



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 23.1.26

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

| Activity | Dates | Action for Parents |
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| 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 |
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| Young Carer | Information and guidance for young carers |
| Premier February Holiday and Inset Day Camp | Booking info and discount code |
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Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

| Date & time | Activity |
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| 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 focus will be belonging. This is the second part of the school council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport (last term we looked at basics: safety, eating well and sleeping well).

In learning how to be better community members, we will think about compassion, courage, humility and commitment. We focused on compassion this week, in particular thinking about what we do to help ourselves and what we do to help others. We recognised that we have individual needs and the groups we are part of need us to do certain things.

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard on their independent story writing in English.

Children have showed great interest in their Keeping Safe topic in RSHE this week, considering safe and unsafe situations, and thinking about strategies that can help keep them safe.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have shown great resilience in maths lessons when using partitioning and part whole models to work out the answer to division questions. In Science, they used their knowledge of different types of teeth to construct a set of adult teeth out of plasticine. They have also shown their creativity in Computing lessons using FMS Logo to create shapes and patterns.

Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed researching about polar bears and writing non-chronological reports. They have been very busy publishing their reports. I must say some are 'unbearably' good! They were interested in learning about the levels of power and social classes during Ancient Greek times and enjoyed role playing these roles.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been drafting, editing and today, publishing their narratives based on The Arrival. It is pleasing to see the writing improvements for many of the children. Well done.

Child-led fundraisers

As part of today's celebration assembly, a parent organised for Lyn and Florrie Bear from Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity to visit and give a presentation, thanking the children for all their fundraising efforts.

Zettie in Year 6 presented Florence Nightingale Hospice with an impressive cheque for £445, raised through her own fundraising efforts.

We also presented a cheque for £359:

£200 was raised at the Year 3 Nativity through parent donations and the sale of Mrs McHardy-Jones' handmade paper angels.

Lunchtime sales raised a further £159:

Aimee, Naya, Erin, Charlotte and Lilly Mae raised £70.00

Ida, Aleena, Sienna, Cami and Laura raised £42.00

Daisy and Hazel raised £47.00.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Art Competition

Well done to Alex and Joshua in Y3 for demonstrating great initiative and responsibility, by creating a chance for children to get involved and create a piece of artwork for their competition . The boys ran a Sea themed art competition and were inundated with excellent entries.

Entries will be on the website soon, and a selection of entries will be displayed in school.

Well done to all those who entered, and to Alfie for winning the competition.



PE Lessons

Physical Education is a statutory subject in the national curriculum. All children are expected to take part as far as they are able. Please email the school office if your child has an injury or medical condition that might limit their involvement.

Children should wear the correct kit and may wear additional layers in cold weather. You will receive a text message if your child does not have the correct kit or forgets their kit. For health and safety reasons, all children are expected to have bare feet for gymnastics. Verruca's should be covered with a plaster or tape if they are painful and special gymnastics socks with a grip on the sole may be worn if deemed appropriate.

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 boot 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

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.

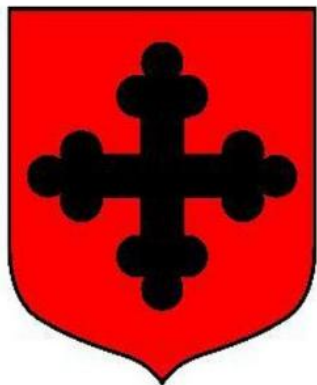
Children's Courses:

- **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/>