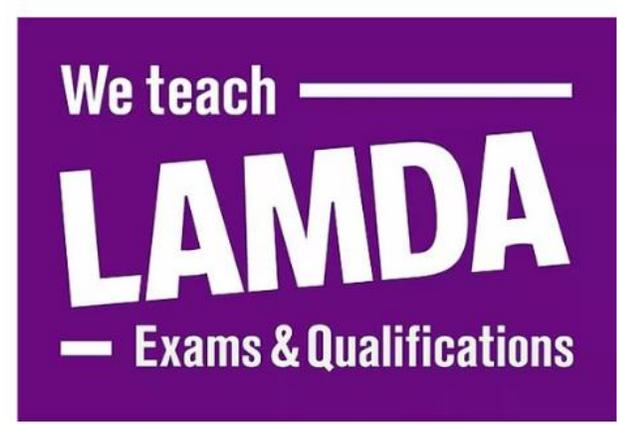
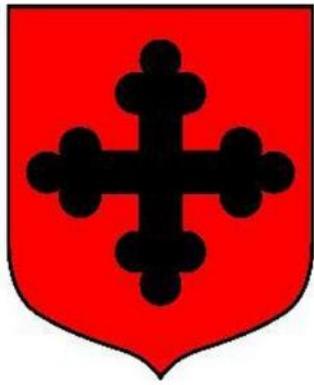
We are looking for three qualified swim instructors to support our school swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at the Wendover Pool.

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/>