



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Tuesday 27th	Swimming	Hedgehogs	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex
Tuesday 5 th March	Swimming	Hedgehogs	2.00pm @ Kings of Wessex
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day	All	Children come dressed in their pyjamas and onesies

Dear Parents

We had an inspiring Inset day focusing on inclusion and wellbeing, it was great to start off the term thinking about how we can maintain well being but also continue to make improvements to school life. Being inclusive is one of our values, we often talk to the children about making sure that everyone has a friend to play with and feels included. Reminders are still needed from time to time, we all need to make sure we are being kind to each other at school too. In every class, there is a help card or mechanism of asking an adult to talk – we also remind children to use this if they're feeling bothered by something or need help sorting out a situation they're unhappy about.

This year, we'll be starting to redesign our wider curriculum to make it more bespoke for our school – thinking about how we teach about diversity and inclusivity as part of this will be a challenge in a setting which doesn't have a cultural mix. I speak for the staff team when I say we are excited about this prospect and keen to make this a thread which runs throughout.

On another note, thank you for your patience with the sectioned off area near the top gate. We have some very uneven paving which is a real trip hazard, we have had a quote for replacement block paving and are waiting to hear back about the price. Hopefully we can soon make this area, as well as the path leading to Robin class, safe.

Best Wishes

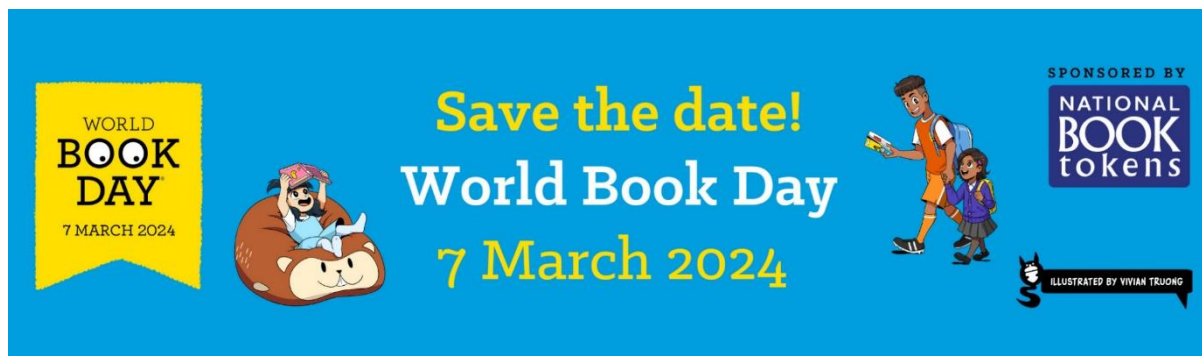
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Clubs this term
Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm (Y2 – Y4)
Netball Club Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm (Y3 –Y4)
Singing Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm (Y2 – Y4)
Drum Club Friday 2.45 – 3.15pm (Y1 – Y4)

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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Don't forget that for World Book Day we would love the children to come to school in their pyjamas or dressed in snuggly onesies ready for a day full of fun! We invite parents/carers to come to the 'End of Day Story Session' at 3.00pm to read to your child.

Book Fair:

The book fair will be with us from Friday 1st –Thursday 7th March. The books will be available for you to view and purchase by cash or online payment at the fair on: Friday 3.30-4.30pm; Monday 3.30-4.30pm; Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm and Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm. The children will each be given a book token to spend 😊! May we encourage you not to miss this opportunity to buy some fantastic books for your child or as gifts.

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.

PE Kit:

We would like to remind you that children should wear the uniform policy kit for PE which is: dark coloured shorts, white T-shirts and plimsolls (preferably slip-ons). For outdoor sporting activities children should bring trainers, dark coloured jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt top as many games sessions take place outside on the school field. The Preloved PTA School Uniform shop has very good quality uniform at an amazing price, so please pop in and make the most of this facility.

Train to Teach Information Events:

Do you know someone who might be interested in training to teach? Come and meet **Five Counties ITT Providers** and find out about our training programmes. Please see the attached poster with further information.

GWMC Football Academy 2024:

Exciting news! The football academy will be running again this summer. Full details attached!

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:

Welcome back to all our children who are term time only. We had a lovely week during the holidays and made the most of the empty field and playground and visited every day. This week we have moved onto our new topic, transport. Our book this week is ‘dig dig digging’ and introduces lots of machinery. We have been learning to negotiate space and obstacles in our gym sessions and making obstacle courses outside. We have also looked at the number 3 and recognising our names.

Robin Class:

Robin Class have settled back in well, excited to be kicking off our transport topic with a very naughty little red bus. The children have been off on adventures with the naughty bus around school and seeing what mischievous places he had been hiding in. We have been focusing on the number 8 this week, continuing our stair pattern and observing what two numbers make the whole of 8.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had a very busy first week back! In English we started the week by thinking about a journey story to introduce us to our new topic. We were faced with the task of making a boat to test if it could sink or float! The children are excited to find out next week what our new story will be! In Science, we started our new topic all about plants! We were looking at different parts of a plant and tested our knowledge of identifying the parts of a daffodil!



Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have had a great week back. The castles home project has proved to be a great success and they look amazing on display. For those who haven't made one, there's still time!!! This week in English we have started to learn about persuasive writing. We will be looking at the content from a range of Persian texts in preparation for writing our own. In Maths we have been continuing our multiplication skills. The children also produced some wonderful observational drawings of spring flowers.



Fox Class:

Fox class have had a lovely first week back. We have started some new learning in English; we will be looking at writing our own persuasive leaflets to convince people to come and visit our castles. So far, we have looked at imperative verbs as well as different sentence types. They have done some amazing writing so far! We have also been doing some art this week which is based around Spring. The children have been working on their shading skills, which they then had to use to draw a daffodil and then shade it using their pencils.



Hedgehog Class:

This week Hedgehogs have been amazing at swimming again! Their skills and confidence are increasing so much, it's wonderful to see! In maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and in particular, focusing on finding right angles which they have been brilliant at!

Owl Class:

We have had a busy first week back in Owl class! This week we have started our instruction writing topic and we learnt all about time conjunctions. We have also started our geography topic all about mountains and learnt all about the four different types of mountains. Owls have had a fantastic first week of 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

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