



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date			
Tuesday 2nd	Inset Day		
Wednesday 3rd	Inset Day		
Thursday 4th	First Day back		Welcome back after the Christmas break
Tuesday 9th	Swimming	Hedgehog	2.00pm at Kings of Wessex

Dear families

It's been another week of magical Christmas performances to enjoy in the lead up to the end of term. The staff have worked hard and the children rose to the occasion with lovely Nativity and carol performances, we have felt very proud. Amongst our visitors this week a certain Mr S. Claus signed in at the front office, spreading joy (and excitement!) around the school and giving every child a present. The socks and chocolate were a huge hit, it was a pleasure to see so many happy faces at the end of the school day. I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the PTA, not just for this but the fabulous Christmas fayre on Friday night after school. I am aware that this alone has taken a great deal of planning and organising, as well as raising funds for the school it was a lively and festive event enjoyed by children, staff, parents and other members of the community. Thank you also to Liz and the kitchen staff who sold delicious snacks to the masses. I'd also like to give a well deserved shout out to Mrs Stephenson from the school office who looks to have missed a calling as an entrepreneur and very successful salesperson. She rallied around to provide small change for the stalls, sold school tote bags to shoppers and provided a generous discount on the last of the cones of chips meaning no wasted food and extra money in the pot. Thank you Mrs Stephenson!

As we near the end of the calendar year, I will be looking forward to a rest and time with family. I wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a fun filled New Year.

Best Wishes
Shelley Kent

Christmas Fair:

Thank you to the PTA who organised a fantastic Christmas Fair and to all the stall holders and last but not least everyone who supported this event. We all had a super evening browsing and purchasing those special little Christmas gifts. The PTA team even got to spend time with Santa!



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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Message from the PTA:

We would like to say thank you to Mrs Wright who kindly helped Santa deliver some lovely presents for the children this week.

Also to Robin Class mum Dawn Starley who raised £30 for the PTA with brilliant facepainting at Wedmore by Lamplight on Wednesday.

Lastly, thank you to all our helpers this year who have made the events happen... we couldn't do it without you. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Dinner & Visit from Santa:

A big 'Thank you' to our wonderful catering team for a scrumptious Christmas Dinner, thoroughly enjoyed by all



Year 4:

Please can we remind you to apply for a place for Year 5 for your children [click here](#) for information and application.

PTA Forthcoming Events:

The first PTA meeting of 2024 will be on Thursday 18th January at 8.00pm. We are hoping to meet in person so the venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

Fun Movie Night – Friday 26th January. More details to follow next term.

Quiz Night- At Wedmore village hall on Saturday 3rd February! Save the date! Details on how to buy tickets will be sent out next term.

Holiday Club:

Come and enjoy Holiday Club fun at Wedmore First School on Tuesday 19th 8.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 20th December 8.30 – 3.30pm. Children age 4 years and over from all schools are welcome. For further information and booking please email wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com



Medication Update:

Due to the high increase in cost, from January 2024 we will no longer be able to provide pain relief medication should your child become unwell during the school day.

If your child is under the weather and you think they may need to receive pain medication, please may we ask that you bring a bottle of liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen from home to school. This will be safely stored for their use.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service:

Please see attached information and drop-in sessions over the Christmas period.

Keeping Children Safe online this Christmas:

We all want to keep our children safe online, please [click here](#) for Skips Safety Net information on keeping children safe online this Christmas.

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:

Please note we have a vacancy for a part-time HLTA at Wedmore First School, follow the link below for more details.

<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:

What a busy week! I'm sure you'll all agree that Duck Class made very cute little stars in their nativity on Monday. This was our biggest nativity yet with a huge 36 children from nursery taking part, thank you for your support! We've also had a visit from father Christmas, had a yummy Christmas dinner and party lunch, played lots of games and danced to lots of Christmas tunes! All that is left to say is have a lovely restful Christmas and a happy new year!

Robin Class:

This week is all about Christmas! We kicked started the week with our Early Years nativity play which the children preformed amazingly with some fantastic singing and acting! We have been going on a present hunt and writing about different Christmas related objects we may have to get through to reach the present, the children have come up with some fantastic ideas, such as reindeer, snow and tinsel. We have surrounded ourselves with Christmas craft, making party hats, Christmas cards, baubles and using lots of sparkles and gems. Finally, we have enjoyed some festive food, a party lunch and games, a very exciting visit from Father Christmas and watching the panto! Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!





Rabbit Class:

I can't believe a term has passed already! Rabbit Class have been enjoying the Christmas spirit this week. We've been busy making Christmas cards, calendars and party crowns. The pant was exciting and thoroughly enjoyed by all. A massive thank you to Liz and Rachel for serving a delicious Christmas roast on Tuesday. There were lots of clean plates and even Matilda the cat got a slice of turkey! The children loved seeing Santa and his elf and sang him carols. Party day was full of sparkle and excitement which set the tone for the day. I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Fox Class:

Fox class have had an amazing last week at school. We have had plenty of Christmas fun this week, the children have created their own party hats for our Christmas party day and we've also been making some Christmas trees out of tissue paper. We have also learnt all about reindeers in English and the children wrote their very own fact file about them. On Thursday we also had the panto come to visit us - we watched Cinderella. The children loved joining in and they had lots of fun.



Hedgehog:

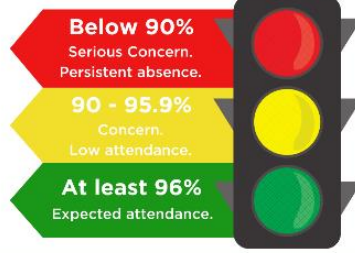
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Owl:

This week in Owl class we have been getting up to lots of Christmas fun. We have finished off our portal story and have created our own Christmas world with our main character the Grinch! Owls have also got up to lots of Christmas craft, making Christmas hats, cards and Calanders. We enjoyed watching the pantomime on Thursday and finished off the week watching a Christmas film with our buddies. Merry Christmas from Owl class.

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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