



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Monday 25 th	Topic Afternoon	Owl Class	You are invited to join Owl Class at 2.30pm to view their topic work.
Tuesday 26 th	Trip to SS Great Britain	Deer Class	Day at SS Great Britain will be back for the end of school
Tuesday 26 th	Trip to Dunster Castle	Rabbit & Fox Classes	Day at Dunster Castle will be back at school for 4.15pm
Tuesday 26 th	Parents Evening	Hedgehog	3.45-6.45pm in the school hall Appt. bookings open 12 th March via ParentMail.
Wednesday 27 th	Parents Evening	Hedgehog	3.45-6.45pm in the school hall Appt. bookings open 12 th March via ParentMail.
Thursday 28 th	Easter Service	All	At St. Mary's Church 1.30pm
Thursday 28 th	Last day of term		😊
Good Friday	First Day of Easter Holidays		
Monday 15 th April	First Day of Summer Term 1	All	Welcome back

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Cricket 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

We have all had a fun packed day learning about STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) across the school. Rockets were created and tested, catapults made as well as vehicles of different sorts - it's been great! Moving away from the usual timetable can be difficult for some children but we've seen all children respond really positively to this kind of learning. Active learning is something we'd like to do more, creating a new wider curriculum is an opportunity to do this.

Next week I'm looking forward to the Easter service at church on Thursday afternoon. It's a time to reflect on fresh starts and new hope and happens to be one of my favourite times of the year. For anyone interested, the National Trust have collaborated with the poet Laureate Simon Armitage and have Blossomise events happening to celebrate music, poetry, creativity as well as blossom (sounds like a good idea to me!) Have a wonderful weekend.

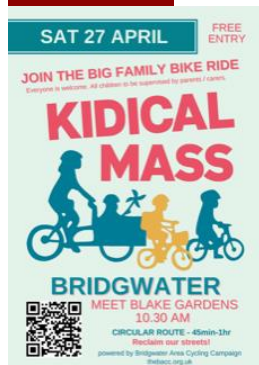
Best Wishes

Shelley Kent
Headteacher

Red Nose Day:

We had an amazing Red Nose Day! The children were fantastic and dance the day away. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated, we have achieved a spectacular £1,161. We are so happy that as a community we could joined together to raise this fantastic sum. The children worked really hard and should be super proud of themselves and everyone who helped make the day so special.

Kidical Mass :



FREE event aimed at promoting Active Travel in Sedgemoor called "Kidical Mass" that empowers cyclists of all ages to get out there and use their bikes in a safe and social way!

PTA Update:

Please see attached poster regarding the PTA spending.

Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our pre-loved uniform shop continues to be stocked full of really excellent quality uniform. As the weather gets warmer, if you are thinking about buying your children new uniform, do pop in and have a browse. There are lots of shorts, summer dresses, blouses and other uniform available; we just ask for a minimum donation of £3 per item. There are lots of options in many sizes - some donations are unworn and still have their original shop-bought tags on them! As always a massive thank you to the lovely parent-volunteers who help wash, label & sort the uniform. Remember that the pre-loved uniform shop has been set-up by volunteer parents – please help them keep it organised & tidy by folding and returning items to their correct places when browsing.

Easter Service:

We look forward to you joining us at St. Mary's Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 28th for our Easter Celebration. We will have school registers at the church and therefore, following the service you will be able to take your child/children home.

Art Club:

The next Art Club will be starting on Wednesday 17th April, there are still a few places left, so if you wish to book login to ParentPay and select Art Club.

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral :

Please see the attached poster of activities that are happening at Well's Cathedral during the Easter Holidays.

This Week ...

STEM DAY – The day inspires children to explore and pursue their interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Robin Class:

This week we have been using our numbers to 20 counting and collecting objects around our classroom. We have learnt about the celebration on Christenings and how some Christians like to get their babies christened when they are born. We have also enjoyed Science Day where we have experimented with different materials to observe what floats and what sinks. It also linked nicely to our topic transport, finding out about boats and making our own out of junk modelling materials.



Deer Class:

Deer class had an excellent STEM Day this week! We learnt all about wheels and axles and we had a go at creating our own moving vehicle! We started by designing our product before moving on to making our products. Finally, we evaluated our products by saying what went well and what we found challenging! We had some amazing designs and some of the vehicles travelled a very long way! Great work Deers!!

Year 2:

Year 2 really enjoyed our STEM day. To link with our topic about castles we decided to learn about how they were defended, leading us to the catapult! The day was all about designing, making, testing and evaluating catapults. First we learnt about what they were, what they were used for, how they worked and the forces needed. We looked at different materials and their suitability for our design. The children then watched a video in order to get an understanding of the steps needed to make their own. Next they designed and labelled the different parts to their catapult. Then came the exciting part, testing them in the playground and seeing whose boulder shot the furthest. Our record was 2m 43cm!!! The children then evaluated and thought about how they could improve their design to make a boulder shoot ever further. It was a great day and enjoyed by all.



Hedgehog:

Hedgehog class have had a great week, especially in English where they have produced some brilliant writing about the history of London and its famous monuments! Tuesday was our last swimming session and the children were treated to silly races, lots of splashing and a fun session with all the floats! I have never seen so much splashing in the water! They all had a fantastic time and each child was presented with a certificate and badge! They are already talking about when they next go swimming in Year 4! They also had a fantastic STEM day on Thursday where they designed and built balloon buggies. They also enjoyed watching Year 4 launch their rockets. It was a great day for the whole school!

Owl:

For STEM day Owls launched their very own rockets! We designed them in groups and then created them out of rockets. Owls found out that if we mix bicarbonate of soda and vinegar together it creates a chemical reaction. We tested what creates the best launch pad and found that pens and rulers did. What a fun day in Owl class.



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/>

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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