



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Saturday 3 rd Feb	PTA Quiz Night	All	7.00pm @ the Village Hall
Mon 5 th – Fri 9 th	Childrens Mental Health Week	All	
Tues 6 th	Safer Internet Day	All	
Tuesday 6 th	Swimming	Hedgehog	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex
Friday 9 th	PTA Cake Sale	All	At the end of school
Friday 9 th	Pancake Friday & Last Day of Term		The kitchen will be serving Pancakes as the pudding today
Tuesday 20 th	First Day of Spring Term 2	All	Welcome back to school
Tuesday 20 th	Swimming	Hedgehog	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex
Thursday 22 nd	World Thinking Day	Rainbows / Brownies/Cubs & Scouts	You are invited to wear your uniform to school

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 before 9.15am (on each and every day of absence)

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Dear families

as we draw towards the end of another term, I have been reflecting on what we have achieved. Children have been using the Relaxation Room to calm and settle and the finishing flourishes are being added to our library mural. Reading buddies have been reading to each other this afternoon and thoroughly enjoying the experience and we are preparing our Art Club work to display in the Learning Zone. Once again, I would like to thank the volunteers, this includes the PTA who organised the Movie Night last Friday - funds were raised and children enjoyed themselves. Things have also been busy at school since returning from Christmas - we have our "Special table" established on Mondays in our lunch hall, maths mastery sessions have been implemented in Reception and Key Stage 1 classes and times tables practice has stepped up for Key Stage 2. It fills me with excitement and pride to see us all working together and bringing about positive change. I will be looking for an opportunity for you all to come and see the finished mural, Relaxation Room and Art Club pieces soon - watch this space!

Best Wishes

Shelley Kent
Headteacher

Thank You:

A heart felt 'Thank You' to Paul & Ben who worked on the Barn over last weekend replacing several tiles, to ensure the 'Barn' which is Robin Class will now remain dry!

Congratulations:

One of our children, Camden, was in the news recently after helping his team win a chess championship. Camden himself said 'he had worked hard during the trials and it felt good to be on the winning team. Well done Camden!

Holiday Club :

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

Health & Safety – Measles:

You will have no doubt heard about the rising cases of measles, there are no confirmed cases in our area but there have been large cases in the Midlands. May we encourage you to be vigilant and any concerns you may have regarding your child showing signs of measles to contact your Doctor.

Pancake Friday:

The kitchen staff will be providing scrumptious pancakes as the pudding on Friday 9th as we do not want to miss out on pancakes for Shrove Tuesday which is during half term. Yum, yum!

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](#)

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:

This week we have made trips out to the post box, we have written a letter or drawn a picture to send home, we even met the postman whilst we were out on our travels! We have used our home corner as a post office and the children have been taking on the role of the postman. We have also been working on holding our pencils well and looking at the number 2. A simple game to improve your child's understanding is to try at home asking your child to find 2 objects, such as can you find me 2 dinosaurs, can you find me 2 cups etc.

Robin Class:

This week in Robin class we have been looking at more and fewer, recognising that even if the objects may be different sizes between the two groups that there may be more smaller objects and fewer bigger ones. In our topic work we have travelled to the continent of Africa, finding out that there are lots of different climates and landscapes. The children have produced some fantastic writing using their phonic knowledge, keep up the hard work! Finally we have looked at a celebration we all know well and can relate too, birthdays which has been lots of fun!



Deer Class:

This week Deer Class have been very busy learning all about Poetry! We have been focusing on a spring poem and have been using our senses to think of things associated with spring! In Geography, we have been continuing our work on our local area. We worked together to locate different areas within Wedmore, we looked for key symbols to identify these places! In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes! The children have been working hard to name the shapes and we went on a shape hunt to see if we could see the shapes in real-life objects! Well done Deers!



Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have had another full week of learning. In English we've been learning new language from our model text and had fun with similes. In maths we've started a new unit on multiplication and have been learning about equal groups and repeated addition. We've finally finished our castle collages and they look great!



Fox Class:

Fox class have had a lovely week! The children have been working really hard in maths this week to solve different problems involving money. We have also just started our new unit in maths where we will be introducing multiplication - on Thursday the children worked hard to find equal and unequal groups and then they made equal groups of 10, 12 and 15 in as many ways as they could - they did great at this! We have also been working hard to finish our collages of castles (which you will be able to see in the class window!!).

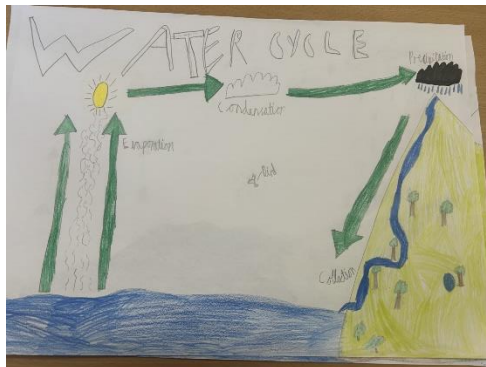


Hedgehog Class:

This week Hedgehog class really enjoyed their swimming lesson. They have already made so much progress in the few weeks that we have been going! We have also enjoyed our topic-based art session this week, looking at famous potters and working in our art sketchbooks, practicing repeating patterns for our Greek Pottery. We have had relaxing music on in the background and they have been so calm and focused, it's been brilliant! They are very much looking forwards to being able to work with clay for the final piece of work.

Owl Class:

This week in Owl class we have had a fun filled week! Owls have started our explanation text topic and have been able to name the key features of one. We will be writing an explanation text on the water cycle so have created some poster to help us understand the process. In science we have conducted another science experiment all to do with evaporation, which links to our work on the water cycle. The Owls have been comparing each day the difference a closed lid vs an open lid will affect the evaporation process, we have started to see some differences already! We were historians, looking at how the first Olympics happened and we found some shocking facts out. Another great week and we are looking forward to what next week brings.



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