



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 19.12.25



Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
End of term	19 th December	School closes at 13:15
Back to school - Spring Term	5 th January	School opens at 8:40am
Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)	12 th January	
Parent Consultations	4 th and 5 th February	
INSET Day	13 th February	School Closed
Half term	16 th February – 20 th February	School Closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Y6 Height and Weight Screening	See email for opt-out details

Autumn Update

This has been a very busy and successful term for Wendover CE Juniors. Building on the positive Ofsted inspection in the summer term, we have been refining the curriculum to ensure that children have plenty of opportunities to revisit learning. Our library has been renovated, not only with wonderful wall art but also with new books – we are encouraging everyone to read more this year.

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this term, whether it be meetings with teachers, performances, class assemblies or services in Church.

Thank you all for your continued support. On behalf of everyone at Wendover CE Junior School, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gareth Kynaston
Headteacher

Worship

In this final wee before we break up for Christmas, we have continued to think about the light that shines within us. Specifically, how can we light up the lives of others?

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Carol Service at St Mary's Church this week and for the many positive comments received from parents.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 children have been busy making Christmas Crafts this week, singing wonderfully at the Church service and demonstrating kindness to each other this week.

Well done year 3 children, Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have been in a very festive mood this week, plotting a route for Father Christmas to take around the world in Geography, reading and analysing a traditional Christmas story in Guided Reading and singing Silent Night in Spanish beautifully at the Carol Concert in church. The Year 4 teachers would like to wish all the children and their families a safe, enjoyable and restful Christmas break.

Year 5

Year 5 had a very good Autumn term. We learnt about reading maps, we wrote our own narrative story, we learnt about NASA and Space, and even had the opportunity to go into the Space Dome! In RE we discussed rites of passage, and agreed that people can still be kind to each other, no matter their faith. In Maths, we learnt more about fractions, and discovered that they are not quite so scary - we just need to say what we see! The Year 5 staff wish all the pupils and their families festive season's greetings.

Year 6

Well done Year 6, that was a very busy term! Thank you everyone, for all your hard work and from all the staff in Year 6 we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a restful break.

Christmas Gathering

Christmas is the time of year,
That fills our hearts with joy and cheer.
We gather together to celebrate,
Sharing meals and staying up late.

With gifts exchanged and love to spare.
The little ones laughter fills the air.
Excited to see their family and toys,
Their hearts overflow with Christmas joy.

The cold night falls,
The stars shine bright, "Shh little ones, it's time for the night".
Santa's on his way with gifts in tow,
Close your eyes now, to dreamland you go.
For if you wake and try to peek,
Santa may pass with no gifts to seek!

So drift to sleep, snug and deep,
Santa's magic is a secret to keep.
The adults will linger, just a little bit longer,
Sharing stories as bonds grow stronger.

With laughter and memories,
A cherished connection on this Holy Night.

Matilda
Year 4



Campus Safety

Thank you to everyone for continuing to keep the campus roads safe. In the main, parking has been far more considerate – particularly outside the John Hampden School – and speeds have been lower.

Thank you to the parent who has volunteered their time to help traffic marshal, more are welcome, and for a kind donation of no-waiting cones.

Thank you!

Celebrating Success

Well done to all the children who have received teacher and headteacher commendations this term. We hope those awarded Magic Books book vouchers have enjoyed spending them.

Congratulations to our Christmas Bake Sale winners:
Skye Y3, Rose Y4, Emily Y5, Sylvie Y6.

Well done to the winners of the Upcycle Christmas jumper competition, who have each received a book voucher:
Heidi Y3, Charlotte and Skye Y4, Emma Y5 and Freddie Y6

Congratulations to **BLUE HOUSE** for being awarded the most house points this term.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Help for parents of autistic children

The Anna Freud Centre is commissioned by the NHS to offer free, online coaching sessions through Autism Central.

Autism Central is England's national autism peer education programme, designed to support families and the wider support networks of autistic people.

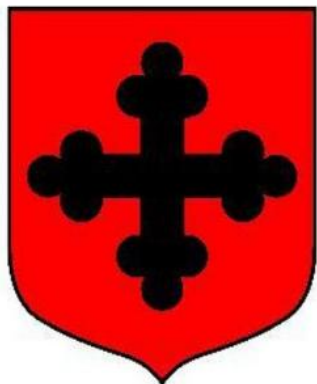
"These sessions are delivered by their trained and supervised peer guides with lived or family experience.

The sessions offer a safe space to reflect on autistic wellbeing, family life and practical guidance, helping you feel heard, connected and navigate services.

Anyone living in England and supporting an autistic person of any age is eligible.
4, 8 or 10 consecutive sessions can be booked."

<https://www.autismcentral.org.uk/one-one>

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/>