



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 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 6 - 2026 Leavers Hoodies	Order by 10 th May via the link
Year 6 SATs Week	Read for information and timings
Year 3 Roman Day	See for event information including costumes

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Friday 1 May	Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale
Thursday 21 May	Table top sale in aid of Tiggywinkles and Cancer Research UK

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

Y3 have waited patiently for the hatching of our ducklings - they were most excited on Thursday when ducklings were in the cage rather than eggs!

Children have create some fantastic tonal drawings after studying the work of ceramicist Magdalene Odundo. Children have learnt about the different type of skeleton and what animals have which skeletons!

Year 4

The Year 4 children have been busy writing and rehearsing their class assemblies for next week and are eager to show their parents what they have learnt this year. The children were also very excited by the start of the English unit on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – especially the chocolate tasting lesson!

Year 5

Year 5 did research about the life of Sir David Attenborough in English this week. They have started writing sentences about his fascinating past, as they are piecing together a biography about him. It is all very exciting, as Sir David will be celebrating his 100th birthday on the 8th of May this year, and we don't doubt his vast contribution to the exploration and conservation of the natural world!

Year 6

This week the children have begun to get their teeth into writing 'Balanced Arguments' - and relaying both sides of a story and they enjoyed collecting data on the local school plants and animals for science

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

Musical Instruments

We now have an outside piano that children have enjoyed playing this week. We would like to provide more instruments for children to play at social times. This will not only increase their interests in music, but also give them a chance to try instruments before they ask for one at home.

If you have any unwanted instruments, please consider donating them to school. We are especially interested in guitars, ukuleles, recorders and other portable instruments.

Do not worry about the condition. Any donations will be welcome and can be left at the school office.

Help Needed

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.

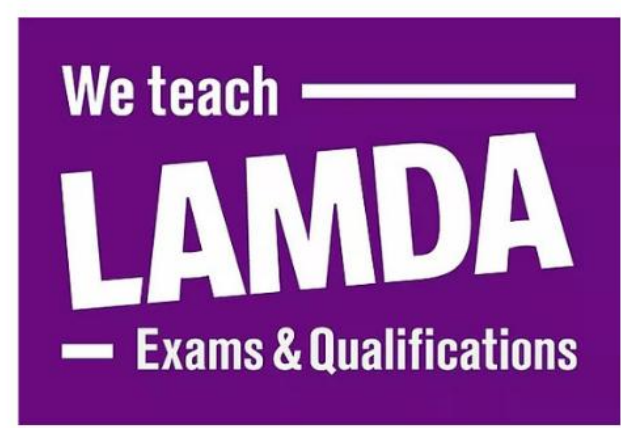
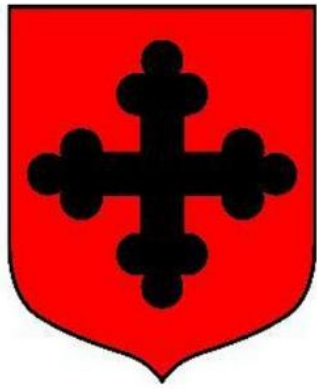
Children's Courses:

- **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/>