



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 7:24-27)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

In our build up to Holy Week we have thought about how choices define us. Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey, not in a golden coach. He often turned things upside-down in this way, coming not to be served, but to serve.

Reflection has been about the choices that we make each and every day. Do we try to put ourselves first or let others go ahead of us? Is our concern about those who have all they need or helping out those who are in need?



Holy Week

This year, each year group will be visiting St Mary's Church to participate in learning activities based around Holy Week. These activities will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of the last week of term and last for approximately 90 minutes:

Tuesday morning: Y5

Tuesday afternoon: Y3

Wednesday morning: Y4

Wednesday afternoon: Y6

If you are available to help out with any of these educational visits then please contact the school office and further details will be sent to you.

This year's Easter Service will be held on the last day of term in school for children only.



Year Group Highlights

Year 3 children have enjoyed working practically in science this week, completing an investigation on seed dispersal
Children have really enjoyed designing their own helpful robot in English

Year 4 children have enjoyed creating their own podcasts in ICT. They have also shown excellent creativity in writing sentences for the Iron Man Story. All children participated well in the final music production of the Viking song – noisy but great fun!

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard in English on their biographies based on either Steve Backshall or Steve Irwin.

Year 6 enjoyed learning about perspective and applying this to sketches of a trench

Pupil entry and exit – South Gate

We have been reviewing our procedures for pupils entering and leaving the school site, taking into account parental feedback.

All children will enter and exit through the south gate from this Monday morning.

The school office will be open to parents from 8.40am from Monday 25 March.



Year 5 Dodgeball Tournament – Match report by Orson Williams

On Wednesday 20th March 2024, a selection of ten students were chosen to go to the John Colet Secondary School for a dodgeball tournament. Unfortunately, two of the students chosen couldn't make it due to illness, so we had to play all the games with no substitutes.

We got ready at 9.30am (putting on Wendover Junior sports t-shirts and jackets), collected our snack and water bottle and off we went.

When we arrived, we saw all the other school teams, Stoke Mandeville, Aston Clinton and Halton, pulling up in a bus. (Halton and Aston Clinton both had two teams in the tournament).

Upon entering the school, we saw a wonderful mosaic of John Colet, the person whom the school was named after, above reception. After that, we walked through the school, and some of us said hello to family members.

We had a team photo when we arrived in the sports hall, then got ready to play. We were scheduled to play three, two-minute games against each opponent with a thirty second rest between games. Our longest rest was first so we could analyse each team's playing style before facing them.

Finally, it was our turn to play. For our first games we were on pitch two and won two games and lost one, so we gained one point for each win. Next, we were on pitch 1 and lost one game and drew two. We were awarded two further points for the two draws – so we were now on four points. We won three games to nil on pitch 1 after that – so we had seven points to our name.

At that stage we were in second, falling one point short of Aston Clinton B who had been the only team to beat us so far. It looked like our chances of coming first were dwindling since there were only two more rounds. Against Aston Clinton A we won two games and lost one – so that put us on nine points in total. One win and two losses to Halton B nudged us up to 10 points. Everyone thought that Aston Clinton B had clinched the victory but when the scores were double-checked, they were also on 10 points!

The head of the competition, our old PE teacher Chris, declared a final showdown to decide the winner. We were exhausted, we had played 15 games by then without any substitutes and Aston Clinton B had two substitutes that they could play.

On the sound of the whistle, we charged for the balls. Everyone was cheering us on because we showed the most respect for our opponents by shaking their hands and demonstrating the 4Rs and 3Cs to the best of our ability. One three-minute game remained.

Halfway through and it looked like defeat was upon us with over half our players out and our opponents with only two players eliminated. Then... we caught one, then two, then three balls, knocking three of their players out and allowing three of ours to come back on. The full-time whistle went. We had won!

We walked back to school with a winning, jubilant attitude. We had all had fun, we'd been successful, saw friends and family from other schools and lived the WJS's values.

Orson Williams

PTA News

Wendover Church of England Junior School PTA's

Easter Bake Sale

MONDAY 25TH MARCH

FUN PRIZE FOR THE BEST EASTER BAKE IN EACH YEAR GROUP

Have fun creating amazing Easter themed bakes (NO nuts please)! Please bring in your baked goods to reception Monday morning, labelled with your name and class.

