

Wendover CE Junior School

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*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 (Matthew 7:24-27)*

Welcome to Wendover CE Junior School!

Welcome to Wendover Church of England Junior School. We are a large junior school set in delightful and spacious surroundings. Our actions are driven by our school vision that is deeply rooted in biblical teaching – we want children to build solid foundations for life. We strive to provide meaningful opportunities for all children to grow into independent, curious young learners, ready for their next steps in education.



Our children experience a broad and balanced curriculum and our approach to teaching encourages them to be active learners who think deeply. We encourage our children to become actively involved in both their school and local communities, not just taking part in activities but also being positive advocates for change, such as organising and running their own fundraising activities for worthy causes. Older pupils also support younger pupils, for example Year 3 children will be buddied up with Year 6 child in the first half-term. The buddies meet at particular points in the year and more informally during social times. This partnership encourages friendship, support, familiarity and responsibility. As a result of all of this, our pupils enjoy coming to school, they are well-supported and they speak confidently about their learning. In short, we prepare children very well for their next phase in education and later life.

We encourage every family to work closely with the school. There are many opportunities for parents to be involved with activities, held at school or in the local community, and to be actively engaged in the life of the school. The Parent Teacher Association helps to provide enjoyable experiences for our children as well as raising much needed funds to enrich their education – if you would like to join the PTA or just volunteer occasionally then please email the school office. Our governors are a dedicated group who help to set the strategic direction of the school and support senior leaders; they would be delighted to meet parents, family members or members of the local community that are interested in helping to further improve our school. If you are interested in becoming a school governor then please contact the school office for further details.

In addition to the transition activities (further details will be on our website), we invite you to come to our Strawberry Fayre which is held at 3:30pm on Thursday 2nd July (this will give you a chance to familiarise yourself with the school). In September, you will be invited to meet your child's class teacher – a great chance to see your child's classroom and find out more about what they are doing.

Gareth Kynaston
Headteacher

Jane McHardy -Jones
Year 3 Leader

Our school



Our school is centred around the school hall with a north and south wing leading directly from it. We have 12 well-resourced classrooms and a number of other working spaces – including shared spaces at both north and south end. Our school hall is used for many different activities, including collective worship, lunches, PE, events and performances. We have a well-stocked library that children visit regularly, the library is also often staffed at lunchtimes for those wanting to spend time in a quiet space to read. The Bluebird Room is available most days, lesson

time and social time, for children who might want a quieter space; a number of staff led activities take place at lunchtimes in this room. The Bluebird room is often the base for support activities for SEND, Service Children and Young Carers. Each year group has access to laptops and iPads to support their learning.

Each year group is split into 3 classes: W, J and S. Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms are all located in the south end of the school, with Year 5 and Year 6 in the north end. We have greatly benefitted from expansion works which were completed in 2018, providing larger classrooms and improved shared spaces. Our planned admission number is for 90 pupils per year group, 30 pupils per class. Whilst demographics show that intakes are slightly lower for the next few years, we are a popular school and are oversubscribed in all other year groups.



We have a fun and engaging outside area that incorporates a 22 element play trail set on astro turf, two large playgrounds and a field. There are two table tennis tables, four 4 square courts and 10 basketball hoops. Our playground has a multitude of markings and fourteen exercise stations to encourage healthy activity. The school benefits from an established Peace Garden and is developing a Sensory Garden. There are always activities that children can join in with at lunchtime, including a number of clubs that are run by staff or pupils.

Introductions



Year 3 Team

Mrs McHardy Jones – Year 3 Leader and class teacher
Miss Johnson – class teacher
Mrs Weeks-Pearson – class teacher
Mrs Corns – class teacher



Senior Leaders

Mr Kynaston – Headteacher, Strategic Lead and Safeguarding
Mrs Bartlett - Assistant Headteacher, SENCo and Designated Safeguarding Leader
Mrs Cook - Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum Lead and Safeguarding

The school day

Year 3 will enter the school through the main gates which open at 8:40am. Children are expected to be in school by 8:50am each day in time for registration. A member of SLT and the Year 3 team are usually at the school gate to welcome children and talk with parents. Year 6 buddies will be available to welcome Year 3 children through the gate and help them to their classrooms. Pupils arriving after the school gate has closed must report to school reception to sign in. The school day ends at 3:30pm and pick up is from the school gate.



08:40	Gate opens
08:50	Registration
09:00	Maths
10:10	Collective Worship
10:25	Morning break
10:40	English
12:15	Lunchtime
13:00	Registration
13:15	Afternoon lessons
15:30	School finishes

Wraparound care before and after school is offered by Premier Education at the Wendover Youth club and the John Hampden Infant School Out of School Care. Places are booked directly by contacting:

Premier Education

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/>

Phone: 01296 620097

John Hampden OOSC

Email: oosc@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

Phone: 07506 195699

Parental consent must be given if you would like your child to meet you anywhere other than at the school gate, i.e. outside the John Hampden Infants, the Memorial Hall etc. Children are responsible for going directly to after school provision, including clubs or tuition, if this has been arranged for them; children meet Premier Education staff on our playground or walk across our shared playground to the JHS Out of School Care club.

Teaching and Learning

Our pedagogy is designed to promote positive behaviour, engage pupils and provide them with frequent opportunities to think deeper. We give children lots of opportunity to collaborate in lessons and to share their thinking. We also promote respectful listening and the concept of 'disagreeing well'. Our schemes of work can be found on the school website: the progression documents set out how learning progresses through each subject area as children progress through the school; the WINKS (What I Need to Know) documents share what children should know / be able to demonstrate by the end of each unit of work.

