



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 21.11.25

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Year 5 Space Day	28 th November	Consent/contribute by <u>21.11.25</u>
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	28 th November	Consent/contribute by <u>21.11.25</u>
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	2 nd December	Consent/contribute by <u>21.11.25</u>
Year 6 Maya Day	3 rd December	Info sent on 14.11.25
INSET day	5 th December	School closed
Flu Vaccinations	9 th December	See email for consent info
Year 3 Nativity	10 th December	Afternoon performance
Year 3 Nativity	11 th December	Evening performance
PTA Christmas Bake Sale	15 th December	Details to follow
Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church	17 th December	Y3 and Y4 – 10am Y5 and Y6 – 11am } Parents Welcome
End of term	19 th December	School closes at 13:15
Back to school - Spring Term	5 th January	School opens at 8:40am

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Y6 English Topic Film	See email regarding action
Y5 Art Unit	Materials required by 2 nd December
Hazard Alley – Visit information	See for trip allocation and requirements
Year 3 Nativity	Info on costumes

Pupil led fundraising activities this half term

Date & time	Activity
Friday 21 November – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of the RSPCA
Friday 28 November – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Tiggywinkles and the RSPCA
Thursday 4 December – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale
Friday 12 December – lunchtime	Table top sale in aid of Florence Nightingale
Thursday 18 December - lunchtime	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

In our last week on **inequality and injustice**, we thought about how Sikhism encourages everyone to respect and care for each other.

Children watched a news story from New Zealand, in which a Sikh man was faced with a difficult choice: should he uphold one of the prohibitions of his faith (not removing his turban in public) or should he use it to help give first aid to a child involved in a road traffic collision. Children decided that Harmanpreet was a good Sikh for helping to save the child's life.

We then thought about how we might have to make difficult choices when 'calling out' inequality and injustice.

Campus Safety

As you are probably aware, the organisations on campus supervised vehicle movement on two days this week. Thank you to everyone who followed the rules and drove safely; thank you also to those who passed on positive comments. It is clear that many of you appreciated the reduced traffic.

To help further improve safety, we have asked that the following reminders are shared with all parents and staff using the campus:

- Only attempt to drive beyond the barrier if you are authorised to do so; display your permit or be ready to show ID as required
- Do not allow passengers to get out into the road - use the drop off bay at the campus entrance; pedestrians should use the footpaths – including adults
- DO NOT PARK OR WAIT in the drop off bay; doing so can create a traffic hazard
- DO NOT PARK on double yellow or hazard warning lines
- DRIVE SLOWLY – there is a 10mph limit for a reason

Adverse Weather

As the weather gets colder, children need to be prepared. We encourage all children to wear a coat and to bring extra layers for PE (these do not replace the black sports shorts and house T-Shirt – they are additional layers). If it is very wet underfoot, children may wear alternate footwear to school but must change into their school shoes once in the building.

It may be necessary to switch to remote learning if we experience extreme weather (ensure that your child has their login details for eSchool – which they use each week for homework). This switch will always be as a last resort and will be for health and safety reasons. The school will contact the local authority, who in turn contact local radio. We will post on our school website and will also endeavour to text parents. Please do not contact the school office to ask if school is open.

We cannot make decisions about safe travel for individual children and families. Please report any child absence in the usual manner.

Attendance

We know that there is a clear link between high attendance, academic progress, good mental health and wellbeing and the development of positive attitudes. We also know that children are unable to attend school sometimes and that we may ask parents to collect their child early if they are really unwell.

Schools are required to monitor attendance more closely than ever. The government has introduced new attendance targets: every school needs to show that they are continually improving and not just that they are above the national average.

We have revised our procedures, in line with the national and local authority requirements. Regular attendance checks are carried out and we keep parents informed. You will receive a letter if your child's attendance is below 90% and we meet with parents if attendance is not improving. We are obliged to refer children to the County Attendance Team if they have 10 or more unauthorised absences in a 10 week rolling period. All leave of absence must be requested through the school office.

Important Information

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Y3 children have enjoyed finding out their parts for the Nativity and practicing their songs and lines. Children have completed their first week of Multiplication and division in Maths.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have all shown great resilience this assessment week in completing tests in Maths and English. They have also investigated conductors and insulators in Science and researched a number of famous scientists in readiness for writing a biography in English.

Year 5

Year 5 completed their assessments this week. They were calm and sensible throughout, and did their best. The staff are very proud of them, and look forward to returning to our normal timetable next week. We are also excited about Space Day coming up on Friday!

Year 6

This week year 6 have enjoyed having parents and carers in school for our class assemblies. The pupils worked hard to create their scripts - reflecting on the learning they have done so far this year.

Plea from Year 3!

Year 3 are asking for any unwanted tinsel and clean tea towels to be donated for use in our Nativity play.

If you have any of these items, please could they come into school with your child.

Thank you for your support!



ITEM DONATIONS



Congratulations and 'Break-a-Leg' to **Rosie M** and **Megan H** in Year 4 and **Xander G** in Year 6!

They have been cast to perform in this magical, brand-new, family Christmas musical which is raising money for two incredible children's charities: Inspire Bucks and The Pepper Foundation.

The show has been written by West End star and national treasure **Gary Wilmot MBE** and is being brought to life for the **very first time**, by the award-winning Vale Musical Society.

The performances will be every evening from 8th to 13th December plus two matinees on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December. You can catch the WCEJS trio on the Monday, Wednesday and Friday night performances PLUS both matinees!

Sunday is an accessible performance, and there are also VIP packages, group booking discounts, and a special celebrity gala night on the Friday with Gary Wilmot himself!

This show is for everyone who loves Christmas, musical theatre and those who care about children and **Rosie, Megan and Xander** would love it if you could come and watch the shows and help them raise lots of money for these two wonderful charities – they promise, will LOVE it!

Swim Instructors Needed

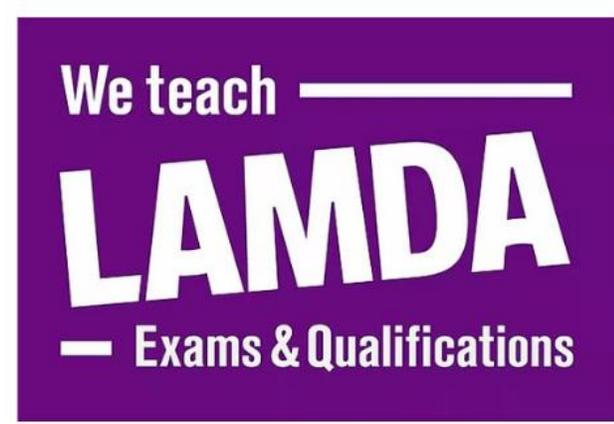
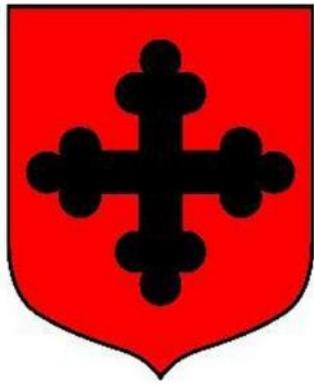
We are looking for three qualified swim instructors to support our school swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at the Wendover Pool.

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



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/>