



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
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
Friday 23 rd	PTA Preloved Toy Sale	All	At the end of school

Dear Parents

Our School Council are coming to the end of their term, we'll be voting in new representatives at the start of next term. Once again, we are keen to use children's voice to help shape decisions at school and the current School Councillors have made us very proud. Some of the issues they've discussed include changing the playground arrangements, helping plan our upcoming World Book Day, organising a used toy sale to raise funds for wet play equipment and naming the Relaxation Room. The children themselves are feeling positive too - Olivia commented, "We're not only doing this for us, we are doing this for everyone, to make sure others enjoy the school." I hope you all enjoy a restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 20th February.

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

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Playtimes :

Previously, we have invited children to bring in items such as skipping ropes or balls to play with at playtimes. Apart from footballs, this hasn't really taken off. We have spoken to the School Council and decided to invest in new play equipment, the PTA have kindly agreed to fund this. From now on, can I ask that children don't bring any toys into school? The only exception to this rule is when a class has earned their reward and chosen Golden Time - if this is the case the teacher will send a Dojo message. We are finding children are bringing in football cards, toys, Rubik Cubes and other items which have sometimes been a distraction at school and are at risk of being lost. Thank you for your support with this.

Holiday Club :

Sharon will be running a holiday club on the 13th, 14th and 15th of February 8.30am-5.30pm.

All children are welcome aged 4 years and over.

For bookings and enquiries please WhatsApp us on 07813710544 or Email Wedmoreafterschoolclub@hotmail.com

We accept all Childcare Vouchers/

Learning Zone:

Wow! Just look at the amazing art work that Jo Spicer and Sarah Hobbs have created in our learning zone, it is fun, beautiful and a super place to sit and look at our books. Thank you so much!



Willow's Big Haircut!:

Willow who is in Rabbit class is donating her hair to charity next week, to raise money and help create a wig for a sick child. She will be donating 12 inches of her lovely hair, so please support her by making a donation on her JustGiving page through the Little Princess Trust website [click here](#)

The PTA would like to thank.....

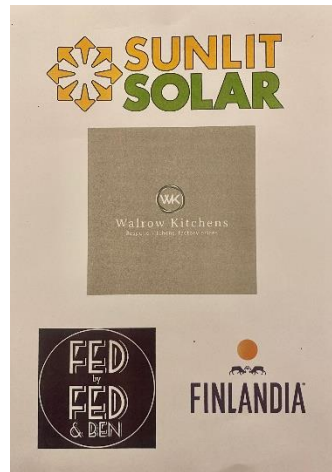
- **Cineworld, Weston-super-Mare –**

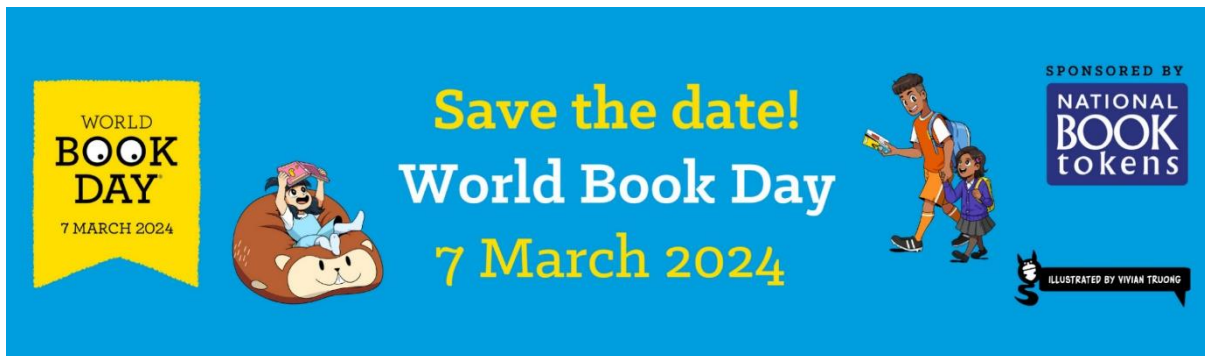
They very kindly donated two very large sacks of popcorn for movie night which the children very much enjoyed. Thank you also to Mrs Tratt and Mrs Stephenson who organised the collection.



