



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
Year 6 Team Building Day	23 rd September	Consent on ParentPay by 22 nd September
Meet the Teacher	26 th September	
Meet the SEND team	26 th September	Email the school office to register interest
Service Children Farm visit	27 th September	Return permission slip by 23 rd September
Year 6 Swimming Lessons	1 st October – 3 rd December	Consent on ParentPay by 29 th September
School Photos	8 th October	
October Half Term	28 th October – 1 st November	School closed
Flu Vaccinations	6 th November	Information to follow
Meet the SEND team	7 th November	
INSET Day	6 th December	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

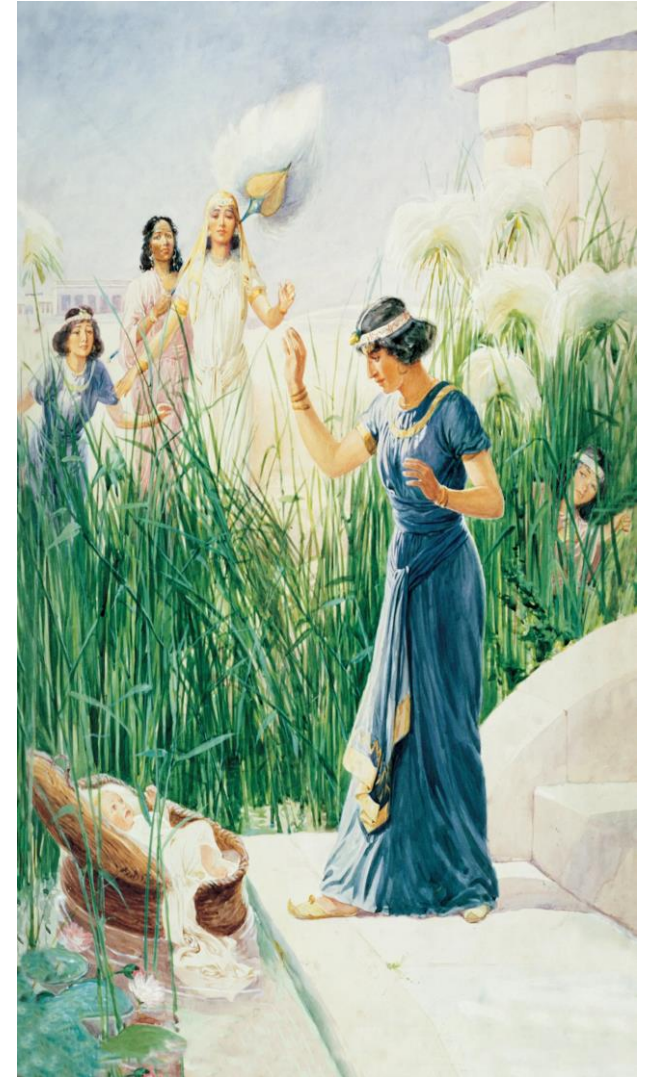
Letter	Action
Introductory letter from year leaders	
Year 6 Outdoor Experience Week	Consent and contribute on ParentPay
Year 6 Swimming Lesson	Consent on ParentPay/Complete Microsoft form

Collective Worship

Children have been able to share many ideas about what curiosity, courage and compassion means to them and how they might show this in school. This week, we thought more carefully about respect and responsibility.

On Monday, we thought about how simple acts can show respect. Remco joined us on Tuesday to share the story of Moses in the Bulrushes, thinking about how difficult it is at times to take responsibility.

We will explore reflection resilience next week, then move to the themes of inequality and injustice, particularly in relation to climate change. We will be preparing for Harvest Festival and supporting the Aylesbury foodbank.



Parent Support

We strive to support parents so that you better understand our school and are able to better support your child's learning. An important guide has been sent to you today. We ask that all parents take time to read this.

We have been working hard over the last 24 months to further improve provision for all children. We have reviewed the curriculum, our teaching styles and strategies and improved behaviour management.

A number of changes and improvements have been made, most of which you will be aware of. The guide provides more information about these improvements, giving you an insight into what learning is like at school. Further parent support materials are available on the school website (parent tab).

Action Required!

Meet the Teacher

I am sure that your child will already have told you something about the adults that are supporting them this year, what their classroom is like and a little of what they have been learning.

We are welcoming all parents into school at **3.40pm on Thursday 26 September**. This will be your chance to meet your child's new teacher and for you to see the classroom for yourself.

Later this term we will be inviting you to a 1:1 parent teacher meeting where you can discuss how they have settled and how they are progressing.

Thursday 26 September

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have shown resilience in maths this week, continuing to extend their understanding of numbers up to 1000. Children worked well and collaborated successfully during our friction science experiments. Children have been introduced to their class mascot and are excited for their turn to bring them home!

Year 4

Year 4 children have enjoyed talking about their favourite authors in English and guided reading and are beginning to write some very persuasive sentences for a letter.

Year 5

Year 5 have completed their sentence stacking lessons in English after the intriguing module on 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore'. They are now planning their own version of the story, re-telling it from the point of view of one of the books in the library. We are looking forward to reading their accounts!

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed getting stuck into the English writing unit this week - a postcard from a fairy tale villain. We have seen some fantastic informal writing.

Governor Update

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you all have had a restful holiday and are ready for the new school term.

It is only the second week back but the Governors have already been into school to talk to the leaders of the core subjects, Maths, English, Science and Computing. Very interesting and challenging discussions were had in each case.

We were told about the revised schemes of work and progression document that are on the school website for parents (curriculum). We also discussed the What I Need to Know (WINK) documents that children will use in every subject. Careful thought has gone into making the WINKS user friendly for the children. They are now subject specific, not just in content but in the way they will be completed by the children. We hope that you will find them a useful starting point for discussions with your children about what they have been doing at school.

Attendance

We know that children need to be absent from school from time to time. However, we want children to be in school as much as they possibly can. We monitor school attendance every three weeks and inform parents if attendance falls below 95%. We carefully monitor attendance for all children below 90%.

Please remember that routine medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours and leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday is not likely to be authorised.

Parents must phone or email the school **before 9.30am on each day** of a child's absence.

Important - Action!

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.