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
Flu Vaccinations	22nd October	Email sent
Halloween Mufti	23rd October	Details in this newsletter
Halloween Jam Jar Sale	23rd October	After school sale
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	Details to follow
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	3rd December and 7th December	Details to follow
INSET Day	4th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Extracurricular clubs for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Bookings open for w/c 2nd November
Your child's Christmas card order	Deadline for orders is Tuesday 20 October
REMINDER: Jam Jars	Request for clean, empty jars
Maths Grouping - Year 6	Read for more information
Y4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop	Read for event and contribution information

Worship

This week, we introduced our overarching theme for the year – inequality. We started by thinking about food insecurity. Many families are faced with difficult choices each week, not having as much food as they would like. Recent statistics stated that around 2.2m children in the UK were affected last year.

Children have been thinking about how they can help to make a change. This might be by regularly contributing a small item to the donations basket outside of school or at the supermarket, or perhaps something else.

This Week's Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have worked really hard to write their stories, Katie in Wendover
Children have enjoyed using shapes to help them draw every day objects in art
Children have learnt how to greet and ask how each other feels in Spanish
Children have worked collaboratively using magnets, sorting magnetic and non magnetic materials.

Year 4

Year 4 started sentence stacking this week, and working on a diary entry. So far, it is very interesting, looking at the life of a Pharaoh from someone else's perspective! In Maths, we are learning how to subtract and we are getting very good at doing exchanges! In History we learned a bit about mummification - some people were surprised that the brain was not seen as a very important part of the body.

Year 5

The Year 5 children showed great curiosity when investigating the effect of water resistance on different shapes of plasticine. They were also enthused by the visit to the school by the author and illustrator Phil Corbett and have drawn their own Ghost and Toast characters: some children have even started creating their own comic strips.

Year 6

This week we had an amazing visit from the author, Phil Corbett, who entertained everyone with his witty drawing and writing. He has certainly impressed some of our aspiring comic writers.

The Eco Team

We have 24 children in our Eco Team. They will be involved in a number of projects this year, including promoting climate resilience and helping to reduce food wastage.

Over the last two weeks, members of the Eco Team have been monitoring food waste at lunchtime. They are now calculating how many lunches the waste equates to and looking to see if particular days generate more waste.

We are encouraging all children to show their gratitude for the food they are given by eating it – even if it is not their favourite.

Flu Vaccination

Information regarding flu vaccination is attached to this newsletter.

Vaccinations for all children will take place on 22nd October in school. Parents are required to confirm or decline the offer of a vaccination online (see link on the attached letter).

WHY VACCINATE?

Protect your child

- Against flu and complications such as bronchitis & pneumonia.

Protect you, your family and friends

- children catch and spread flu to those who are vulnerable babies and the elderly.

Quick and Easy

- The nasal spray is an easy, painless & effective vaccine. If they require the alternative Intramuscular injection, please request.

Avoid costs

- Such as alternative childcare or taking time off work due to illness.


HALLOWEEN
MUFTI DAY
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2026
Bring in a SWEET or CHOCOLATE filled jam jar decorated in a Halloween style in exchange for wearing mufti.
WRAPPED SWEETS ONLY PLEASE
(NO NUTS PLEASE)
Trick or Treat
£1 PER JAR TO BUY
Halloween jam jars on sale after school under the gazebo!

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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 way to develop accredited life skills in a fun and nurturing environment .

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/