



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Wednesday 24 th – Fri 26 th	Kilve Residential	Owl Class	Kilve

Dear Families

We had some special visitors in our school on Monday. After raising the profile of reading in the school, we have organised a weekly session with Bodie, reading therapy dog, and Kate, his owner.



Bodie is an experienced reading therapy dog who has been carefully risk assessed, Kate also enjoys listening to children read. All children will be offered the opportunity to read to Bodie and Kate in the music room Monday afternoons, this takes place in small groups. If anyone prefers not to, this is fine (so far all children have been completely delighted with the experience!) Bodie's special talent is choosing a book from a choice of two by pointing with his nose! Developing early reading skills and enabling children to move from learning to read to reading to learn is really important to us, thank you for your support with sharing books and listening to your children read. Have a wonderful weekend.

PE uniform

Recently, we asked that children come into school in the correct PE kit (this is white t-shirt, etc **) Following the Owl class getting their very smart leavers hoodies, there is a small amendment - Owl class can wear these hoodies as part of their PE kit. Thank you to the PTA and Lindsey Baker in particular for organising, something for the memory box when it's outgrown!

Plea for items

We are looking for a small coffee table for the school Reception area. If anyone has a spare one in good condition, we would be very grateful of this! We are also in need of house plants for our new Wedmore Green team (about to launch!). If anyone has any cuttings or spare house plants, please send them in. We promise to look after them!

Best Wishes

Shelley Kent
Headteacher

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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Somerset Cricket:

Every year All Stars Cricket (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>) takes place at cricket clubs around the country. It is a fantastic introduction to the game and is open to 5-8 year old boys and girls.

Dynamos Cricket is for boys and girls from 8-11 years old. (<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket>). Please click on the above links for further information.

Lego Brick Festival:



The Taunton Brick Festival is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun – although it is absolutely packed full of that too! For further information [click here](#)

STEAM Co. 'Rocket Kids' :

We would like to thank our amazing PTA who have funded an action packed day with Steam Co. creating and launching rockets and windmills. The children had a great time.

Wessex Learning Trust Newsletter:

Please follow the link for the Spring Newsletter <https://wessexlearningtrust.co.uk/newsletters/spring-newsletter/>

This Week . . .

Duck Class:

This week we have launched into our new topic 'the great outdoors' with one of our favourite books - the runaway pea! We will be looking at plants and how things grow and also minibeasts. Monday saw a visit from a baby lamb for the children to see, thank you to the Reason family for bringing in Mia the lamb! We have also been out and about on a couple of walks and took a trip to the layby to see what things were around us, we noticed lots of vehicles and different plants and flowers. We have loved the dry sunny weather and spent lots of time outside, long may this continue!

Robin Class:

This week Robin Class have been finding out all about Spring and the different signs of Spring we can spot around the school grounds, lots of lovely blossom, flowers and insects have started appearing. We have also started our new topic the great outdoors, looking at what plants need to grow and have planted some of our very own cress. In our number work we have been looking at different ways of subitising and making dot patterns for 6 as well as doubling our even numbers.



Deer Class:

Deer class have had a great first week back! We have been busy in English recapping from our school trip before half term. We have been learning what a recount is and have also identified the features of a letter. We have begun planning our recount letter to say a big thank you to Mr Brunel for letting us on his ship. On Thursday, we had an excellent science day! The children built and launched rockets with the help of Owl class (Thank you Owls!). In the

Afternoon, we had a go at making windmills and we ended the day by watching the big rocket launch! The children had a great first week back!

Fox Class:

Fox class have had a fantastic start to their summer term.

This term we are learning all about the Victorians. So far, we have been exploring various photos from the Victorian era to see what they tell us about what life was like during that time. The children had lots of ideas! This week we also had a special visitor come to our school. He taught us all about creativity and how important it is, as well as how to build an amazing rocket. The children had lots of fun building their rockets, which they were able to test later on in the day. Some of them were able to go really high in the air!



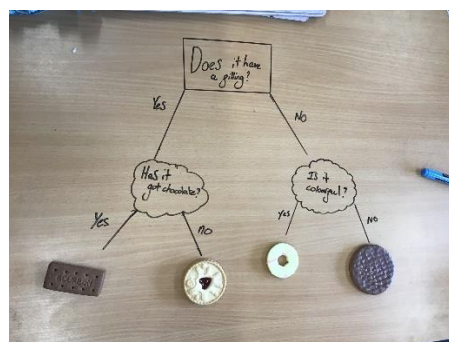
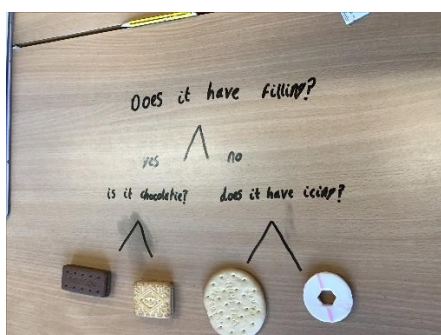
Hedgehog Class:

Hedgehogs have had a fantastic first week back! We have started our new topic - The Victorians and learnt a little bit about Queen Victoria and The British Empire. In art, we are looking at the work of William Morris and have an exciting project coming! This week we learnt about his life and looked at the range and quality of his work. We had a go at copying some of his botanical inspired drawings and doing some colour matching. On Thursday we had an exciting STEAM day, the children made some fantastic rockets and took part in the presentation with excitement and enthusiasm! A great day was had by all!



Owl Class:

What a great first week back for Owl class! We have started our newspaper topic and have looked at the features of one. In maths we are continuing our fraction topic and we have taken a closer look at improper fractions. Owls have created branching databases in science using biscuits to learn about how we classify things, this was great fun! The Rocket man was super fun on Thursday and Owls had a great time launching their rockets. What a great first week back and we are all looking forward to Kilve next week. Have a great weekend!



Key Stage 1 & 2:

Key Stage 1 and 2 had a very exciting day on Thursday. We were lucky enough to have a visitor ' Nick Corston' from STEAM Co. for the day to promote creativity week. Throughout the day the children had an assembly to learn about what 'Art' means to them and learn about famous Entrepreneur's. The day was then full of being creative by making rockets and windmills. Some children were chosen to make a sculpture from cardboard which was a mini replica of the ' I see Monster' that was on display at Weston beach. We then tested our rockets using a stomp pump and

investigated who's was successful and which one went the highest. At the end of the day, we gathered up onto the school field and a few children were chosen to launch their rocket from a pressurised pump. Wow!!!!!! We couldn't believe how high up they went. It was indeed a very exciting day and enjoyed by all.



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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