



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 Egyptian Day	15 th October	Consent and contribute on ParentPay
Y2 Parent Tours	15 th October – 17 th October	See the attached letter
Author Visit	24 th October	See the attached letter
PTA Halloween Jam Jars	24 th October	
Half Term	27 October – 31 October	School Closed
Parent Consultations	12 th and 13 th November	Details to follow
Year 6 class assemblies	18 th , 19 th and 20 th November	Details to follow
Year 5 Space Day	28 th November	Details to follow
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	28 th November	Details to follow
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	2 nd December	Details to follow
INSET day	5 th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Class Representatives	See email
Year 4 Science Activity	Items needed
Safeguarding Alert! Weblink in books	Read for important information

Worship

Over the next five weeks, we will be exploring the themes of **inequality and injustice**. This week, children have thought about what these terms mean.

We began thinking about these terms in relation to sports. As an introduction to Black History Month, we then explored how the actions of Rosa Parks and Guy Bailey challenged inequality and injustice.

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 children are revisiting addition and subtraction knowledge, ready to learn about column addition and subtraction in their coming maths lessons

Children have continued to enjoy practical learning while investigating magnet strength during science lessons

Children are preparing to write their own story, 'Katie in Wendover' after planning carefully, thinking about including adjectives, verbs, adverbs and similes!

Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown great curiosity when learning about volume and pitch in Science and resilience when trying to make pan pipes that work. They have also worked hard on their responses to some difficult comprehension questions on Victorian poetry in guided reading.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed learning about Newton's 3 laws of motion this week. They learned that inertia is not such a scary word, and that the three laws actually make a lot of sense. Then they devised their own experiments to test all three laws. It was very interesting!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have drafted, edited and published their newspaper reports based on the story of the Three Little Pigs - a wonderful range of creativity and journalism!

Afterschool Spanish club is going really well. The children have been excited to learn new topics in Spanish as well as improve their speaking, reading and writing skills. "I find Spanish club really enjoyable! We always do things that aren't too hard and we get to have squash and biscuits too!" (Maya - Year 6)

Author Visit

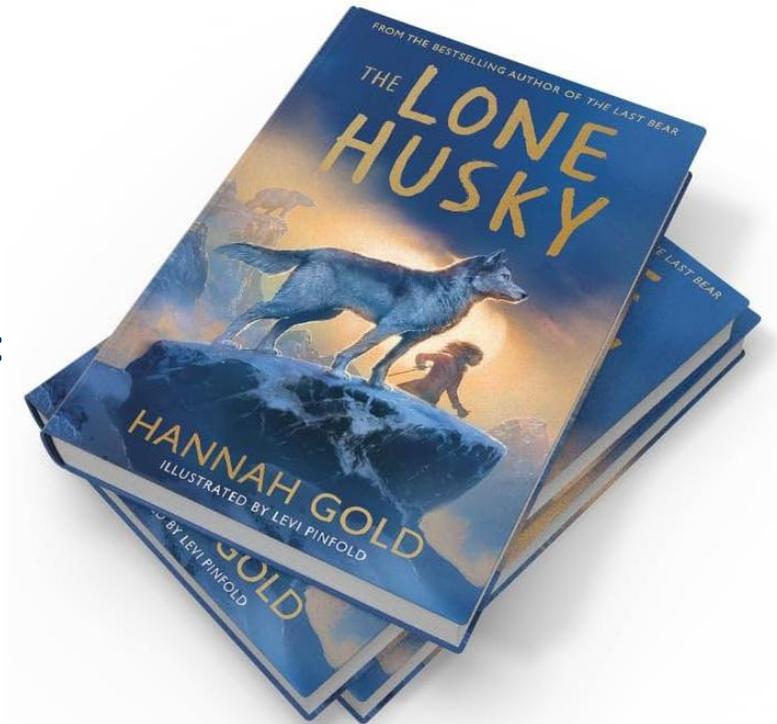
On Friday 24th October 2025, the award-winning author Hannah Gold will visit our school to share more information about her new book 'The Lone Husky'.

There is an exciting opportunity for pupils to purchase her new book and these will be signed.

You will need to order her book from Tring Bookshop by using this link: <https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/the-lone-husky-a-brand-new-arctic-adventure-from-the-sunday-times-best-selling-author-of-the-last-bear/>

Postage is not required as Tring Bookshop will deliver all the books on the day. Please write your child's name and class when you are ordering.

Please place any order by Wednesday 22nd October 2025.



Aylesbury Food Bank

We are continuing to collect food for the local food bank. Children can bring items to the school reception.

The items are collected each week and are very much appreciated. Thank you very much for whatever you can spare.



Attendance

Schools are required to monitor attendance regularly and take appropriate action where there are concerns. The local authority have a clear process for monitoring attendance; the local liaison group of school follows this process and works together to improve school attendance.

The correlation between high attendance, achievement and mental health & wellbeing is well documented. High attendance also helps children develop positive attitudes and habits that will help them in their next stage of education and work. Our school attendance target is 97% and our average attendance this school year is 96%.

We inform parents if there are concerns about their child's attendance rate, patterns of attendance or punctuality. We may then offer support to help improve attendance. We are obliged to inform the local authority if there are 15 days of illness (consecutive or non-consecutive), if children have 5 or more days of unauthorised leave in a 10 week rolling period or if attendance continues to be of concern.

Please remember that routine medical appointments should not be during the school day. Any leave of absence must be requested using the LOA application form.

Pupil-led fundraiser

A group of Year 6 children are holding a bake sale to raise money for MacMillan Cancer support.

The sale will be at the school gate on Monday 13 October 3.30pm.

Thank you for your support.



Swim Instructors Needed

We are looking for three qualified swim instructors to support our school swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at the Wendover Pool.

Applicants must hold a current qualification.

If you are available and interested in helping, please email the school office as soon as possible. Unfortunately, without these positions filled, we will not be able to run swimming lessons.



Support required

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/>