



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 30.1.26

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
SEND parent meetings	4 th , 5 th , 10 th – 12 th Feb	Bookings open 26 th Jan at 8am
Parent Consultations	11 th and 12 th February	Bookings open from 2 nd Feb at 6pm
Year 5 trip to Aylesbury Mosque	11 th February	Consent and pay on ParentPay
INSET Day	13 th February	School Closed
Half term	16 th February – 20 th February	School Closed
PTA Movie Night	26 th February	Save the Date - info to follow
Year 6 Residential parent information event	2 nd March	3:45pm – info to follow
Year 6 God and the Big Bang	4 th March	Info to follow
World Book Day	6 th March	
Year 5 Class Assemblies	10 th , 11 th , 12 th March	
Year 4 trip to Cuffley ALC	16 th March	Consent and pay on ParentPay
Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony	18 th March	Consent and pay on ParentPay
INSET Day	27 th March	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 4 Music	Wellies to be brought to school

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Friday 30 January – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale
Friday 6 February - lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Breast Cancer UK
Thursday 12 February	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

This half-term's theme is belonging; this is part of the school council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport.

Our focus this week was courage. We learned that courage is not the same as self-confidence. Courage is about overcoming our anxiety or fear. We often have to show courage when making decisions or facing change. Children have thought about different strategies that will help them to build courage.

Our focus next week will be humility.

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Neolithic village of Skara Brae in their English lessons, ahead of writing a persuasive text

Children enjoyed another practical science lesson, learning about how sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks are formed - with skittle sweets!

Year 4

The Year 4 children have worked hard in English to write and illustrate their explanations on teeth. Additionally, they showed great curiosity in science in exploring a question to investigate about keeping teeth healthy. In RE they have looked at how different religions use stories to tell a moral, a parable or a message and thoroughly enjoyed acting out the Hindu story of the 6 blind men and the elephant.

Year 5

Year 5 started learning a new unit in English about Robert Scott and his expedition to Antarctica. They were fascinated to find out that there were 2 teams, one from Norway and one from Great Britain who were in a race to reach the South Pole at the same time.

Year 6

In Year 6 art this week we got the paint out! Mr Kirk wanted to cry but the children had fun blending paint to create the backgrounds for their WW1 silhouettes!

Educational Visits

Educational visits really help to support learning. We strive to offer educational visits that are both engaging and affordable.

We need parents to support educational visits in order that they continue. Parent consent is required to take children on visits outside the local area. We also need sufficient contributions to cover the cost of travel, entrance fees and tuition at the places we visit.

The school office spends a lot of time chasing parents for their consent; this is not sustainable. Some visits have received insufficient contributions. We are reviewing our offer of educational visits and we may need to cancel visits without high levels of parent support.

Travelling Book Fair

We are pleased to tell you that the Travelling Book Fair is returning to our school this year. It will take place in the hall on the following days:

- After school on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February 2026
- During Parents evening: Wednesday 11th February and Thursday 12th February, until 6pm.

We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will help us to fund new books for the children. Children will be coming over the course of next week with a wish list. Further details are found on the attached letter.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

Books featured include:

- DOG MAN: Big Jim Believes
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Party Pooper
- POKÉMON MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK
- Capubara Kingdom
- The Scarecrows' Wedding
- TOM GATES PESKY PETS PARTIES

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2026

DATE: TIME:

LOCATION:

Scan to pay securely online!

TT Rockstars Slow Game Play & slow voice in Apple (iOS) Devices

We have been made aware of an issue affecting some Apple (iOS) devices where the TTRS game ran more slowly than usual. In some cases, the voice that read the questions may have sounded unusually slow. If this has been an issue on your Apple device please see how to fix it below.

On browser (Safari) within an Apple device

An update was made in December which should resolve the issue on Safari browser on iOS devices. Please make sure you restart any iOS devices and the issue should be resolved.

Within the TTRS app on an Apple device:

Back in December, an update to the TTRS app was released which should resolve the issue. Please ensure you are on the latest version (v4.25.12).

Mrs West
Computing Lead



Uniform

A number of parents have sought clarification about school uniform recently. We have amended the uniform policy to provide additional support for parents: <https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies>

Shops may have items in their school uniform section, but they may not comply with our policy. Skirts, shorts and trousers should be **grey**, not black. They should also be school uniform, not fashion fit. In particular, trousers should not be tight fitting by design or boot cut/flared. Trainers or boots should not be worn, unless there are medical reasons (email school office if you believe this is the case); additional guidance for footwear has been added to the policy.

Parent Consultations

The online booking portal will open on Monday 2nd February for you to book your Spring Term parent consultation slot. It will remain open until Friday 6th February.

Consultations will be held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February between 3:50pm and 6:30pm.

A step-by-step guide on how to book your appointments is attached for your reference. If you encounter any difficulties or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/parent_consultations/646756

Donations Needed: Old Shirts for Art Aprons

Our art cupboard could use a little love! As part of our painting and messy art activities, we're always in need of aprons to help protect children's uniforms and clothes.

If you have any old shirts at home that are no longer being worn we would be very grateful to give them a second life. These shirts make perfect, easy-to-use aprons for painting and other creative projects.

Donations can be sent into school with your child and handed to their class teacher.

Thank you for your support.



Help Us Recycle Biscuit & Sweet Tubs

Please help us reduce plastic waste by donating your clean, empty plastic biscuit and confectionery tubs.

Many household recycling collections cannot recycle this type of plastic, so instead of going to landfill, we're collecting them in school (or you can take them direct to the Shoulder of Mutton) to be recycled properly.

How to help:

Please wash and dry tubs before sending them in

Bring donations to Mrs Simpson

Collection dates: 1 January – 15 February 2026

Since Tub2Pub launched the scheme has already made a huge difference. Last year alone, over 240,000 tubs were collected, preventing nearly 28 tonnes of plastic from going to landfill. Proceeds from recycling also support Macmillan Cancer Support, helping to fund vital care for people living with cancer.



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:

Monday, 19th of January, 10am – 11:30am - (TEAMS)

THEME: JANUARY – ADHD

Monday, 23rd of February, 10am – 11.30am (TEAMS)

THEME: EATING DISORDERS

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



Walking With You



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.

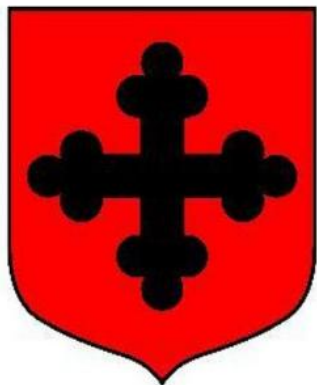
Children's Courses:

- **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/>