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
Half term	26th October – 30 October	School closed
Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Day	6th November	Live on ParentPay
Parent consultations	11th and 12th November	15:40-18:30
Year 6 class assemblies	17th November – 6W 18th November – 6J 19th November – 6S	School Hall – 9am
Year 5 Space Day	25th November	Live on ParentPay
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	3rd December and 7th December	Details to follow
INSET Day	4th December	School closed
Year 3 Nativity	9th December	2pm performance
Year 3 Nativity	10th December	6pm performance
Christmas Carol Service	16th December	Y3 and 4 – 10am Y5 and 6 – 11am
Last Day of Autumn Term	18th December	School finishes at 13:15
First Day of Spring Term	4th January	Back to school – 8:40am

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Reminder: Ordering Your Child's School Photo	Read for ordering details
Year 5 Space Day	Consent and contribute via ParentPay

Worship

We have continued to think about food insecurity this week as part of our wider theme of inequality. I think that everyone found it difficult to appreciate just how many children are affected by food insecurity. We then thought about ways in which we can change our behaviour, so that over time less and less people are affected.

Children have been asked to try everything they are given for lunch and talk with parents about the choices for hot dinners. We are encouraging everyone to finish the food on their plate.

This Week's Highlights

Year 3

Year three have demonstrated resilience in maths lessons this week as we lean to add and take away across 10s and 100s.
Children have started to learn and are really enjoying the songs ahead of their Nativity later in the year
Children are sentence stacking again, this time to help them learn about non chronological reports. They are learning all about earthquakes during the lessons

Year 4

Year 4 made posters in Science this week, to demonstrate what they had learned about different ways that sound helps humans and animals in everyday life. Echo-location is very clever! In Maths, pupils were introduced to Area - it was very exciting, covering surfaces in the classroom with post-it notes, and making sure that we didn't leave any gaps!

Year 5

The Year 5 children have worked hard to plan, write, edit and publish their stories based on The Flying Books of Mr Morris. The children have been focussing on commas after fronted adverbials, parenthesis, paragraphs and writing in the first-person viewpoint. They have also enjoyed investigating minimalist music in music and playing an overlapping ostinato with glockenspiels! The Year 5 teachers would like to wish the children and their families a restful and peaceful half term break.

Year 6

We have made it to the end of a long but busy half term! Well done Year 6 - you deserve to have a good restful break. Thank you for supporting our Halloween Jam Jar mufti today. Some excellent, creative jars and costumes where in evidence. Have a good half term break.

Class Representatives

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be a class representative this year.

We now have all Y3 and Y4 representatives in place and 5W. It would be lovely to have a full complement of representatives in Y5 and Y6 this year.

If you think you can spare just a little time, then please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Halloween Jam Jars

A huge thank you to all the children who entered this year's Halloween Jam Jar Competition. We were amazed by the creativity, effort and spooky designs on display, making it a very difficult job to choose the winners!

This year, the winners were selected by our caretaker, Mr Anderson, with one winning entry chosen from each year group. Congratulations to all of our winners:

Year 3 - Walter
Year 4 - Mackenzie
Year 5 - Francesca
Year 6 - Georgina

Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the competition such a spooky success!




Happy Halloween





Halloween Mufti Day – Teacher Edition!













Poppy Appeal 2026

After half term, we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 Prefects will be visiting classes throughout the week beginning Monday 2nd November with poppies and Poppy Appeal items. Poppies will be available for a suggested donation of 50p.

There will also be a selection of Poppy Appeal items available:
Zipper Reflectors - £1.00
Wristbands/Snap Bands - £1.50
Stationery Items (rulers, sharpeners, rubbers etc.) - £1.00

Every donation will help the Royal British Legion continue its important work supporting members of the Armed Forces community and their families.

Thank you for your support.



New Hot Lunch Menu

We're pleased to share Culinera's new hot lunch menu.

Meals can be booked via ParentPay from next week.

