



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Week commencing 30 th October 2023			
Date	Event	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Monday 30 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM		
Monday 30 th	Flu Vaccinations	Those who have completed the consent form	1.00pm in school
Tuesday 31 st	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Tuesday 7 th November	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Thursday 9 th	Phonics Parent Forum	All	Rescheduled phonics 5.30pm at the school (more information will follow)
Friday 10 th	KS2 Topic Afternoon	Parents/Carers Yr3 & Yr4	2.00pm in Hedgehog & Owl classes

Dear Parents and Carers

We have almost reached the end of another very busy but productive term and are all looking forward to the Harvest service at Wedmore church. The staff and children have worked hard learning and practicing songs and poems, it will be a pleasure to see them perform for an audience in a beautiful setting.

If you haven't already, please continue to send in donations for Cheddar food bank, we have asked for this to be collected at the end of the first week back so there is still time.

In the meantime, I wish everyone a restful and relaxing half term week and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes,
Mrs Kent

Harvest:

This harvest we are delighted to be supporting the Cheddar Valley Food Bank. If you are able to donate some non-perishable items, that would be fantastic and they need to be in school by 3rd of November.

Halloween:

Kings Fitness & Leisure presents Halloween Kids Party Disco by Action and Pussycat, please see attached poster for details.

PTA Preloved Christmas Jumper collection:

🎄👕 On 7th Dec, the school will be taking part in the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. This year, to continue our ethos behind our preloved uniform shop, we will be running a "Preloved Christmas Jumper" sale(s) in November.

Most Christmas jumpers are worn less than 5 times each, meaning they are discarded well before they are at the end of their life, often ending up going into landfill 😞 If you want to help save the planet, and a little cash too, then preloved Christmas jumpers are definitely the way forward! ♻️💰

So, if you have a little time over the Oct 1/2 term holiday, why don't you seek out those Christmas jumpers that your kids have outgrown. The PTA team will be collecting donations of clean, well-cared-for Christmas

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)

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jumpers during the first week back. Boxes for donations will be at the office and just outside the preloved uniform shop.

More info regarding sales date will follow...

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 . . .

Robin Class:

A fantastic final week and first term for Robin Class. The children did a brilliant retelling of The Little Red Hen to the rest of the school and their parents, we are all so proud of you! We had a great first music lesson in the music room and enjoyed playing the African drums. Finally we have learnt all about harvest with a visit from The Parsons, where we were able to look at different crops, photos of tractors and talk about how farmers harvest at this time of year. Have a great and restful half-term.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had a great half term in Year 1. They have settled in well and there have been lots of laughs along the way. This week, the children finished off their Talk4Writing text and had a go at writing their own version of the Three Little Pig story; there is some great creativity within the class! In Maths, the children have been learning about working 'systematically'. They have a great understanding of the word and have shown this within their work. The children did an excellent job in the Harvest Service! Have a lovely half term break!

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have had a great first half term. Hopefully they'll all come back refreshed. This week in forest school we've been making pirate ships and enjoying the outdoors. The harvest service was a success and I'm so proud of how well the children performed their song. Have a super half term.



Fox Class:

Fox class have had a lovely last week of term. This week the children have been up to all sorts of learning and activities. In forest school they had made some pirate boats out of sticks, leaves and stones - they were very creative! They have also done some fantastic work in maths this week where they have been adding and subtracting by bridging 10. The children also performed amazingly at the Harvest Service, thank you to those who came to watch us. Well done Fox Class for an amazing start to the school year!



Hedgehog:

Hedgehog class have been getting to know their new teacher - Miss Low and working hard, as usual. She is very happy to be back and has enjoyed meeting all the children. This week we have learnt all about baptism in RE and acted out the process in groups. In science, we looked at lots of different plants with seeds and discussed the different ways in which they might be dispersed. The children really enjoyed handling the seeds and then managed to find even more in the playground at playtime.




Owl:

Owl Class have had a great last week of term! The children have been working hard in their math lessons this week rounding, adding, and subtracting 4-digit numbers. The children learned all about Boudicca in history, understanding

her role in Roman Britain. In writing, we published our Roman diaries on old paper that we made and they look wonderful. I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term!


ATTENDANCE
Every day counts!



Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern.
Low attendance.

At least 96%
Expected attendance.



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