

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
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	Bookings open 27 Jan – 31 Jan
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
Wharf Road and School Campus Traffic Survey	Complete short survey
Maths Workshop Survey	Complete short survey
PTA New Years Disco	Book child's place and sign up to volunteer

Weekly Reflection

This week has seen us thinking about respect:

- How we show respect for ourselves
- How we show respect for others
- How we show respect for our environment

Children were able think of many examples to show how they live this important value.

Sally led worship on Tuesday, sharing an important message about Epiphany. The star that the wise men followed was used to promote thinking about what guides us in our lives.

Weekly Highlights

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed sentence stacking our version of 'Stone Age Boy' this week, They have also worked really hard dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and learning to use the bus stop method to divide.

Year 4

The Year 4 children have enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year in guided reading. They have also shown great musical knowledge when playing minims on the glockenspiel for the introduction to a piece of South African music.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed their first swimming lesson on Tuesday. They walked down to the swimming pool in a sensible way, got changed very quickly and sensibly and then listened to the instructions given to them. It was wonderful to see how safe they were both inside and around the edge of the swimming pool. Well done!

Year 6

This week the children have drafted, edited and published fantastic poems based on the theme of hope and resilience. Great work - well done!

Recycling at School

The Eco team encourages all children who bring packed lunches to recycle their 'soft plastics' (such as crisp packets) in the large, clearly marked bins provided in the hall. The team hopes everyone will do their best to become even better recyclers!

We'd also like to remind everyone that food compost bins are available at breaktimes. These bins are for banana skins, apple cores, and any leftover fruit or vegetable snacks.

A special shout out to Matty and Phoebe in year 5 for their amazing efforts in reminding everyone to do their part to save the planet!





PTA News



We are pleased to announce that we have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate good quality unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts and handbags, (please refer to <u>https://bag2school.com</u> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other large bags to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting on 28th February.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Our next Bag2School collection has been arranged for

BAG 2 SCHOOL

28th February 2025

Any questions – please ask your school collection organiser <u>WCEJS PTA</u>

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 <u>https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/</u>

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: <u>https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover</u>

Key Contacts: If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our dedicated team:

Venue Manager: Daniel Email: <u>dbell@premier-education.com</u> Phone: 01296 620 097

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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.