



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
October Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November	School closed
Poppies on sale in school	4 th November – 8 th November	
Y4 Ancient Egypt workshop	5 th November	Consent on ParentPay by 25 th October
Flu Vaccinations	6 th November	Consent or decline by 4 th November
Meet the SEND team	7 th November	
Parent Consultations	13 th November	Booking details to follow
Parent Consultations	14 th November	Booking details to follow
Year 5 Space Day	18 th November	Consent on Parentpay by 10 th November
6W Class Assembly	19 th November	
6J Class Assembly	20 th November	
6S Class Assembly	21 st November	
PTA Pizza and Movie Night	21 st November	
Year 6 Maya Day	3 rd December	
INSET Day	6 th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Year 5 Space Day	ParentPay
Flu Vaccination	Complete form to consent or decline

Reflection

This has been a very busy and successful half-term at Wendover CE Juniors. Children have settled into their new classes and the high participation strategies are working effectively. The revised WINKS (What I Need to Know) documents are being used as learning tools in all subjects, with children eager to highlight what they have learned. Whole class guided reading and a renewed focus on the use physical resources and pictures in maths is helping children to make even better progress (manipulatives such as as bead strings and pictorial representations, such as bar-modelling).

Our pupil voice groups have been elected with many children taking on a leadership role (school council, Eco Group, Worship Leader, Wellbeing Ambassador, House Captain etc) and there continues to be a wide range of clubs and activities. There have been a number of successful charity sales organised by children, further evidence that our virtues of courage and compassion are being lived.

In response to parental feedback (summer survey), we have further improved communications; in particular, we have revised the format of the newsletter and have added content to the website so that parents are more informed about the work of the school. It was lovely to see that Harvest Festival was so well supported. We look forward to welcoming you into school for parent teacher consultations after half-term.

Weekly Reflection

We began this week by sharing a poem by Eunice Akoth, 'My Dream.'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSEMGAKMS4Y>

We explored the messages within this poem and agreed that big changes often start with something small. We then thought about the choice that Rosa Parks made, not knowing that it would lead to much bigger things.

Matthew from St Mary's Church shared the story of the Good Samaritan on Tuesday, acted out by Y6 Worship Leaders. This reminded us that we have a responsibility to one another - to love each other as our neighbour.

Weekly reflection was an opportunity for us to think about a small change we could make that could lead to much bigger change in the future.

Black History Month
United Kingdom



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 walked to the church to hear more about Baptism from Nadine, and stopped to look at some well known places in Wendover along the way.

The children are demonstrating resilience this week as we learn to use column method for addition and subtraction, and learn to exchange and regroup ones and tens.

Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed an afternoon of making musical instruments as the final activity of their Science topic on Sound. They were very creative and even performed to the class (a bit noisy but fun!)

Many children were also successful in getting their next Wendover Spelling Challenge Certificates (Metal Spellings).

In addition, the children have been writing diaries as Howard Carter finding the hidden tomb of Tutankhamun. They have worked incredibly hard this week.

Year 5

Year 5 wrote their own poems this week, using 'The Malfeasance' as a guide. First, they watched a short video, entitled 'Wing', and then used the events from that to compose quite inspired poetry.

Year 6

Although very tired, Year 6 have done well to keep working hard this week - all rounded off some amazingly decorated Spooky Jars! Well done to those who took part.

Art Competition

A group of children have launched an art competition for half-term. All your child needs to do is to create a piece of art that represents something or a place that helps them feel calm or content.

Entries should be on A4 paper and have your child's name and class on the back. There is a prize for each year group winner and we hope to display all the entries in school.



Celebrating Success

Macy, Martha and Dolcie will be undertaking the challenge with Scott's Performing Arts and other talented performers to be part of the musical 'Shrek' at the Denmbe Theatre in Tring this weekend. The challenge is to rehearse and perform the production all within 24 hours.

The reason for doing this is to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now and specifically support Kate Miles' incredible breast cancer fundraising initiative which will break through £50,000 as a result of Shrek in 24.

The girls have been busy fundraising and last week Martha and class mates ran a lunchtime sale at school that raised over £300!

Thank you to everyone that has supported the girls in their efforts!



PTA News

Thank you to all our parents, carers and children for your efforts with the Halloween Jam Jars.

Mr Kynaston chose 1 winner per year group who each won a Halloween Goody bag created by Mrs Brister!

The winning jars were:

Year 3 – Nathaniel

Year 4 – Jack B

Year 5 – Martha

Year 6 - Cameron



Extra Curricular

Spanish Club

Mrs. Simpson has loved welcoming all the children to her Spanish club, and they have been making great progress in their learning.

If your child would like to learn Spanish, they can join the club by going to 4J's classroom at lunchtime on Thursday for Year 3 and 4 students, and on Friday for Year 5 and 6 students.



Poppy Appeal

Once again, we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 prefects will visit each class once a day when we return to school after half term (week commencing 4th November). We recommend a minimum donation of 50p for each poppy, please.

Alongside this we also have some Poppy Merchandise which can also be purchased.

This includes:

- A Poppy Reflector - £1
- A Snap Band - £1.50
- A Festival Style Wrist Band - £2



Christmas Decoration competition

Make a Christmas tree decoration for the Wendover Christmas tree! Your design can be made of any material (except glass) but will need to be made to sustain the elements and have a robust tie. If they are made from paper they will need to be laminated.

The decorations will be hung on the tree on Manor Waste ready for the Wendover Christmas event on **Saturday 30th November 2024**. The winner will be presented with a prize and the opportunity to switch on the Christmas lights!

Named entries to Mrs McHardy-Jones 3W by November 14th 2024



Uniform Reminder

Please remember that children are required to wear school shoes – not boots.

Different footwear may be worn to school in adverse weather (eg snow or heavy rain); children will be expected to change into their school shoes once inside the building.

Coats should be worn to school. Children will be going outside at breaktimes, unless the weather is adverse.

Attendance & Punctuality

As you know, we make regular checks on attendance and punctuality. Statutory guidance has changed over the summer, which means that we will be monitoring attendance even more rigorously. We are legally obliged to share attendance information with parents. Most of the communication will be for your information only and will require no action. In a small number of cases, further support or action may need to be discussed – this will be clearly set out in the communication. To ensure consistency across the local liaison group of schools, we have a shared policy and we use model letters from the local authority.

Please remember that children should attend every day unless there is a good reason not to. They need to arrive by 8.50am. Our attendance policy is available on the school website: <https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

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

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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.