

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Collective Worship

At this special time of year, we have thought about the true meaning of Christmas – the Nativity. We have explored the ways that people prepare for Christmas and thought about the significance of light in different festivals and celebrations, such as Diwali and Hanukkah. We have set the challenge of spreading Love, Hope, Peace and Joy and letting our lights shine through our kindness to others.

Year 3 Nativity

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 3 children in their production of 'A Midwife Crisis'. All of the performances were fantastic and you donated very generously to our leaving collection - £276.50 was raised for Helen and Douglas House which provides hospice care for sick children. A huge thank you must go to the Year 3 team for all of their hard work in rehearsing the children and preparing costumes, props and scenery. Well done everyone.

Christmas MUFTI Day

The children are invited to come to school dressed in Christmas-themed MUFTI on Monday in return for £1 donation to Medical Detection Dogs. As well as our Christmas lunch, the children will be enjoying seasonal activities in class during the day. NB Please ensure your child is wearing shoes suitable for outdoor play and has a coat with them.

Christmas Carol Services

Please do join us at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 18 December at 10am (Y3/4) or 11am (Y5/6) for our Christmas carol services.

Letters Sent Home Since the Last Newsletter

Home cross country event (XC club)

Reminders

Y6 residential trip – £80 instalment payment due via ParentPay by **WEDNESDAY 19/12!**

School closes at 1.15pm on Wednesday 19/12

School reopens at 8.40am on Thursday 3/1

Diary Dates

17 December	Christmas MUFTI day/AiP Christmas lunch
18 December	Christmas carol services at St Mary's, 10am (Y3/4) & 11am (Y5/6)
18 December	Cake sale, 3.30pm
19 December	School closes at 1.15pm for Christmas holidays
2 January	INSET day – school closed for children
3 January	Children return to school at 8.40am
7 January	All before and after school activities restart
7 January	Y6 height & weight checks
8 January	Y2 parent tours, 2pm & 2.30pm
9 January	PTA meeting, 7.30pm, school hall
10 January	Y2 parent tours, 2pm & 2.30pm
16 January	4W/4C multi-skills festival, John Colet
17 January	5W class assembly, 9am
19 January	WENDOVER CROSS COUNTRY MEET – ALL WELCOME SO PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
21 January	MIND mental health awareness assembly
21 January	Hazard Alley to visit Y6 (gas safety drama workshop)

24 January	5J class assembly, 9am
24 January	3W/3J fossils workshops
25 January	3S fossils workshops
30 January	Y4 Viking day (workshops)
31 January	5S class assembly
2 February	Cross country meet, St Edward's Junior School
5 February	Class photos
7 February	4W class assembly
8 February	Y6 inter-house swimming gala
w/b 11 February	Y5/6 assessment week
14 February	4C class assembly
15 February	Hot dog day
15 February	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
25 February	School reopens at 8.40am
w/b 25 February	Y3/4 assessment week
26 February	Y6 to RAF Halton (Trenchard Museum/WW1 trenches) – 50% of year group
1 March	National offer day
6 March	4J/4S multi-skills festival, John Colet
7 March	4J class assembly
8 March	World Book Day celebrations
12 March	Y6 to RAF Halton (Trenchard Museum/WW1 trenches) – 50% of year group
14 March	4S class assembly
14 March	Y5 to Holdenby House (Victorians)
14 March	Dance showcase, Grange School (street dance club)
15 March	PTA race night (adults only)
w/b 18 March	Last sessions of teacher-led after school clubs
23 March	District cross country championships, Waddesdon Manor
w/b 25 March	Last week for external clubs
26 March	Parent/teacher consultation evening, 4-7pm
27 March	3W multi skills festival, John Colet
28 March	Parent/teacher consultation evening, 4-7pm
29 March	Y3 to Whipsnade Zoo
1 April	4W/4C to River & Rowing Museum
2 April	4J/4S to River & Rowing Museum
5 April	Easter services at St Mary's Church, 10am (Y3/4) and 11am (Y5/6)
5 April	School closes for Easter holidays, 1.15pm
23 April	INSET day
24 April	School reopens at 8.40am



Christmas Cake Sale



Tues 18 Dec, 3.30pm

**Fundraising for Ella Playle & her gym squad
who are going to compete at the
World Championship Gymnastics Competition
in USA, July 2019.**



PTA NEWS

Family Christmas crafts

What a lovely Christmassy buzz! Children left with a bag full of homemade goodies to decorate the house, eat and present to loved ones. It looked like all had fun, so much so that we're looking forward to hosting another craft evening next term. In addition, we raised around **£500** for the school.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you for all the lovely treats that you have donated to go into the Christmas hampers and for selling your raffle tickets. We're pleased to report that the raffle raised around **£800** for the school. Congratulations to all the winners – your hamper can be collected from the school office.

Foreign Coin Collection

Thank you for emptying your drawers and digging out all your foreign coins. You raised **£343** for the school. We'll run another collection next September.



Save the Date

- Thursday 31 Jan – children's bingo (straight from school)
- Friday 15 March – adult Race night
- Date TBC – Easter crafts (straight from school)
- Saturday 29 June – Strawberry Fayre

Easyfundraising

When Christmas shopping please use Easyfundraising. It costs you nothing but raises the money for the school. Since our last update our cause has raised **£38.29** and gained **NO new supporters**. Our target is £2,000 and 200 supporters (half the families and staff). Sign up for **free** - go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wendoverpta/>



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