



# 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 1.5.26

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

# Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Bank Holiday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed
Year 6 SATs	11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Year 3 Class assemblies	19 <sup>th</sup> May (3W) , 20 <sup>th</sup> May (3J) , 21 <sup>st</sup> May (3S)	
May half term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed
Inset Day	1 <sup>st</sup> June	School closed
Year 3 Roman Day	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Live on ParentPay
Class Photos	9 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 4 River and Rowing trip	10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Details to follow
Sports Day	19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Year 6 Residential	24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Check instalments are up to date
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Details to follow
Last Day of term	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes 13:15

# Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Secondary School Transfer Test (the 11+)	Reminder email
Instrument donations	Help expand our range of instruments

# Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Thursday 7 May	Table top sale in aid of Tigglywinkles and Cancer Research UK
Friday 8 May	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.**

# This Week's Highlights

## Year 3

Children have thoroughly enjoyed watching our ducklings swim in their paddling pool and having a hold of them!  
Children have spent time planning and writing their version of the Magic Paintbrush independently  
Children have enjoyed using concrete resource in maths to help them find unit and non unit fractions of amounts!

## Year 4

All three Year 4 classes enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents in class assemblies this week which included a number of Oscar winning performances! The children also demonstrated great research and collaboration skills in computing when using a data logging app to find the brightest, dullest, quietest and loudest place in school.

## Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their maths unit on co-ordinates this week. They have understood translation well. In computing, they have been busy creating vector drawings by combining shapes. They enjoyed layering shapes to create animals.

## Year 6

Last week in science, Year 6 went out into the grounds to do a survey on the local fauna and flora. This week they enjoyed using that information to create local field guides. There are some fantastic pieces of work.

# Worship

As part of the school council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport, we thought about how people cope with social injustices. We revised our learning about the actions of Rosa Parks and Guy Bailey, both affected by a lack of rights.

We then thought about people who are not as privileged as ourselves, having far less opportunity in their lives. As we continue this theme, we will be exploring what we can do to improve other's lives.

# 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**

# Celebrating success

Well done to Jack in Year 5, who organised and ran a fantastic tabletop sale to raise money for Combat Stress.

Thanks to his hard work, organisation and enthusiasm he raised an amazing £250 for the charity.

Thank you to everyone who supported the sale.

The logo for Combat Stress, featuring the word "COMBAT" in a bold, orange, sans-serif font above the word "STRESS" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font.

**COMBAT**  
**STRESS**

# Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out with our Year 3 “Life in Roman Britain” Day in school on Friday 5th June 2026. The day will begin at approximately 9am.

Events like these rely on the support of parent volunteers to help the day run smoothly and to ensure the children get the most from the experience.

If you are available and would like to be part of this exciting day, please let us know by emailing the school office at [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk).

We would be very grateful for your support....please feel free to come dressed up!

**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.

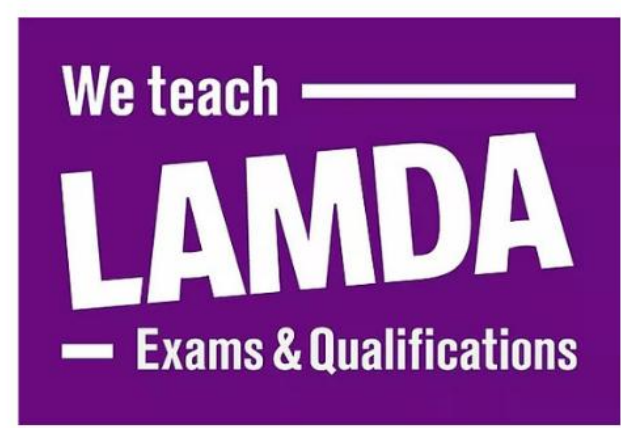
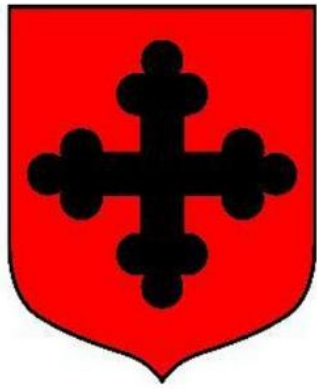
## Children's Courses:

- **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](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/>