



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
World Book Day	7 th March	More information in this newsletter
Premier Education Taster Session	10 th March	Children to wear PE kit to school
Year 6 Activity Week Meeting	10 th March	3:45pm information meeting
Year 4 Cuffley Active Learning Centre	17 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay
Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip	25 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay
5W Class Assembly	25 th March	9am in the school hall
5J Class Assembly	26 th March	9am in the school hall
5S Class Assembly	27 th March	9am in the school hall
PTA Easter Bake Sale	31 st March	
Last Day of Spring Term	4 th April	Finish at 13:15

Weekly Reflection

The new half-term means that our theme has changed. As part of the School Council's Mental Health and Wellbeing Passport, we will be focussing on learning.

Learning something new often makes us feel more positive. The challenge for this half-term is to do just that – learn a new skill or learn about something new. Over Lent, we will be encouraging everyone to spend less time on devices and more time learning something new.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning 'The Sound Collector' poem by Roger McGough, and beginning to write their own version 'The Colour Collector' in English. Children have designed a Kosher meal for a Jewish family after learning Jewish food laws - Kashrut. Children have learned about some stone age tools, then considered which ones would be the most useful to them, and why, should they find themselves waking up back in the Stone Age!

Year 4

Year 4 children have made a great start towards understanding the new topic of fractions in maths. Additionally, they are continuing to improve their recall of multiplication facts in their Terrific Times tables tests.

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed experimenting with melting chocolate in Science this week. We have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes and have learnt that some materials can be melted from a solid to a liquid form and this process can be reversed several times. The hardest part of the experiment was not eating the delicious chocolate!

Year 6

Year 6 have made a great start back after the half term break, especially enjoying researching biomes for their non-chronological reports.

World Book Day

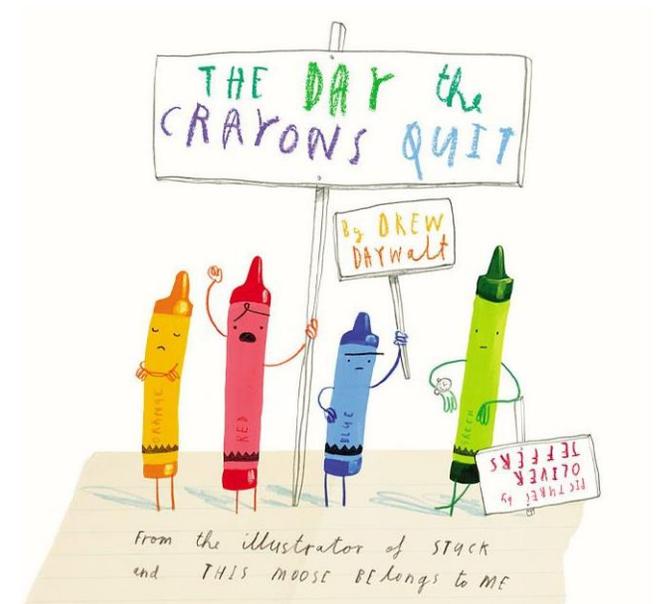
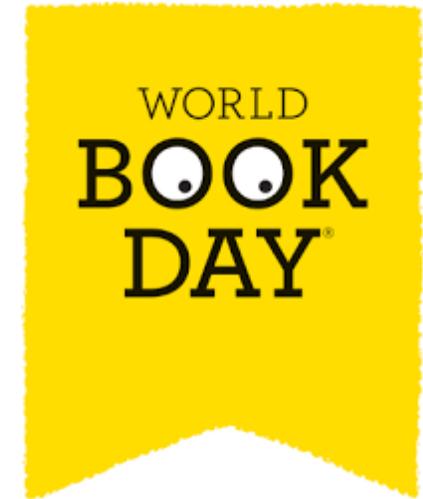
We are celebrating World Book day on Friday 7th March 2025! As we value reading very highly, it would be wonderful for all of us to take part in this special day to celebrate the joys of reading. During the day, the children will take part in a range of different reading-related activities, including reading to children from John Hampden School.

Favourite Book Character Costumes

We are asking for the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Prizes will go for the most creative costume. **Please do not go to any great expense to provide a costume.** Many costumes can be made from things you already have with creative accessories! For example, children can simply dress up in their favourite colour and this will represent one of the crayon characters from 'The day the Crayons quit' by Oliver Jeffers.

Book tokens:

We have, once again, been fortunate to receive a £1 book token for every child in the school to spend on a new book! These will be given out on World Book Day, so keep an eye out in your child's bag.



Parent Survey

Inspired by the work of Smartphone Free Childhood <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>, a group of parents is working with WCEJS to better understand the impact that devices have on our children.

Please take just 5 minutes to complete this short survey. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/m1YEFQAZotiNd5PZ7>

For Action

Ramadan

As we approach Ramadan, anticipated to start around March 1st, we are committed to supporting our Muslim families.

We understand that fasting becomes obligatory upon reaching puberty, according to Islamic law, and we are ready to support pupils in Years 5 and 6 who choose to fast. For younger children, we kindly request that parents refrain from allowing them to fast on school days, prioritising their health and safety.

We encourage open conversations at home about the importance of sensitivity when discussing fasting at school, ensuring a supportive environment for all.

If your child in Year 5 or 6 plans to fast, please inform us, preferably before their first fasting day. This will allow us to monitor their well-being and provide support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Charity Sale - RSPCA

Dulcie, Sylvie, Alice, Carmen and Phoebe in Y5 are holding a sale next Friday lunchtime in school. They are raising money for the RSPCA.

They will be selling pencils, rubbers, stickers and a variety of other small items priced at 50p, £1 or £2.



I'm fundraising in aid of the RSPCA by

doing a Sale

at

the benches at WJS

Date/time

Wednesday 5th March 12:30

INSPIRED? www.rspca.org.uk/fundraise



The RSPCA helps animals in England and Wales. Registered charity no. 219099.

PTA News



Our next Bag2School collection
has been arranged for

28th February 2025

Any questions – please ask your school
collection organiser WCEJS PTA

Wendover Church of England Junior School PTA's

Easter Bake Sale

MONDAY 31st MARCH

**FUN PRIZE FOR THE
BEST EASTER BAKE
IN EACH YEAR
GROUP**

Have fun
creating amazing
Easter themed bakes
(NO nuts please)!

Please bring in your
baked goods to reception
Monday morning, labelled with
your name and class.

All bakes will
be displayed for
sale under the Gazebo
after school, so please
remember to bring **CASH**
and card with you!!

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

Premier Education Sports Clubs:

Don't forget that Premier Education sports clubs are available throughout the half term! You can still book online (pending availability) and will only pay for the remaining sessions.

If your child hasn't already booked a place for these sessions, we encourage you to do so soon to secure their spot. Spaces are limited, and we want to ensure every child has the opportunity to participate in these enriching activities.

Booking portal: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Key Contacts:

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our dedicated team:

Venue Manager: Daniel

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

General Inquiries: Martyn

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We look forward to welcoming your child to our Afterschool Wraparound Programme and providing them with a memorable and educational experience. Thank you for your continued support.

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/parenting-programmes/>