



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	27 October – 31 October	School Closed
Parent Consultations	12 th and 13 th November	Booking portal opens 27 th October
Year 6 class assemblies	18 th November - 6W 19 th November - 6J 20 th November - 6S	
Year 5 Space Day	28 th November	Live on ParentPay
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	28 th November	Live on ParentPay
Year 6 Hazard Alley trip	2 nd December	Live on ParentPay
INSET day	5 th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Y6 Hazard Alley Trip	Read for information
Y5 Wonder Dome visit	Read for information

Worship

Our current worship theme is **inequality and injustice**.

This week, we have reflected on whether or not people still judge a person by the colour of their skin or do they judge them by the content of their character? Do they try to spot differences or find common ground?

Children have been encouraged to be more curious, so that they better understand each other.

Inequality & Injustice

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from the Waddesdon arts team this week. They helped to create part of a large art project due to be installed at the house for Christmas this year. Details to follow regarding how you can see the work later this year.

The children have enjoyed learning about earthquakes during their English sentence stacking lessons, studying non - chronological reports. Children have continued to demonstrate great resilience during their maths lessons, learning how to use column addition and subtraction, exchanging across ones and tens.

Year 4

The Year 4's have had a busy last week of the half term. The children showed great resilience in moulding clay to represent the shape of a canopic jar lid. They have written some very creative and informative diary entries in the role of the Ancient Egyptian archaeologist, Howard Carter. The Year 4 children were also very excited to meet the author, Hannah Gold, after their letters had persuaded her to visit the school today. The Year 4 teachers would like to wish all the children and their families a safe and enjoyable half term.

Year 5

Year 5 concluded their learning about Forces in Science this week by constructing parachutes for eggs. They took great care of the eggs, thought carefully about their aerodynamic designs, and then Mr Anderson, our caretaker, scaled the ladder in the playground and launched them. Some eggs survived, some did not quite survive unscathed - that's gravity for you!

Year 6

Year 6 have done some fabulous descriptive writing this week. Fabulous! Well done to all Year 6 for a very busy and successful half term. Have a wonderful half term.

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 – Mackenzie

Year 4 – Ariella

Year 5 – Jack

Year 6 - Nicole

Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome Hannah Gold to officially open our Library. She gave a talk about her books, including Lone Husky, and shared what inspired her to become an author. Hannah also met our Librarians and signed our school copies of her books.



Uniform

Half-term is a good chance to catch up with uniform. Please make sure that children are wearing the correct uniform and PE kit after the break, including black school shoes.

Naming kit greatly helps us to return lost property.



For Action

Poppy Appeal 2025

After half term, we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 prefects will visit each class every day during the week beginning Monday 3rd November to collect donations.

You can make a donation and wear a poppy to show your support and remembrance. We suggest a minimum donation of 50p for each poppy.

There will also be some Poppy Appeal goodies available to buy:

Zipper Reflectors – £1.00

Wristbands/Snap Bands – £1.50

Stationery items (rulers, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, etc.) – £1.00

All the money raised will go to help the Royal British Legion, who support members of the Armed Forces and their families.



Class Representatives

A reminder that we are still looking for class reps!

We are introducing class parent representatives this year. The class reps will help the school to share information with parents: keeping them up to date with what is going on, helping them better understand how the school works, what we are doing well and our priorities.

If you are interested, nominate yourself on the class WhatsApp group. Once agreed, email the school office and we will contact you.

Thank you to **3W, 3S, 4S and 5S** who have already nominated their class rep.

Parent Consultations

The online booking portal will open on Monday 27th October for you to book your Autumn Term parent consultation slot. It will remain open until Friday 7th November.

Consultations will be held on Wednesday 12th November and Thursday 13th November between 3:50pm and 6:30pm.

A step-by-step guide on how to book your appointments is attached for your reference. If you encounter any difficulties or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Swim Instructors Needed

We are looking for three qualified swim instructors to support our school swimming lessons on Friday afternoons at the Wendover Pool.

Applicants must hold a current qualification.

If you are available and interested in helping, please email the school office as soon as possible. Unfortunately, without these positions filled, we will not be able to run swimming lessons.



Support required

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 be 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/>