



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
'Purple Up' Day	23 rd April	More info in this newsletter
Year 4 Class assemblies	28 th April (4W) , 29 th April (4S) , 30 th April (4J)	
Bank Holiday	4 th May	School closed
Year 6 SATs	11 th – 14 th May	
Year 3 Class assemblies	19 th May (3W) , 20 th May (3J) , 21 st May (3S)	
May half term	25 th – 29 th May	School closed
Inset Day	1 st June	School closed
Year 3 Roman Day	5 th June	Details to follow
Class Photos	9 th June	
Year 4 River and Rowing trip	10 th and 11 th June	Details to follow
Sports Day	19 th June	
Year 6 Residential	24 th – 26 th June	Check instalments are up to date
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 st July	Details to follow
Last Day of term	22 nd July	School closes 13:15

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 5 Cricket Sessions	See email for dates and timings

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Friday 24 April	Table top sale in aid of Combat Stress (resale)

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

The new term sees us beginning a new focus in worship. As part of the school council's Mental health and Wellbeing Passport, we are looking at coping.

This week, we thought about what coping means, emotions we experience and strategies that we might use to help us cope with difficult situations. Sally joined us on Tuesday, sharing the importance of having an anchor to help us in tough times.

This Week's Highlights

Year 3

Children have returned to school with readiness to learn and enthusiasm for the term ahead. Y3 have enjoyed writing fantastic sentences linked to our traditional tale, The Magic Paintbrush. Children have enjoyed learning about the human skeleton in their science lessons

Year 4

The Year 4 children have made productive return to school after the Easter holidays. They have worked hard to write an alternative Iron Man story in English and begun to develop their touch typing skills in Computing.

Year 5

It was a great trip to Waddesdon Manor yesterday and a great introduction to our topic on the Victorians. The children were in awe of the grounds and the house itself. They learned lots about the owners of the house (Rothschild), job roles of the people that worked there and the valuable items within the manor. They learnt that of the 10 surviving ship vases, 2 of these are at Waddesdon Manor. The children's learning behaviour was excellent and they engaged exceptionally well in all of their activities. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have hit the ground running! Straight back into the swing of it with lots of hard work and the added bonus of having our first swimming session.

Extended learning and Doodlemaths

Extended Learning / homework is an important part of our academic provision. It not only improves fluency (ability to use knowledge quickly), but also develops good habits for secondary school and later life. We expect all children to engage with extended learning and all parents to support their child in completing the tasks.

We have noticed that doodlemaths is not being used as often as it should be by some children. If you are having issues logging in, please contact the school office. It is really important for children to complete three shorts sessions of doodlemaths each week.

For Action

'Purple Up' Day

We are celebrating our service children on Thursday 23rd 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.



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

Help Needed

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.

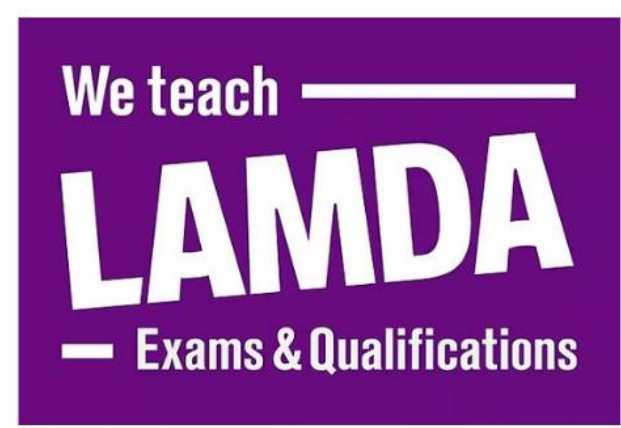
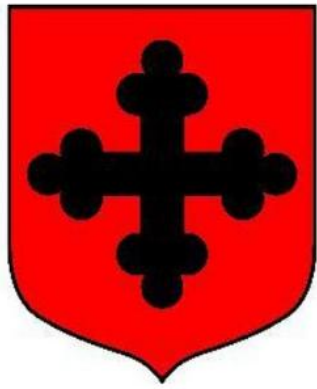
Children's Courses:

- **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

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/>