



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 5 Swimming Lessons	14 th January – 1 st April	Consent via ParentPay
Service Families Event	30 th January at 2:30pm	Coffee afternoon with John Hampden School
PTA New Year Disco	30 th January	Full details to follow
Parent Consultations	5 th and 6 th February	
Half term	15 th February – 23 rd February	School closed
Inset Day	24 th February	School closed
Year 4 Green Park trip	17 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay
Year 3 Celtic Harmony trip	25 th March	Consent and pay via ParentPay

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Uniform policy for Jewellery	Parents to read
Year 5 Swimming Lessons	Consent via Parentpay

Welcome back

It was lovely to see everyone coming back into school and wishing each other a happy New Year! Children were keen to share their news before getting back into the routine of school.

Although this term is a little shorter than the Autumn, I am sure that it will be just as busy. We have a number of areas that we will be focussing on this term:

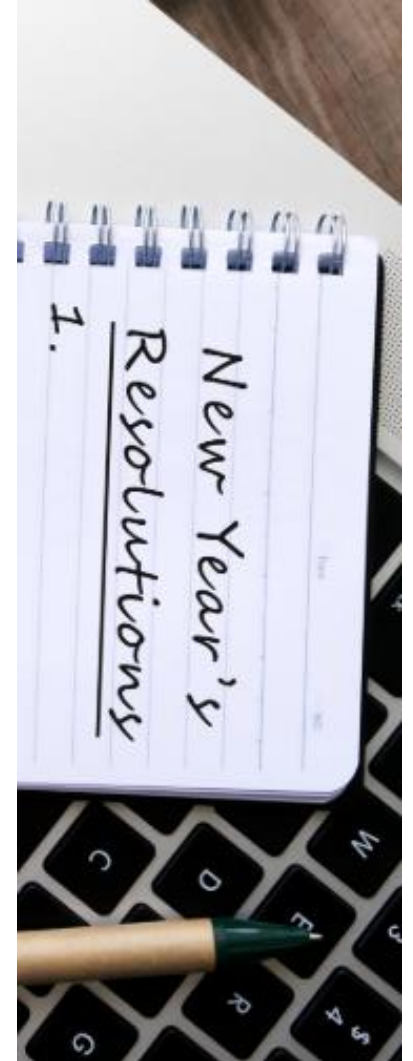
- High participation & deeper thinking in all areas of the curriculum
- Attendance and punctuality
- Mental health and wellbeing – led by the school council
- Healthy eating

Weekly Reflection

Our first week back has been a chance to think about new year resolutions. We have been thinking about what went well last term and what we need to get better at this term.

Many people make resolutions only to break them early in January. We agreed that a good deal of resilience might be needed to achieve our goals.

Next week will see us thinking about how the school values can help us to make changes for the better. The school council will then be introducing the next part of their mental health and wellbeing passport.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Y3 have been enjoying their new English text, Stone Age Boy

Children enjoyed the practical Science lesson, sorting rocks into different categories according to their properties

Children are beginning to think about multiplying a two digit by a one digit number, with exchange, using lots of practical and pictorial aids.

Year 4

The Year 4 children are very excited for our new science topic on teeth and digestion which links in with explanation writing in English. They had great fun demonstrating the digestive process with crackers, bananas, water, orange juice, a sandwich bag and a very long pair of tights!

Year 5

Year 5 had a good first week back after Christmas, and started the New Year by thinking about looking forward to things that they could improve on this year. In English they also did research to get information for a non-chronological report they are writing about Emperor Penguins. They learned a number of surprising things about this species!

Year 6

Welcome back Year 6. Everyone has made a great start to the Spring term and enjoyed starting exciting new topics in many of the subjects.

Traffic Safety

Help Us Improve Traffic Safety at Wharf Road Campus

We're inviting all parents to complete the Wharf Road Campus Traffic Survey! This survey will help us understand the causes behind the high traffic volume and congestion on campus and explore ways to make it a safer environment for our children.

With a focus on road safety, this is a great opportunity to reflect on travel habits and embrace a "New Year, New You" approach to getting to and from school.

<https://forms.gle/cAMBzURQXsNoRSJWA>

Thank you for helping us make Wharf Road Campus a safer place!

For Action

Attendance & punctuality

High school attendance is a very important factor in children flourishing. It helps children to build and sustain relationships, gives them a greater sense of belonging and helps to reduce gaps in learning. High attendance and punctuality also helps to develop good habits that will benefit children throughout their lives.

Being absent for just 10% of the school year means that nearly 4 school weeks have been lost. This is why we monitor attendance closely and inform parents whenever we have a concern.

Our attendance policy, which is a shared policy with local schools, is shared on our website: <https://www.wendover.bucks.sch.uk/web/policies/188848>

PTA News



Save the date:

New Year Disco on 30th January

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

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:

Venue Manager: Daniel

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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.