



Wendover CE Junior School

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Newsletter 20.3.26

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Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
PTA Bake Sale	23 rd March	
Easter Service at St Mary's Church	25 th March	10am – Year 3 and 4 11am – Year 5 and 6 Parents welcome
Last day of Spring Term	26 th March	Finish at 13:15
INSET Day	27 th March	School closed
School closed for Easter break	30 th March – 12 th April	School closed
Back to school for Summer Term	13 th April	School open from 8:40am
Year 5 trip to Waddesdon Manor	16 th April	Consent and contribute on ParentPay
Year 6 Swimming Lessons	17 th April	Consent on ParentPay and complete form
Year 4 Class assemblies	28 th – 30 th April	Classes TBC
Bank Holiday	4 th May	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
PE Day change for Y3 next week	Read for changes
Summer Term Extra Curricular Clubs	Dates, details and how to book
Y6 Consent to watch 'Holes' rated PG	Read for information
Lost Property!	Chance to reclaim any lost items
Secondary Transfer Test for your child	Read for important information

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Thursday 26 March	Table top sale in aid of Combat Stress

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 focus of the school council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport this term is learning. This will include learning about our own and other's behaviour. During Lent, we thinking about the importance of reflection and committing to living our values.

We have shared the Easter story this week. Children have been asked to think about some important questions, including:

- Why did Jesus choose to ride on a donkey?
- Why did he was his disciples feet?
- Why did he not stop the crucifixion form happening?

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30 Acts for Lent

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

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Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 demonstrated our Rs and Cs on our trip to Celtic Harmony this week. The children had a fantastic time learning about life during the Stone Age period, taking part in practical activities and watching flint knapping and fire lighting.

Children enjoyed watching and engaging with the London Museum live stream yesterday - we learnt all about prehistoric objects found in and around London.

Children have been studying how artists have interpreted the Easter Story and are making their own artwork in response.

Year 4

The Year 4 children exhibited excellent behaviour at the recent trip to Cuffley Active Learning Centre. They enjoyed the various activities that focussed on their team building skills and helped improve their resilience. They have also shown great creativity in English, writing descriptive sentences based on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed Greek Day on Thursday. They took part in activities like the Mini Olympics, made columns out of clay and created their own Greek city states. There was also an opportunity to learn how to dance like Zorba the Greek, and taste some Greek foods, like pomegranate, feta cheese, houmous, pita bread and tzatziki. We were very impressed with their costumes as well!

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been drafting, editing and publishing their suspense stories - they are looking fabulous. Special artwork for the Easter Haikus, brought the week to an enjoyable end.

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

NEW! WENDOVER JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR

Let Your Voice Shine!

Starting Monday 9th March

3:35pm – 4:20pm

then every Monday @ Wendover Junior School (exact venue tbc)

🎵 Do you love singing? 🎵 Want to make new friends?

🎵 Enjoy fun songs and performing? Then Choir is for YOU!

All abilities welcome – come along and join the fun!

Led by: Mrs Barrett with Mrs Beck assisting

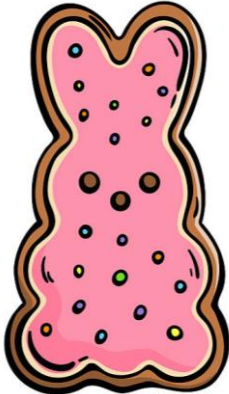
For more information: see Mrs Beck in Year 4 for a letter to take home and return.

Exciting group performance opportunities to come! 🎵

☀️ Sing. Smile. Shine. ☀️



PTA Easter Bake Sale



WICES PTA PRESENTS

EASTER BAKE SALE

MONDAY 23 MARCH '26
3.30PM

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DESIGN
IN EACH YEAR GROUP!

BAKE SALE AFTER
SCHOOL UNDER THE
GAZEBO

A central poster for the Easter Bake Sale. It features a blue background with white clouds and colorful bunting at the top. The text is in yellow and white. At the bottom, there are two white bunnies sitting on a green grassy field with several colorful Easter eggs (purple, yellow, pink, blue).

'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.



HAF Programme

If eligible, you will have received an email or text message from [HolidayActivities.com](https://www.holidayactivities.com) containing your Easter HAF voucher on or around 27 February 2026.

