



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Tuesday 21 st	Deer Class Tea Party	Deer Class	Parents invited to the Medieval Tea Party 2.30pm in the hall.
Wednesday 22 nd	Concept Photography	Nursery & Robin Class	
Thursday 23 rd	Reception New Parents Evening		6.00-6.45pm in Robin class
Friday 24 th	Last day of school term	All	
Monday 3 rd June	First Day of Summer Term		
Thurs 6 th	PTA Meeting	All	8.00pm venue TBC

Dear Families

Great news - we have secured funding to go ahead with replacing the (very uneven) paving stones by the top gate and also outside Robin class. These have been a trip hazard for a number of years, I gather, we will be putting down tarmac as soon as we can to ensure everyone's safety. We have also set aside funds to mend the leaky roof on our bus shelter, this is something the children have been bothered by. Unfortunately, the news about our swimming pool is less positive - it will not be opening this summer. I know that this has been a valuable community resource and a fantastic asset to the school too but it expensive and time consuming to run. Kings Leisure and Fitness have spent a lot of time investigating whether they could run it for us. We would need to get the pool and facilities to a good standard before we hand it over and this comes at a very substantial cost. I am hoping that we will be able to find funds to complete the work needed so that Kings Fitness could re-open it for us from next Spring. I'll keep with updated with news about this.

Our initial transition visit went extremely well yesterday, staff and children enjoyed the opportunity to start getting to know each other. The next sessions are:

22nd May - children visit new classroom with new teacher

11th June - "Get to know you" session

28th June - children create a display in their new classroom to come to in September

11th July - children and teacher draft a class charter (agree classroom rules)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes

Shelley Kent
Headteacher

Advance Notice:

Sport Day – Wednesday 26th June 9.15 – 11.00am. Children are to wear their PE kit and will stay in school once the sports day events have finished. We would love for as many of you to come and support the children as possible, it is always a great celebration of sport. Further details will follow after half term.

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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PTA Competition:

Look out in your children's book bags next week for a PTA Logo Design Competition! The winning entry will have their logo used for all our posters and information plus there will be prizes for the winner and a runner up entry from each class.

Save the Date:

Yr3 & Yr4 have been invited to take part in the Olympic Games Day on 21st June at Millfield Prep School. This is a great opportunity for the children and we are very much looking forward to it. A letter will be sent out shortly with more details.

Forest School Enrichment:

A small group of pupils have been working really hard this year to improve the school grounds here at Wedmore First School. We have been planting spring bulbs, propagating and planting hardy perennials, clearing fallen leaves, litter picking and recycling.

All the students are given the opportunity to spend some 1:1 time with a member of staff whilst gardening and to develop some new friendships within the school; as well as making a big difference to the school grounds.

Well done for all your hard work Wednesday Team!



Family Holiday Activities:

There are lots of activities taking place at Wells Cathedral this half term, please see the attached leaflet for details.

Teacher of the Year:

Nominate your Teacher of the Year- Do you know a teacher that goes above and beyond? Would you like to see them recognised for their efforts? [Town & City Gift Cards](#) has teamed up with [GiftRound](#) on a fantastic new Teacher of the Year competition.

Simply nominate the teacher you think deserves to win, tell us why, and you could win a **£250 Town & City Gift Card**. The Teacher of the Year will receive a massive **£500 Town & City Gift Card** of their choice. What's more, the Teacher of the Year's school will also win a **£500 Town & City Gift Card** too! Choose from over 100 **Town & City Gift Cards**. The closing date for entries is the 31st August 2024 at midnight. The Teacher of the Year will be announced in September 2024. Nominate a teacher free at teacheroftheyear.co.uk

RSPB Half Term Activities at Ham Wall:

The RSPB have an exciting range of events and activities happening at Ham Wall this half term. Please see attached poster for further information.

This Week ...

Duck Class:

This week Duck Class has been getting busy in the outdoor area, playing with water, working together with the parachute, planting seeds, hunting for bugs and finding lots of snails! This week is mental health awareness week. The children have been taking time to be calm and breathe, they have done some cosmic kids yoga and had a wonderful time with the glitter on their positive affirmations coloring pages. Our book of the week 'Superworm' has been a hit and is defiantly a duck class favorite!



Robin Class:

This week Robins have continued looking at numbers to 10 using a range of different apparatus, showing us how they can make the whole number of 10 using 2 parts.

We have had some new visitors into Robin Class, our caterpillars! We have started to understand and look at the caterpillar lifecycle and the process the caterpillar goes through to turn into a butterfly. Finally we have enjoyed building with are big equipment both indoors and outdoors, there have been various creations, including a Barbie dreamhouse and lots of dens and cars.



Deer Class:

Deer Class have had a great week! We have been learning to estimate and measure accurately in Maths. We have been using Play-Doh to make our estimations and we then check our estimations against a 30cm ruler! We used what we knew was around 1cm and 10cm to support our estimations! In History this week, we have learnt to use a map of the United Kingdom to locate Castles. We began by looking at well-known Castles before location Castles which are near to where we live! In Art, we have been looking at Heraldry Designs. We have created our own Heraldry design and have thought about the objects and colours that we would like to place on our design as we learnt that they represent different meanings. Great work Deers!

Rabbit Class:

Rabbit class have completed the unit on fractions this week. They have learnt about equivalent fractions and how to find three-quarters of a shape, quantity or a length. In English we are learning about imperative verbs, adverbs and features of an instruction text ready to write our own. In art we have been learning skills for observational drawing. The children drew plants from around the school which links to our science about plants and growth. Topic this week was learning about Victorian toys, why they were made of certain materials and the difference between wealthy Victorian families and those who were poor. The children then made their own thaumatrope.



Fox Class:

Fox class have had another busy week! In history we have continued to look at the Victorians, and this week we looked at the different toys that Victorian children played with and then we compared it with what we play with today. The children were able to share some ideas about what toys they would want to play with and what Victorian children would think about the toys we use today. We then created our own thaumatropes which created an optical illusion of a fish in a fish tank! We have been continuing our unit on fractions this week where we have been finding and identifying halves and quarters.



Hedgehog Class:

This week, hedgehogs have been exploring the features of explanation texts and having a go at writing one about Miss Low's 'Child washing 5000' invention. We have also planned our own fantastic machines, which next week we will write about, explaining how they work. In maths, we have been looking at Fractions and exploring equal and unequal parts although Miss Low keeps referring to chocolate cake to explain things which makes our tummies grumble! In topic we have been learning about the industrial revolution and the reasons why people living in rural areas moved to the city during the Victorian times. We have also learnt about what the cities were like and are extremely grateful to be living in modern day times! Finally, we have been producing some stunning art work, again inspired by William Morris. This week we designed a pattern to be repeated as a design for wallpaper and they are looking AMAZING! What a class of wonderful artists!



Owl Class:

This week in Owl class we have completed our newspaper topic and have started a poetry topic based on a poem called 'One broken planet'. In maths we have moved onto decimals and Owls have been fantastic at this! In science we created some comic strips based on environmental issues. In art we have finished our beautiful mural based on four habitats, the children worked so hard on this and they should be so proud. We are now starting to learn our dances for the play and we can't wait for you to see them! Another wonderful week 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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