



## Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming	Hedgehog	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All	7.00pm @ the Village Hall
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming	Hedgehog	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex

Dear families

it's been a pleasure this week to see some exciting new plans come to fruition. The sensory space, officially named the Relaxation Room by the children, is taking shape and already being used. Of particular use is a blackboard area where children are invited to draw how they feel, this has already proved very powerful as a way of helping children express their emotions. The Zones of Regulation display already looks fantastic, this is something we will be using throughout the school from next term - a parent forum to talk about how we use it in school is in the pipeline. The children have also loved art club this week and also our new lunchtime Lego club - children from all classes came to play Lego, chat to others and try out some new Lego sets. If you have any spare Lego at home we could always use more.

I wanted to say thank you again to our kind volunteers, Jo and Dawn, for their time and efforts. The Relaxation Room is set to become a well used and loved space in our school, Art Club has proved a huge success and the mural in our library area looks fabulous. It's a privilege to be part of such a wonderful community.

Best Wishes

Shelley Kent  
Headteacher

### Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm  
(Y2 – Y4)  
Hockey 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 2023/24

Term dates can be found [here](#)

### Absence Reporting

Please phone 01934 712643 (option 1) or email  
[office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk](mailto:office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk)  
before 9.15am  
(on each and every day of absence)

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## PTA Quiz Night!:



PTA Quiz Night - Wedmore Village Hall, Saturday 3rd February 2024, 7pm entry for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 per person which includes Ploughman's platter for your team. Please email [wedmorepta@outlook.com](mailto:wedmorepta@outlook.com) to confirm your tickets and advise any dietary requirements. \*Deadline for tickets is 1st February 2024\*

### **PTA Minutes:**

It was lovely to see so many at the recent PTA meeting, please see the attached minutes of the meeting to see all the exciting things that are planned.

### **Lost Property:**

There are a few items in the Lost Property Box, please can we encourage you to take a look as you are passing and collect anything that is yours, so that we can keep on top of lost property. Thank you.

### **Art Club:**

The children have been enjoying and creating some beautiful art work.



### **Holiday Club Advance Notice:**

Sharon will be running a holiday club on the 13th, 14th and 15th of February, further details will follow.

### **The Space:**

The Space 'Preserving and protecting the mental health of children and young people living or who are educated in the Cheddar Valley area, Somerset'.

Please see the attached poster with activities being run during half term.

If you would like more information regarding 'The Space' please [click here](#)

### **Wells Cathedral Family Holiday Activities:**

Please see the attached posters with the activities available during half term.

### **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:

We had a brilliant start to our week with our visit to the church, the children were amazing walking down and back and we all noticed different features of the church – thank you to our volunteers who made this possible! We have been continuing with looking at weight and talking about light v heavy objects. We have moved on in phonics to looking at initial sounds at the start of words. We have also had our large whiteboard out all week and this has been hugely popular, we have been working on our pencil grip and early writing skills by drawing round shapes, drawing pictures and for those who wanted a challenge, writing their names!

### Robin Class:

Another great week in Robin Class, we have travelled to the continent of South America, exploring the Amazon Rainforest, and looking at different landmarks. We have been learning different ways to make the number 6 and writing captions linked to The Three Billy Goats Gruff and our phonics.



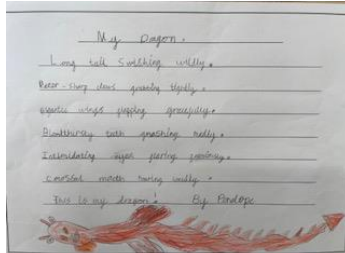
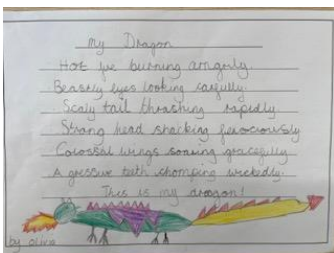
### Deer Class:

This week, Deer Class have been working really hard in their maths lessons. We have begun our shape unit this week and have been busy making repeating patterns. The children used counters and multilink cubes to continue patterns and some even had a go at creating their own! In English, the children have been busy innovating the Magic Porridge Pot story. As a class we came up with a new main character, a new setting and a new magical item before the children had a go at choosing their own! I wonder if they can tell you what they chose? In science, we created our own rain gauge. Over the next week, we will be monitoring how much rain fall there is (I wonder if it will fill the 2L bottles!).



### Rabbit Class:

Rabbit Class have been busy writing poems about dragons this week. We looked at the importance of language and came up with some tremendous adjectives, verbs and adverbs!! We've learnt about collage in art and have started our own castle scene using printing and collage techniques. In maths we have been making different amounts using money.



### Fox Class:

Fox class have had another fantastic week of learning. In English this week we have been learning all about poetry, and the children have been using different nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to create their very own poem about dragons. They have created some amazing pieces of writing! We have also been continuing our unit on 'why we have castles?' in history - this week we learnt all about the features of Normans and Medieval castles and the children were able to label a castle using the names of features we have learnt about.



### Hedgehog:

Hedgehogs have been learning about newspaper reports in English. We have been looking for the key features and finding out what hacks journalists use when writing headlines. I loved "Cow won't mooove!" thought of in our headline activity this week. We have also been learning about magnets and using the vocabulary attract and repel. The class had great fun experimenting with magnets and finding out about the invisible force of magnetism!

### Owl:

In Owls this week we have been writing our own Greek myths with speech and they are looking fantastic! In maths we are finishing off our coordinates topic and have been drawing polygons in the first quadrant. Owls conducted a science experiment all about the water cycle and made it rain in a bowl, which showed us how the water cycle works. In our Greek topic we learnt all about Greek gods and goddesses, where we used our enquiry skills on some historical sources. We have ended the week with buddy time, which is the Owl's favourite time of the week!

**MOMENTS  
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ATTENDANCE  
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