



# 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 24.01.25

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**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Reflection**

**Resilience**

# Dates for your diary

Activity	Dates	Action for Parents
Service Families Event	30 <sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm	Coffee afternoon with John Hampden School
PTA New Year Disco	30 <sup>th</sup> January	Tickets available via Parentpay
Parent Consultations	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Bookings open 27 Jan – 31 Jan</b>
Half term	15 <sup>th</sup> February – 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School closed
Inset Day	24 <sup>th</sup> February	School closed
PTA Bag2School collection	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Clothes donations
Year 6 Activity Week Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> March	3:45pm information meeting
Year 4 Green Park trip	17 <sup>th</sup> March	Awaiting trip updates
Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Consent and pay via ParentPay

# Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Parent Consultation booking info	Book appointment via link
3S Parent Consultations	Read for changes to appointments
Year 6 Activity Week – information session	Attend session
Year 4 trip to Green Park	No action required
Maths Workshop Survey	Complete short survey – deadline 30 Jan
PTA New Years Disco	Book child's place and sign up to volunteer
Y6 Leavers Hoodies	Order by 7 <sup>th</sup> April

# Weekly Reflection

The school council introduced the next part of their mental health and wellbeing passport this week. Last term was an opportunity to think about the basic things we need: safety, food and sleep. This half-term is all about belonging.

We have been thinking about communities – what they are, why they are important and what we can do to sustain effective communities. The school council and worship leaders have been busy, working with their class to find ways in which we can further improve our school community.

We have also thought about Epiphany and what guides us in life. We considered how important it is for us to think ahead, like using a map to plan a journey rather than just following satnav instructions.

# Weekly Highlights

## Year 3

Children are continuing to enjoy their science topic, learning about Igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks this week, using Starburst sweets to help them!

Y3 children have been planning and writing really engaging adventure stories in English .

Children have been learning about the significance of the mezuzah for Jewish people.

## Year 4

Children have shown great curiosity when learning about pilgrimages in different religions. They also made a great pair of teeth out of plasticine in science – those canines were sharp!

## Year 5

Year 5 finished publishing non-chronological reports about Polar Bears this week. A great amount of research was done before drafting and editing the reports. On Wednesday, pupils started writing their reports, displaying their knowledge, whilst showcasing their best handwriting and creative layout skills.

## Year 6

We are very pleased with how the children have all approached the focus groups this week, understanding the right attitude and work ethic are so important. Well done.

# PE Kit

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children have the correct PE kit in school, particularly their uniform sports shorts and a change of socks. Additional layers are also important in the colder weather.

There have been a number of enquiries recently about children wearing socks in gymnastics. PE safety guidance recommends that gymnastics is taught in bare feet, since this provides better grip – particularly when using apparatus. A verruca or wart should be covered with a plaster / tape to prevent the spread of infection.

If you believe that your child needs to wear socks for gymnastics, then please email the school office and ensure that the socks have a rubber grip on the sole – [click here for example](#). Children will need to participate in bare feet if the socks are deemed unsuitable by the teacher.

# Campus Safety

Despite numerous appeals to parents, there are still too many parents choosing to drive onto campus and park irresponsibly.

We have had a series of complaints again this morning from the John Colet coach drivers that they are being blocked from leaving campus due to parents parking on the double yellow lines and the cross hatched area at the exit. Inconsiderate parking this morning meant that the coaches were then late for their next job of the day, getting the school trip they were supporting off to a bad start.

Please be considerate when dropping off and picking up your children, by parking off the school campus and walking (St Anne's Church kindly let our parents use their car park). We ask that you **DO NOT** park in areas which are clearly marked as no parking.





*Time to Party!*

WCEJS PTA BRINGS YOU

# NEW YEAR DISCO!

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Tickets available on ParentPay

**£5 EACH**

YEAR 3 & 4:	16.30 TO 18.00
YEAR 5 & 6:	18.30 TO 20.00

**TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRY, DRINK AND A TATTOO**  
**TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE CASH ONLY**  
 Suggested maximum £2 per child

We need parent volunteers for the night! Please sign up here 




# BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for 28th February 2025

Any questions – please ask your school collection organiser WCEJS PTA





# 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](mailto:beckfordmusic@hotmail.com)

**Brass** please email [rjkitchen@sky.com](mailto: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:

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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.