Places are available locally at Premier Education which is based here at Wendover Junior School. Please see their link to their offer here:

<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/premier-education-buckinghamshire>

Please click on the link below to remind you how to book places:

[How to book HAF places | Family Information Service](#)

If you have not received your email

- If you still need help, please contact Holiday Activities via email at support@evouchers.com
- Should you still need support please contact HAF@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



Zebra Crossing Safety Reminder

Please take extra care at the zebra crossing near the school entrance, just beyond the barrier.

Pedestrians have priority at all times, especially when waiting to cross or already on the crossing. We have received reports of vehicles not stopping, which puts pupils and families at risk.

All drivers, including taxi companies, are reminded to approach slowly and give way to pedestrians.

Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.



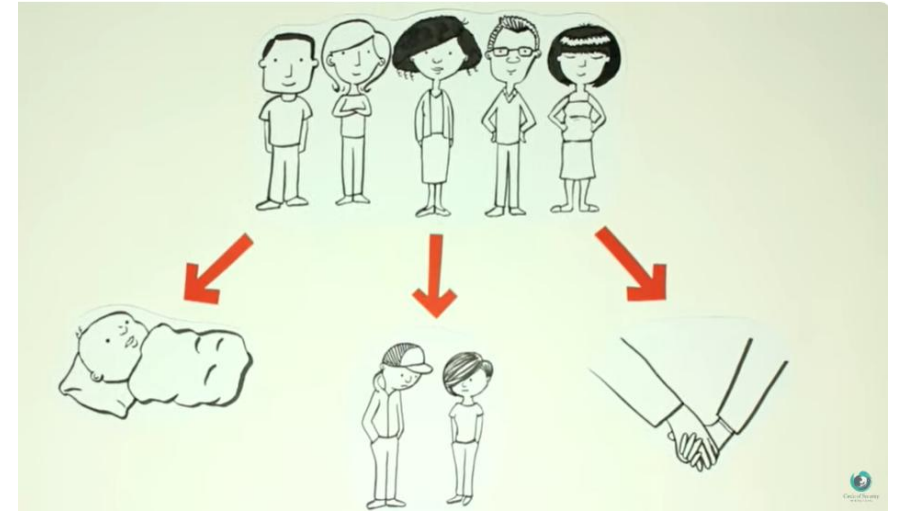
Free Parenting Course

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



Parent Led Support Group

The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.

Walking With You is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can take part discussing shared experiences with other parents and carers as well as having **mental health professionals from CAMHS** on-hand to support and answer any questions you may have.

Currently sessions are being ran by Microsoft Teams and occasionally face to face. you can join or leave as any point (meetings are not recorded). However, we send notes out from the sessions.

Our next sessions are:

Friday, 23rd of March, 10am – 11.30am (TEAMS and/or face to face) BULLYING AND CYBER BULLYING

If face to face, the session would be held at Princes Risborough Golf Club, but also online on Teams for those who can't join face to face. Please specify where you would want to attend.

If you would like to join our session/s or would like further information, please contact:

Roxy Uritescu, Participation Lead,
Bucks CAMHS at Roxy.uritescu@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk



Support Sessions

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.

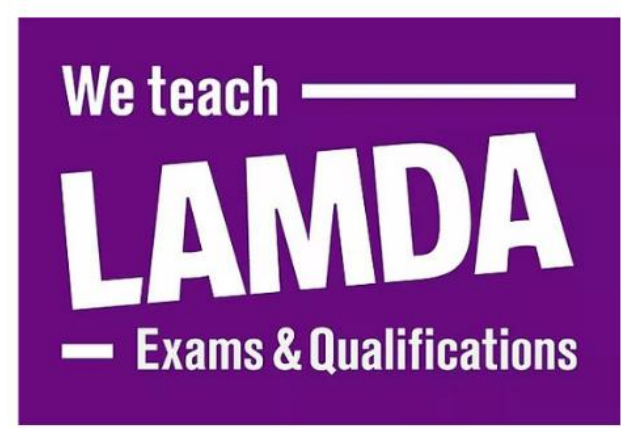
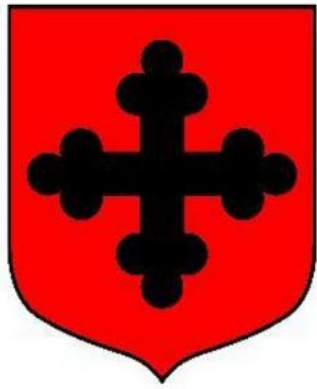
Children's Courses:

- **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/>