



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Week commencing 16 th October 2023			
Date	Event	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Monday 16 th	Reception Parents Evening	Reception	4.00-6.00pm in the Barn
Tuesday 17 th	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Tuesday 17 th	Reception Harvest	Reception Parents/Carers	2.30pm- 3.30pm School hall
Thursday 19 th	Harvest Service	All	1.30 at St Mary's Church
Friday 20 th	INSET DAY	ALL	
Monday 30 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM		

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been focusing on kindness at school recently, particularly at play and lunch times. As one of our school values, we have talked about it in classes and brought in a special kindness award in Celebration assembly for children showing kindness to others. We have agreed that we want our school to be a kind place and the best way to do this is to show kindness to others - helping out where needed, including others at playtime, treating each other nicely - and others are more likely to be kind back. We are very proud of how the children are responding to this.

We have also been talking about how to make play and lunch times more fun for the children. We have agreed that, in the past, play equipment has been lost or broken very quickly. We have decided to trial children bringing in their own suitable play equipment - skipping ropes, small soft balls, hoops. We would like this to be clearly named, we'll provide storage in cloakrooms and ask children to be responsible for their belongings. We ask that no footballs are sent in, we have footballs on Fridays and will provide these to limit the number of balls on the playground. Hopefully this will help play and lunchtimes be more enjoyable experience for all.

Robin class update

Mrs Tratt will be teaching in Robin class full time this week and next, this is so that Mrs Kent can have more leadership time. We would like to thank Mrs Tratt for helping out so that there is consistency for Robin class, they have made us very proud with how well they have settled and integrated this half term.

Have a lovely weekend

Shelley Kent

Harvest Service:

We are very much looking forward to you joining us at 1.30pm on Thursday in St Mary's Church to share in our harvest service. It is going to be a lovely time of celebration. At the end of the service there is opportunity for you to take your child / children home. To ensure this happens smoothly and bearing in mind our safeguarding responsibilities, we **require you to contact the office prior to Thursday if you wish to do this and who they will be leaving the church with ie parent, grandparent etc.** All other pupils will return to school with staff for the normal end of the day pick up, after school club and singing club.

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Singing Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Drum Club Friday 2.45 – 3.15pm
(Y1 – Y4)

Term Dates 2022/23

Term dates can be found [here](#)

Absence Reporting

Please phone 01934 712643 (option 1) or email office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk

before 9.15am

(on each and every day of absence)

Wedmore First School Academy
Blackford Road, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4BS
Main Office: 01934 712643

Email: office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk

Flu Vaccination Reminder:

The School Age Immunisation Nursing Team will be visiting the school to administer the Flu Vaccination on Monday 30th October. Information was sent out by ParentMail on 27th September, as the process is slightly different to previous years and you will need to complete the form indicating **whether you consent or not**. If you have not yet done this, may we encourage you to re visit that ParentMail and follow the links.

Wedmore Out of School Childcare Half Term Holiday Club:

Please see the attached information regarding the holiday club.

Breakfast Supervisor Job Vacancy at Weare Academy:

Breakfast Supervisor Job Vacancy from 30th October.

Please see attached link for details: <https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies/breakfast-club-supervisor/>

School Calendar Events Dates:

Please [click here](#) to view our Calendar Event Dates for the school year.

Pupil Premium:

Just a remind you that the school receives funding for free school meals and more. This helps eligible children reach their full potential both academically and socially. If you think you may be entitled to this, please visit the following link and complete an application.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

Vacancies:

<https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/vacancies/>

How to stay safe online:

We recommend the following links for advice on how to help your children stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Safeguarding:

Please [click here](#) for regular updates on the SCC safeguarding website

WLT Attendance Policy 2023-2024:

Please [Click here](#) to read WLT Attendance Policy 2023 – 2024

This Week in . . .

Duck Class:

After half term, Duck Class are looking at the topic 'superheroes', we are going to be looking at real life superheroes! If there are any firemen, doctors/nurses, paramedics, vets, police officer, dentists ect who wouldn't mind coming in and visiting us (even better if you're able to be in uniform!) please get in contact with Daisy.

Robin Class:

Robin Class have been busy retelling the story of the little red hen, ready for our class assembly next week. Just like the little red hen we have enjoyed making and eating our own bread, we made them into hedgehog rolls and shared them with Duck Class on our topic afternoon. We had a fantastic fun filled afternoon with Duck Class celebrating our All About Me topic, using art materials to make people, drawing around our handprints, making playdough faces, creating towns and eating bread. Finally I was so impressed with the French songs the children have been learning with Mr Sage and showed me head, shoulders, knees and toes, in French.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had another great week!! They have been working hard in their maths this week by learning their number bonds to 5. The children have begun writing our class version of the Three Little Pigs and have worked hard to use their sounds to sound out unfamiliar words! In PSHE this week, we focused on different ways to stay healthy at school and at home. Keep up the great work Deers!

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit Class have been securing their number bonds to 10 and using these to add three numbers together. All children worked really hard with their 'Hot Write'. We've got some super stories using the format of our model text 'The story of Pirate Tom'. In computing, the children have been learning about the technology we use both at home and in school. They put televisions and telephones on a timeline. The children were quite surprised as to how technology has changed over the years!

Fox Class:

Fox class have had a lovely week. Last week we finally finished building our pirate ships; which the children were then able to take home this week after they evaluated them. It would be amazing if they could test to see whether their pirate ships float or sink at home! This week in English the children have also started to write their very own stories - they have written some fantastic things so far and have even used some brilliant story openers. We have also painted and coloured our pumpkins in preparation for our harvest service next week, the children really enjoyed doing this 😊.

Hedgehog:

The Hedgehogs have had a great week! On Stone Age day they made me so proud, they listened carefully to our visitor, handled the artefacts with care and asked some fantastic questions. It was a brilliant day, consolidating their knowledge and enhancing it with practical activities. Hedgehogs particularly enjoyed the VR experience where they could explore places, homes and animals from the Stone Age.



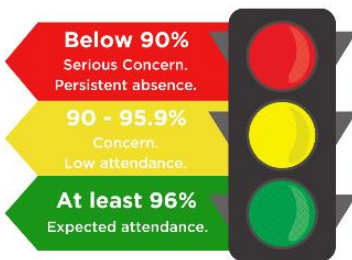
Owl:

Owl class has had a very busy week this week. In math, we rounded numbers to the nearest 1,000. In English, we wrote Roman diaries all about a trip to the Colosseum. Owls had to prove me wrong this week in History and show me that the Romans improved Britain. On Thursday afternoon, the children printed mosaics and they look absolutely fantastic! We're ending the week with a Roman day. What a great way to finish the week off.



ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!