



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Week commencing 13 th November 2023			
Date	Event	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Monday 13 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 14 th	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning for new parents 2024-2025	New parents 2024-2025	10.00-11.00am in the school hall followed by a tour of school.
Friday 17 th	Children in Need	All	Whole school Golden Time for the afternoon & non uniform day
Friday 17 th	Children in Need	All	PTA Cake sale after school in playground
Saturday 18 th	Messy Church	All	3.00-5.00pm at St Mary's Church
Tuesday 21 st	Swimming	Owl Class	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Evening	Reception – Yr4	3.45 – 6.45pm
Thursday 23 rd	Parents Evening	Reception – Yr4	3.45-6.45pm

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Football Club Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
(Y3 –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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Dear families

With only a few weeks until our Nativity performances, the preparations and rehearsals have started! This is always a busy term, on top of usual classroom routines and learning we spend time planning and practicing performances, making and crafting items to sell at our fayre and also to take home, eating Christmas lunch and having a great time celebrating the upcoming Festive season. As a team, we spent time at the start of the academic year carefully scheduling all these things to ensure things run smoothly and feel manageable. I remember how much I enjoyed last years performances and am certain we are in for a treat again this year!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at Owl and Hedgehog's project showcase, I've already had a glimpse of some of the project work and it looks amazing! Thank you for your help and support with this, encouraging creativity in learning and celebrating that is becoming a Wedmore tradition I enjoy and I know that the children appreciate too.

Best Wishes
Shelley Kent

Harvest- Food Bank:

A big 'Thank You' for all the donations of food that we have sent to Cheddar Valley Food Bank, helping to make a real difference.

Parents Evening:

Time slots for Parents Evenings are available to book from Monday 13th via ParentMail.

Children in Need:

We will be having an afternoon of 'Golden Time' on Friday 17th for the whole school. Activities will include: Spotty or bear artwork, Keepy up competition, Board game championships and Gardening (volunteers are coming in to assist with the gardening). It will be a non-uniform day or wear something 'spotty'.

Lunches & Snacks:

Please can we remind you that we are as Egg & Nut Free school as we have children who are severely allergic to these.

Lost Property:

We have a mountain of lost property and we really want to reunite the items to their owners. Therefore, on Monday 13th and each day next week, it will be on tables under the covered area by the pre-loved uniform shop. Please take what is yours and then at the end of the week anything left will be sent to charity or disposed of. Thank you.

Messy Church:

"Messy Church returns to St Mary's on Saturday 18th November 3 - 5pm: lots of craft tables, a bible story and songs followed by afternoon tea (any offers of a plate of something would be gratefully received). The theme is 'Light up the Darkness'"

All are welcome, under 12s must be accompanied by an adult."

Remembrance Service:

We are very proud of Reuben and Gwen who represented Wedmore First School at Kings of Wessex Remembrance this morning.



Thank You:

To celebrate Bonfire Night our catering team created a themed lunch on Monday, which was fantastic, including popping candy! A special thanks also goes to Sharon and her team who decorated the serving counter with an amazing design and explosion of fireworks art. We all loved it 😊



School Council:

We are pleased to introduce our new school council and look forward to all the things they will discuss and bring to the school.



Drum Jam 6:

If you enjoy the sound of drums, then this event is for you!

Giles Hicks our drumming teacher invites you to join them on Saturday 16th December at the Kings of Wessex Academy, for the sixth special event for Somerset involving up to 100 drummers on stage as well as special guest performers. For further information and tickets please see the attached poster.

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:

Duck Class have been continuing talking about superheroes with a focus on the fire service this week. Lots of children have talked about bonfire night and we recreated some firework and bonfire pictures. We know that we can also call 999 for the fire service as well as the police. We are looking forward to celebrating world nursery rhyme week next week!

Robin Class:

We started the week embracing the weather with forest school and our continuous outdoor learning. The children looked at and collected Autumn leaves to make their own hedgehog. We learnt about the changes of Autumn and how the wind blows the leaves down just like squirrel in the story 'The Leaf Thief.' The children are becoming expert readers and writers and have been amazing us with their phonics this week and everything they are achieving, keep working hard Robins! We really enjoyed our clay afternoon making our Christmas decorations, and learning new skills. Finally we have learnt all about Remembrance day, creating poppies and remembering all the people who have fort and continue too for our country and other countries around the world.



Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have been learning about Andy Goldsworthy in Forest school this week and created their own sculptures made from natural materials. We have been brushing up on our number facts in maths week and applying these to work out calculations for subtraction and addition. We have started to look at self-portraits in art and have looked at some self-portraits by famous artists. Have a great weekend and lets hope the sun shines for a change!



Fox Class:

Fox class have had a fantastic week and they have worked really hard this week. This week in English the children had to create their very own story based on a picture. They came up with some great ideas and produced some amazing writing. We have also been learning about physical and human features in geography - maybe you could ask your child to point out some human or physical features the next time you're out of the house.

We have also taken some time to reflect on those we want to remember in light of Remembrance Day. The children were able to learn about why we celebrate Remembrance Day and why it is so important, and then they each created their own poppy and wrote down who they wanted to remember.

Hedgehog:

This week Hedgehogs have been learning even more about what makes a fantastic set of instructions. We have continued to rehearse our key text: 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' and soon the children will be planning and writing their own versions about different animals. The children are so creative, we can't wait to read them! In science, Miss Low brought a very poorly plant into our class and we suggested ideas that might help it return to full health! It turns out that it just needed watering! We also started our new topic in science, looking at rocks and soil. This week we learnt how fossils are formed and next week I have promised that we will look at the rock cycle and create it, with chocolate! Mmmmmm!

Owl:

This week has been filled with fun for Owl class. In honor of Remembrance Day, we created stained glass windows and poppies. We have been busy in English, planning our persuasive letter on why pets should be allowed in school. As part of our electricity topic in science, we created circuits and learned the difference between a parallel and a series circuit. Finally, on Friday we had an amazing day showing the whole school and parents our excellent homework projects!

