



# 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 16.1.26

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

# Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Parent Consultations	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Note: date change
INSET Day	13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed
Half term	16 <sup>th</sup> February – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed
PTA Movie Night	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Save the Date - info to follow
Year 6 Residential parent information event	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3:45pm – info to follow
Year 6 God and the Big Bang	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Info to follow
World Book Day	6 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 5 Class Assemblies	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 4 trip to Cuffley ALC	16 <sup>th</sup> March	Consent and pay on ParentPay
Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Consent and pay on ParentPay
INSET Day	27 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed

# Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action

# Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Wednesday 21 January – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of PACE
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

Our theme this week has been New Year's Resolutions; this follows on from last week's theme of Epiphany.

Daily worship has focussed on how we can be better friends to people, building on lessons that Jesus taught and also using the school values to inform our decisions.

Weekly reflection this week gave children a chance to think about what they might do to be an even better friend to someone.

# Weekly Highlights

## Year 3

Y3 children have been working with pencil and charcoal this week to create simple drawings following on from studying the images in Prehistoric caves

Children have continued to enjoy practical experiments in Science, considering the properties of rocks

## Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown great curiosity at the start of our Science topic on teeth and digestion. They particularly enjoyed recreating the digestive process using crackers, banana, orange juice and the leg of an old pair of tights! In English, the children are learning the skills and the vocabulary to write an explanation on digestion and the importance of looking after your teeth.

## Year 5

Year 5 had a great time in computing this week using micro:bit ( a smart pocket-sized computer) to code. They were excellent at programming code, creating name badges. They cannot wait till next week to use them again!

## Year 6

This week we have begun preparing for our Silhouette Art projects, learnt about programming variables in scratch and planned for our independent writing. It is all go in year 6 at the moment. Another busy, successful week.

## **School Governors**

We have a small number of vacancies on our governing body. Could you be the person we are looking for?

Governors play a vital role in school development, supporting the leadership team with strategic direction. You do not need to have a background in education and training is provided.

If you are interested, please contact the school office and one of our governors will arrange a time to talk with you about the role and the commitments.

# Attendance & Punctuality

Statutory guidance means that we regularly monitor attendance and we are legally obliged to share attendance information with parents. Most of the communication will be for your information only and will require no action. In a small number of cases, further support or action may need to be discussed – this will be clearly set out in the communication. To ensure consistency across the local liaison group of schools, we have a shared policy and we use model letters from the local authority.

We understand weather has implications on the mornings but please remember that children should arrive to school by 8:50am. Our attendance policy is available on the school website:

<https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>



# Uniform

Please remember to check the school uniform policy when replacing clothing:

<https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

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. Leggings should not be worn, other than underneath school uniform in very cold weather.

# 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, 19<sup>th</sup> of January, 10am – 11:30am - (TEAMS)**

**THEME: JANUARY – ADHD**

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 10am – 11.30am (TEAMS)**

**THEME: EATING DISORDERS**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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:

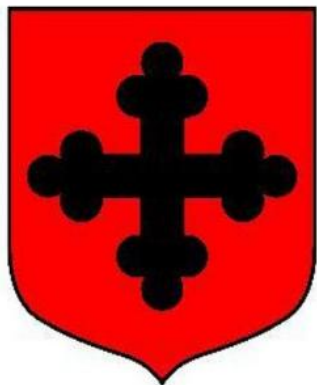
- **How to... Build Confidence and Self-Esteem** - Help your teenager feel better about themselves, build resilience, and navigate peer pressure and social media.
- **How to... Cope with Stress, Anxiety and Low Mood** - Equip your teenager with tools to manage their emotions and take steps toward a more 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).



# 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/>