Vulnerable children and children with SEND are well supported and make good progress. Mrs Bartlett, SENCo, is available to meet with parents and we offer frequent opportunities for parents of SEND and / or Service children to come into school to meet with the team.

Homework

At Wendover C of E Junior School, we expect children to complete learning tasks at home each week – approximately fifteen minutes a day. This helps them to consolidate what they have learned in school and develops fluency; it also prepares them for secondary school and later life. To support learning and consolidation in maths, your child will receive log in details for Doodle Maths - a fantastic programme tailored to your child's attainment, and learning gaps. They are encouraged to access this platform regularly at home. Daily reading at home is encouraged, along with learning weekly spelling lists to ready for tests in school. We provide links to useful websites to further encourage learning at home; these can be accessed on your child's Eschools page. A Doodle Maths club runs every week in school for those children who might find it challenging to access the online site at home.

Enrichment

Wendover C of E Junior School delivers a wide and enriching curriculum, with every year group participating in off-site trips and other on-site curriculum enrichment opportunities. Parents are invited at points across the year to come into school to see and hear about the work children have been doing, providing a lovely chance for the children to share their learning and new knowledge.

Break and Lunchtime

We have a healthy eating policy and ask that parents provide children with a healthy snack / packed lunch. Suitable breaktime snacks include fresh fruit, vegetables or cereal bars (chocolate bars, crisps or packets of biscuits are not allowed). Please remember that we are a **NO NUT** school (food items should not contain nuts). We also recommend that your child brings in a named water bottle each day.

At lunchtimes, children eat in the school hall with their friends. We provide a 'quiet lunch club' for those children who might prefer or need to eat away from the business of the lunch hall. Children have plenty of opportunity to play and relax in our outdoor areas, or choose to take part in one of the many lunchtime clubs. Year 6 buddies will be available to help Year 3 children as they settle into life at WCEJS.

Uniform

We believe that the school uniform helps children to feel part of the school community. Our simple uniform policy does not require that any items are branded (the policy is available on the school website). Parents should purchase items that are consistent with school uniform and not casual clothing. For instance, jeans, chords or jogging bottoms are not acceptable. Children should not wear trainers or boots for school, unless there is a medical reason for doing so (please contact the school office in such cases).

- Grey skirt – plain or pleated
- Grey trousers or shorts
- White polo shirt/white long or short sleeved collared shirt
- White, black or grey socks/tights
- Red checked dress/short suit may be worn in the summer term
- School Tie (optional)
- Flat, black school shoes (no boots or trainers)



Logo school jumpers and cardigans are available to purchase from PL School Wear (details below). The school PTA also hold a second-hand uniform sale each term at school.

See our full uniform policy here <http://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

PL School Wear

Unit 1

Goodchild Parkway

Sir Henry Lee Crescent

Aylesbury

Bucks

HP180PE

<https://plschoolorwear.co.uk/shop/aylesbury/wendover-junior-school>.

Physical Education

All year groups have PE lessons at least once a week. Your child will need the following items of clothing for their PE kit:

- sports trainers
- plain t-shirt (in their house colour which will be confirmed later)
- black sports shorts (not cycling or tight-fitting gym shorts)
- black sports socks (long / football socks are advised)
- plain black sweatshirt (no hoodies) OR logo quarter zip sweatshirt available from PL School Wear



PE takes place indoors and outdoors; therefore, additional layers may be worn outside in cold weather. Tight fitting shorts or leggings may be worn underneath their PE shorts, but not as a replacement. Children may keep their PE kits in school. We do not insist on school branded items. Football / sports strips are not appropriate for PE kit and should not be worn.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have high expectations for attendance and punctuality and believe that it is important to establish positive attitudes early on in life. Children need to be in school by 08:50 in order that they are registered and ready for their first lesson. We monitor attendance and punctuality closely and provide support for children and families as necessary. If your child is absent, you must contact the school by telephone or email before 9am on each day of absence. Whilst we consider all leave of absence requests, we rarely authorise holiday leave – especially if this is either side of a school holiday or during an internal / external assessment period. Routine medical appointments should be made out of school hours.

ParentPay

Once we have received your completed admission forms we will send home a ParentPay activation letter which will enable you to order hot lunches online via ParentPay. ParentPay is also used to give consent and pay for school trips / events. Until you receive your activation details you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.

If you would like your child to have a hot lunch in school these can be booked up to 8am each day, if the cut off time is missed a packed lunch will need to be provided on that day. If your child is ill or absent from school you must cancel meals through ParentPay, or you will still be charged.

Campus

We are a **NO CAR** campus and request that if you have to drive to school that you park off campus. St Anne's Church kindly allows parking for school pick up and collection.

Admission Forms

Please complete and sign **ALL** forms and return to our school office by **Friday 5th June 2026**

Year 3 starters September 2026

We do ask that you provide as many contact details as possible including an email address for use in an emergency.

Communications

We encourage 'early and often' communication: this may be informal conversations at the school gate, updates via email or meetings in school. Any emails should be sent to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk (teachers should not be emailed directly or contacted through eschools / social media). We share information with parents through the weekly newsletter, emails and texts. There is also a wealth of information on the school website (<https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/>), including many support materials for parents. Please take time to read the newsletter and check the website so that you are up-to-date.

Contacting us

You can contact us via email at admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk Alternatively, you can phone the school on 01296 696822.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and welcoming you to the Wendover CE Junior School.