



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Week commencing 27 th November 2023			
Date	Event	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Monday 27 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Daisy @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Anne @ 3.30pm
Thursday 30 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Sarah @ 3.30pm
Friday 1 st	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Charlotte @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	Parents Meeting	Duck Class	With Rhiannon @ 3.30pm
Tuesday 5 th	KS1 Nativity Performance	KS1 Parents	2.00pm in the School Hall Further information regarding tickets to follow.
Thursday 7 th	Christmas Jumper Day	All	Supporting Save the Children Charity
Thursday 7 th	KS1 Nativity Performance	KS1 Parents	6.00pm in the School Hall
Friday 8 th	Christmas Fair	All	5.00-7.00pm in the Learning Zone

Dear families

We have had some very positive conversations take place this week during parents evenings. We trialled a new system where all staff met families in the hall, a bell rang every 10 minutes to ensure the evening ran to time. Both teachers and parents said they thought this way of organising the slots went well, we will be adopting this as our new way of working going forwards. Miss Kent is back with us today, we will be rescheduling slots for Owl class parents very soon. If you haven't yet met with your child's teacher, please ask for a chat. Knowing what your child is learning, how they are getting on and how you can support with this is crucial.

As a staff team, we have been talking about behaviour recently, we are keen to ensure the children have high standards of behaviour across the school at all times of the day.

We have been taking time to remind classes about expectations and speaking to children individually if their behaviour falls short of this. Our behaviour policy is based on staff having trusting relationships with all children, this means we can support children to make good choices with their behaviour and make sure boundaries are clear and respected. We value your part in this too, giving children the same messages and working in partnership can be very powerful. If you have any questions or worries about this, please speak to your child's teacher.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Tratt who has worked extra days in Robin class this term. This has meant consistency for our children, this is so important, particularly at this early stage of school life. Once the Headteacher post is secured we will be able to look at the staffing structure within the school, this information will be shared with you as soon as is possible.

Best Wishes
Shelley Kent

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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Thank You:

A big 'Thank You' to Tots & Tinies, PTA and you as parents and carers, together we have raised in the region of £500 towards Children in Need, this is FANTASTIC!

Christmas Dinner:

The school Christmas Turkey Dinner will be on Tuesday 12th December. **Please note there will be NO sandwiches available on that day.** If you would like your child to enjoy this scrumptious dinner, all you need to do is **book the main meal on that date on ParentPay and ignore what the menu says just for that day** (Tuesday and Wednesday main meals will be swapped around). Please remember to provide a packed lunch if your child does not wish to have the Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Jumper Day:

This year for our Christmas jumper day we are supporting Save the Children Charity- if you would like to donate to this vital work, please [click here](#)

Santa Fun Run:

The Rotary Club have organised a Santa Fun Run to raise money for Weston Hospice Care on Saturday 16th December, please see the attached poster for further details.

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 . . .

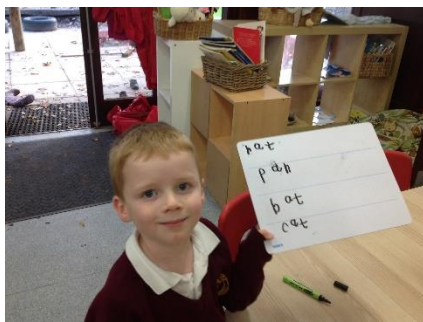
Duck Class:

Duck Class have been busy practising our Christmas songs for our Nativity with Robin Class. We have enjoyed the drier weather and have spent lots of time in our garden. We have been continuing to develop our mathematical language and have been comparing different sizes through shorter/taller/smaller/bigger. We are looking forward to getting stuck into Christmas next week with our Boogie Beat party on Wednesday!

A huge thank you must also go to George's Grampy, a retired doctor, who came to visit the children on Thursday afternoon, the children were mesmerised by him and the equipment he showed them!

Robin Class:

This week is Road safety week, so we have been discussing how we can be safe by the road, travelling on bikes, scooters and in cars. The children have been using a pedestrian crossing and lollipop sign to cross the road safely. We have also been doing lots of singing ready for our nativity play. In our number work we have been looking at how numbers are made up of two parts to make one whole, building towers, train tracks and thinking about our body parts that make up the whole of ourselves. Finally they have been fantastic storytellers, retelling our story of Stuck in the Mud in groups to an audience.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had an excellent week and it was so lovely to have such a warm welcome back! Nativity practice is full swing and parts have been given!! We can't wait for you all to see this great performance! This week in English we had a special delivery in a box... Inside was a penguin! On the penguin was a tag which said 'I am lost. Please look after me.' The children were shocked but couldn't wait to do everything they could to look after the penguin. Found posters have been made and we are hoping we can find out where the penguin has come from so that we can send him home!! Keep up the excellent work Deers!

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit Class have been busy rehearsing their lines and the songs for our 'very fast approaching' Nativity!!!! It will be alright on the night....hopefully! In class we've been learning different strategies for both addition and subtraction. We have been thinking about self-portraits and learning skills on how to draw our own.


Fox Class:




Fox class have had a very busy week! Nativity practice is in full swing, and the children are starting to get very excited (and so are the teachers!!!). A lot of them have been reciting their lines to me after they have practiced at home and I am very impressed. This week in English we have boxed up the story of Little Red Riding Hood and soon we will be innovating the story to create our very own version. In maths we have also been doing some fantastic work. The children have worked really hard on practicing their addition and subtraction, as well as looking at 10 more and 10 less.

Hedgehog:

Year 3 have had an exciting week! On Monday, Bridget Hemmings, a local artist visited Hedgehog class and taught them how to work with clay to create their very own hedgehog! All of the children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and the results are beyond cute! The children are really proud of their efforts and we are too! Thank you Bridget! We also worked collaboratively in class to design and make stained glass windows after learning about all of the important objects inside a church. They have all turned out really well - come and take a look! Finally, we finished writing our instructions. The children wrote instructions about how to wash an animal of their choice. There was plenty of variety from penguins to sabretooth tigers and puppies to unicorns but whatever their choice, they all did a fantastic job!



ATTENDANCE  Wessex Learning Trust
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!