



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
First Day of Spring Term	6 th January	
Year 5 Swimming Lessons	14 th January – 1 st April	Consent via ParentPay
PTA New Year Disco	30 th January	Full details to follow
Half term	15 th February – 23 rd February	School closed
Inset Day	24 th February	School closed

Letters / documents sent this week

Letter/Email	Action
Autumn Term Updates	Information on your child's progress
SEND Autumn Reports	Information on your child's progress
Year 5 Swimming Lessons	Consent via Parentpay

Autumn term review

This term has been a very busy and successful one. Following on from our review of behaviour and curriculum last year, we have introduced our revised curriculum progression documents and the WINKS (What I Need to Know documents). Children are using the WINKS across the curriculum to help them better understand what they need to know and what they have learned. We have continued to develop our use of high participation strategies, designed to keep all children engaged and to embed learning. We are thinking even more carefully about learning activities, making sure that they give opportunities for deeper thinking. Teachers and LSAs have further strengthened their understanding of how to scaffold learning, particularly in maths and English.

The School Council has launched their mental health and wellbeing passport, a programme of activities that we will explore across the year with all children. Worship Leaders continue to play an important role in all classes, helping others to reflect on the weekly themes and taking an active roll in planning, delivering and evaluating worship.



Digital Leaders and the Eco Team have both led important initiatives this term, helping children to remain safe and to make positive choices that will help to care for the planet. Wellbeing ambassadors and Junior Road safety Officers have visited the John Hampden Infant School as part of our their safety week and our Y2 transition package. Junior Librarians have also helped to develop our school library.

Children have truly lived the virtues and values that we promote. There have been many pupil-led fundraising activities for many worthwhile causes – I am sure that this will continue next term. The PTA have provided exciting opportunities for children and raised funds that we be spent on further improving our school. Our Y3 performed fantastically in their Nativity and each of the year groups has experienced a good deal of curriculum enrichment through visits and visitors to the school.

I would like to thank: all our staff for their hard work and resilience this term; our governors for their continued support; our parents for your support, your kind comments and generous donations to the PTA fundraisers and the Aylesbury Foodbank.

I wish everyone a very merry and restful Christmas.

Gareth Kynaston



Weekly Reflection

This week has been a chance to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. At the carol service on Wednesday, our worship leaders shared the Nativity story through readings from the bible and we were able to give praise through song. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the service, joining in with the traditional carols.

The worship leaders have been busy recently, meeting with Reverend Moring to plan the themes for next terms worship.



Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Children in Y3 have enjoyed a fun filled start to their time at WCEJS, Arriving with smiles ready to learn and impress. Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing, Writing, drawing, thinking and listening. Magnets, forces, Baptism and Spanish 'All about Me', We considered online safety, studied Wendover and some of it's history. We learned lines, acting and dances for our Nativity, Practicing cues and wearing sparkly costumes for you all to see. We have a jam-packed Spring term to look forward to, But for now, Happy Christmas from us to all of you.

Year 4

The year 4 teachers would like to thank the children for their hard work and resilience this term. They have shown great learning behaviour this week when writing, editing and revising their fantasy stories. It was great to hear so many well written alternative versions of Aladdin. They also enjoyed sharing their learning of Spanish when describing their family. We would like to wish you all and your families a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Year 5

Year 5 had a very positive start to Upper KS2. They learnt about forces, enjoyed Space Day, and found out what kind of jobs people can do at NASA - who knows, maybe one of them might become an astronaut? They wrote inspiring adventure stories, working hard to use interesting vocabulary and accurate punctuation, about landing on a distant planet in a faraway galaxy. Even their artwork showed our enthusiasm for all things space-related with a Peter Thorpe-themed rocket creation!

Year 6

Well done Year 6! It has been a busy term where you have settle into the routines and expectations of this important year. It is wonderful to see so many of you determined to make progress and working hard. Enjoy your break!

End of term House Point totals

What an amazing first term! With two more to go, there's still time for things to change, but a big well done to all students for earning so many house points by showing Respect, Responsibility, Reflection, and Resilience.



7790 points



8240 points

6570 points



6840 points



And the house with the most points this Autumn Term is...



This week in pictures



PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle



Year 3 Christmas Crafts



Wednesday's
Christmas Lunch



Celebrating Success

A big shout out to George for smashing it in his second year with the Wendover Rotary Eco-Sleigh! Alongside the team, he helped collect an amazing **£750 in just one night** for two fantastic charities – **Florence Nightingale Hospice** and the **Aylesbury Sea Cadets**.

Well done, George! You're making a real difference and spreading festive cheer. Here's to more success next year!



PTA News



A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and supported our recent bake sale and raffle! Your generosity made it a great success, with fabulous hampers and lots of fun had by all.

We can't wait for more events in 2025, starting with our **New Year Disco on 30th January** – save the date!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for being such an amazing school community!

Thank you!

Survey Request From Camhs - Say Your View!

In 2025 Buckinghamshire CAMHS will be reviewing its website ([Buckinghamshire | Oxford Health CAMHS](#)) and we know parents and families are the biggest users of our website therefore your input will be crucial in helping us understand what is working well and changes need to be made.

As a starting point we would like you to complete a short survey to help us understand what you currently use the website for and what would make you use it more. There are only two questions at this stage but we will be looking for more in depth feedback in the future and if you would like to be involved in this please provide your email address at the end of the survey. If you do not provide your email address the survey is anonymous.

Please can you let us know your thoughts by the end of December.

[BUCKS CAMHS Website - Parent Feedback](#)

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:

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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.