All bakes will be displayed for sale under the Gazebo after school, so please remember to bring CASH and card with you!!

ALSO AVAILABLE SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM STALL



Wendover Junior School PTA needs => YOU



1. YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT

Participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps children perform better

2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS

The PTA shows support for the school, teachers and admin team which nurtures the positive school atmosphere

3. YOU MAKE CONNECTIONS

You get to know the teachers and staff better and make friends with other school parents

4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

You feel good - it's fun and rewarding



We are a friendly bunch of parents who meet about once a term (usually in The Shoulder of Mutton). Some of our team have kids in Year 6 and will therefore be moving on to new schools in the Summer...could you join us and get to know the ropes? No special skills needed, just enthusiasm! Input can be as much or as little as you can give.

We'd particularly love to hear from anyone who could be our new treasurer - this is a great role for someone to do when and where they like without commitment to events (Key Stage 2 maths is fine!!)

For more information wendoverjuniorpta@gmail.com or admin@WendoverJunior.co.uk FAO Mrs. Brister

House Points



1170 points

900 points



810 points

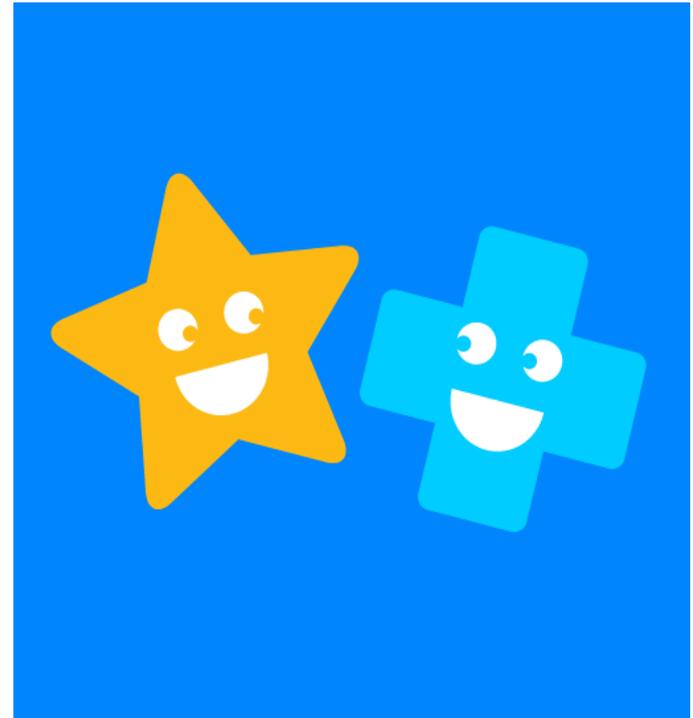
780 points



Doodle maths

As you know, we have provided online maths learning since September. The expectation is that all children complete up to 30 minutes of doodlemaths each week as extended learning (homework). This increases confidence and fluency, as well as giving them opportunities to develop good attitudes towards independent study.

We monitor time spent on doodlemaths each week. Whilst the whole school progress is good, some children are not engaging. Every child is expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes per week – they can access doodlemaths through most devices. We provide additional support in school for anyone who has not engaged, allowing them to make up their time.



Uniform and PE Kit

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their child is in the correct uniform and PE kit. Please remember that children need to wear a house-coloured t-shirt, black sport shorts and black knee length sports socks for PE. Additional layers may be worn outside in cold weather. Tight fitting shorts/leggings may be worn underneath shorts, but not as a replacement. PL Schoolwear provides good quality kit at very competitive prices.



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

The school PTA hold a second hand uniform sale termly and Aylesbury Vineyard can help provide school uniform for any families with financial difficulties.

Dates for the Diary

PTA Easter Bake Sale	Monday 25 th March	Info to follow
Last day of Term	Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 1:15pm
First day of Summer Term	Monday 15 th April	School re opens at 8:40am
Bank holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 th May	
Y5 Perseus and Medusa drama workshop	Tuesday 7 th May	
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	

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

Email: dbell@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

General Inquiries: Martyn

Email: office-11@premier-education.com

Phone: 01296 620 097

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.

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

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.