- **Our Quiz Night Sponsors**

We had a brilliant quiz night last weekend, thank you to all who came along and supported, donated raffle prizes and to our round sponsors. We are just checking our final total but it's looking like we raised in the region of £700!!





We are excited again for World Book Day 2024! This year the children would love to come to school in their pyjamas, so come dressed in snuggly onesies ready for a day full of fun!

We have the book fair arriving from Friday 1st March until the 7th March the children will have the opportunity to visit with their class so they are able to share any interests with you about books they may like. They will each receive a book token and we will be holding some competitions for the chance to win some book vouchers as well. For all the books we sell we receive a percentage back to invest in books for school, these will be used within classroom book corners.

We will also be holding a parents come and read session within your children's classes, times will follow next term. More information about World Book Day and how we are celebrating our love of reading at Wedmore will be in further bulletins to follow, so please make sure you keep an eye on any information.

Clash of the Choirs:

Mrs Johnson will be taking the members of our school Choir to 'Clash of The Choirs' at St Mary's Church on Saturday 23rd March at 6.30pm. The event has been running for several years and she understands is great fun. It is non-competative, informal and works on a clap-o-meter for the noisiest audience members' response to each choir, so we do need you to buy tickets and support us, please. Please see attached poster for ticket details.

This Week in . . .

Duck Class:

This week Duck Class has been talking lots about what's on the farm. We've been looking at different animals and farm machines, making small worlds and washing our muddy tractors in the garden. We made a den out of our home corner for resting and talking about the importance of sleep and what we do at bedtime. Duck Class and Robin Class teamed up on Tuesday afternoon to play; with lots of different activities for the children to do together such as looking at farm books, making polar bear pictures or arctic animal colourings, building large puzzles and much more.

Robin Class:

This week in Robin Class we have enjoyed the slightly dryer weather and exploring outside, building dens using a range of materials and working together as a team. We have been learning about more and what happens when we don't just add 1 more but 2 more, using our understanding to explain why. Finally we have enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday ready for next week, tasting some yummy toppings.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had another busy week! We have been learning how to stay safe on the internet! We looked at how technology has changed over time and the children created technology that they feel would be great to have in the future! There were some very creative designs! We have also been looking at mindfulness this week for Children's Mental Health Week. We have spoken about what is important to us and how can we get help!



Rabbit Class:

We've come to the end of another half term; time is certainly flying by. The children are all in need of a good rest as we have achieved so much due to their hard work. We will be continuing our topic on castles next term. Homework for half term is an optional project. The children are invited to make a model castle and to include the different features learnt. I look forward to putting their models on display around the school. We also have a school trip planned on 26th March to Dunster Castle so any volunteers to assist in the trip would be welcomed. I wish you all a good break.

Fox Class:

Fox class have had another fantastic week!! We have been learning all about multiplication in maths. The children have worked hard to create repeated addition and multiplication equations for pictorial representations, and they've also been solving problems using the two times table. In English they have been writing their own version of 'Kassim and the Greedy Dragon'. They have created some amazing pieces of writing and some have even included some similes in their work!

I hope you all have a lovely half-term!!

Hedgehog Class:

Hedgehogs have had a fantastic last week and have worked so hard as always! We have been newspaper writing, angle measuring and continuing to make fantastic progress with their swimming! They are also really enjoying their new class story 'Who let the Gods out?' I had to leave the book at school to stop me reading ahead as it's so good!! We are now looking forward to a well deserve rest!

Owl Class:

This week we have had a very busy last week of term. We went to watch Sister Act at Hugh Sexey's which was performed by the fantastic year 8s! We really enjoyed watching it and the Owls represented Wedmore amazingly. We also created our own spy themed dance in PE where we used high and low dynamic movements. In celebration of children's mental health week, we looked at breathing techniques and spoke about what we were grateful for. We have had a fantastic last week of term, well done Owls!



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

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