Please remember: hot meals must be booked in advance by 8am on the day.

WEEK 1 - 02/11, 23/11, 14/12, 04/01, 25/01, 22/02, 15/03

	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	PASTA	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Baked macaroni cheese with garlic bread (V)	Mediterranean vegetable bake (V)	Tomato and basil pasta (Ve)	Garlic bread, Peas, Sweetcorn	Vanilla cookie (V)
Tuesday	Creamy chicken tikka with steamed rice	Vegetable fajita with garlic roasted potatoes (Ve)	Penne pesto pasta (V)	Green beans, Carrots	Chocolate Krispie cake (V)
Wednesday	Roast turkey with stuffing and gravy	Vegetable wellington with gravy (Ve)	Creamy tomato and vegetable pasta (V)	Roast potatoes, Mixed vegetables	Vanilla shortbread (Ve)
Thursday	Cheese and tomato pizza	Roasted vegetable pizza (V)	Tomato and basil pasta (Ve)	Baked wedges, Mixed salad	Chocolate orange brownie (V)
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn nuggets (Ve)	Broccoli and cheddar bake (V)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Sprinkle sponge (V)

WEEK 2 - 09/11, 30/11, 21/12, 11/01, 01/02, 01/03, 22/03

	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	PASTA	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Turkey and cheese tortilla wrap	Roasted vegetable, tomato and cheese wrap (Ve)	Tomato and basil pasta (Ve)	Baked wedges, Mixed salad	Berry sponge (V)
Tuesday	Meatballs with penne	Vegetable Bolognese (Ve)	0	Sweetcorn, Peas	Lemon flapjack (Ve)
Wednesday	Chicken Sausage and mash with gravy	Quorn sausage and mash with gravy (Ve)	Penne pesto pasta (V)	Mixed vegetables	Toffee sponge (V)
Thursday	Sticky BBQ glazed chicken	Vegetable shawarma wrap (Ve)	Macaroni cheese (V)	Steamed rice, Broccoli, Carrots	Lemon drizzle shortbread (Ve)
Friday	Chicken nuggets	Homemade vegan sausage roll (Ve)	Tomato and vegetable pasta (Ve)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Chocolate brownie (V)

WEEK 3 - 16/11, 07/12, 18/01, 08/02, 08/03, 29/03

	MAIN MEAL 1	MAIN MEAL 2	PASTA	SIDES	PUDDING
Monday	Chicken ragu penne	Vegetable ragu penne (Ve)	Tomato pasta (Ve)	Garlic bread, Mixed salad	Carrot cake (V)
Tuesday	Beef chilli with wedges	Vegetable chilli with wedges (Ve)	Penne pesto pasta (V)	Peas, Sweetcorn	Chocolate chip cookie (V)
Wednesday	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Vegetable and tomato tart (V)	Macaroni cheese (V)	Roast potatoes, Mixed vegetables	Sprinkle sponge (V)
Thursday	Breaded chicken burger	Hunters sweet potato (V)	Tomato and basil pasta (Ve)	Baked wedges, Carrots, Broccoli	Chocolate brownie (V)
Friday	Fish fingers	Quorn nuggets (Ve)	Tomato and roasted vegetable pasta (Ve)	Chips, Baked beans, Peas	Oaty biscuit (Ve)

Menu Key: (Ve) - Vegan (V) - Vegetarian (APP) - Added Plant Power

Light Party at St Marys Church

St Mary's Church in Wendover warmly invites children and families to our Light Party on **Friday 30th October**, from 10am to 11:30am!

Come along for a fun-filled morning of crafts, games and a puppet show as we celebrate light and joy together.

It's a lovely opportunity for families to enjoy some half-term fun. We would love to see you there!



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Naya said "It's made me feel confident performing"
Maya said: 'It's helped me to be more confident holding conversations and sharing my ideas"
Laila said "It's helped me understand emotions and to talk about feelings"

Join our Waitlist for LAMDA tuition in school here: 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 being 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/