



Dates for next 2 weeks:

Date	Event	Who	Details
Thurs 20 th	New Intake Visit	Group A	1.00 – 1.45pm
Thurs 20 th	New Intake Visit	Group B	2.00-2.45pm
Fri 21 st	Olympic Games Day	Yr3 & Yr4	Millfield Prep School 1.00-3.00pm. Please ensure you have arranged pick up for your child from Millfield School at 3.00pm
Wed 26 th	Sports Day	All	9.15-11.00am

Dear Families

As you know, one of my priorities is to increase the after school clubs offer. Our art club, run by Jo Spicer, a parent and Art lecturer, is on it's third run and still going strong. I have also found a Forest School trained practitioner who is expected to be starting a Forest School club here next academic year. In addition to that, I have arranged with Somerset Champion Sasha Matlak, who coaches at Wells Chess Club, to run a club here and have approached someone about running a knitting club after this was suggested by one of our children. I have also met a professional music teacher, Helen Brock, who will be offering violin lessons here from September – more information on this to follow.

On another note, and following on from our safeguarding messages last Friday for our NSPCC fund raiser, I would like to provide some clarity around how we safeguard children. At the start of every day, teachers welcome children into the classroom and check in with everyone. Staff understand that a change in behaviour can be an indication that something might not be right and will act on a feeling that a child seems quiet or withdrawn, for example. This would mean the offer of a chat, keeping a close eye on things and perhaps asking the parents if there have been any changes at home. In addition to this, every class from Year 2 to Year 4 has a mechanism children can use to initiate a conversation – in Hedgehog class last year we had Help Hedgehogs. Children would place their named card on my desk or hand it to me to request a conversation about something that was bothering them, eg needing help to sort out a disagreement that happened at lunchtime. This has worked well and the feedback I gained when I did a survey for children with SEND was that they all feel safe at school and have trusted adults they can talk to. As parents, these are all things you are doing too – asking how your child's day has gone, noticing changes in behaviour and asking teachers if they've noticed a difference and creating space for conversations where needed. Sometimes small things can bother children in a big way, teaching them to talk about it and helping them sort through friendship issues or manage anxiety over a test means they have the tools to deal with these situations again in life.

Polite reminder

Please remember to park in the Post and Wicket rather than drop off in the layby in front of the school. We are very fortunate to have enough parking space so close to the school and there are pathways to walk your child safely in each morning.

Best Wishes

Shelley Kent
Headteacher

Clubs this term

Recorder Club Mondays 3.30 – 4.15pm
(Y2 – Y4)
Rounders 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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Blackford Road, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4BS
Main Office: 01934 712643
Email: office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk

NSPCC The Childhood Day:

The children completed the Childhood Mile and we have decided to keep the JustGiving donation page open for another week, so please donate if you can by clicking on the link https://www.justgiving.com/page/wedmore-childsmile-1717359053048?utm_campaign=lc_fr_p_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=10eec9d4-79dc-40f8-a675-772b1b6a33b3&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1718121413997

Athletics Festival:

A team of 8 from our Yr4 class took part in the Athletics Festival at Hugh Sexey Middle School this week and came away winning the First School's trophy! Fantastic! We are all very proud.



Father's Day Breakfast:

It was wonderful to see so many Dads at the Father's Day Breakfast, thank you to the PTA for organising a great event.



NRLI Visit:

On Thursday the children enjoyed a visit from the NRLI. This was an interactive session around 'Float to Live'.



Sports Day:

Will be held on Wednesday 26th June 9.15am – 11.00am. We look forward to you joining us to support and cheer the children on. Please can the children come to school in their PE kit and ensure they have water bottles and we hope sun cream will be required. **The children will remain in school and continue with their lessons until the normal pick up time.**

Violin Tuition:

If you are interested in your child learning to play the violin, please see the attached letter from Helen Brock who is offering tuition for children in year two and above.

Wedmore SEND Support Group:

Has your child got additional or special educational needs or disabilities? If so, please do join our friendly group of school parent/carers who can provide a listening ear, supportive guidance, share tips or simply (but importantly) empathise and provide a sense of solidarity and community. We have a WhatsApp group and try to meet termly in person to celebrate progress and discuss any issues or concerns which we then share with school leaders. So far we have helped create the school Relaxation Room and will soon be helping develop a tranquil outdoor area which can serve as a reflective and/or memorial space for the school community. We are supporting the PTA to develop SEND-friendly events and contributing to school policy and practice through our own expertise and ongoing discussion with the SENCO/Headteacher.

You are welcome to be as involved as you wish, or a silent member, all are welcome. No diagnosis or EHCP needed.

If you would like be part of Wedmore SEND Support Group or have any questions, please contact Jo Rogers - 07736049530 or Dawn Starley - 07730654926.



Parent carer Drop-In Session Cheddar:

You are invited to meet Michelle SEND Navigator, further information and dates of sessions can be found on the attached leaflet.

This Week . . .

Duck Class:

This week our book is 'more more more' and the children have been great at joining in with the repeated phrases in this catchy story! We have been talking about night & day and made some wonderful pictures. We continued working on our gross motor skills and even had a trip to the park on Thursday. Our home corner has turned into a new school classroom and our dressing up has changed over to school uniform, the children have LOVED trying on the school clothes and we have encouraged them to do their clothing independently in preparation for our preschoolers to start school.



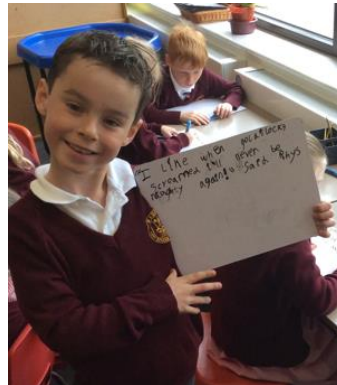
Robin Class:

This week in Robins we have had some exciting news that our butterflies have hatched at the start of the week and we were able to set them free on Thursday. Linking to our learning from last week we discussed how a butterfly's babies do not look the same as the adults as they are caterpillars. We have also been talking about important male figures in our lives leading up to Father's Day, whether that is a dad, grandad, uncle or friend. The children have been working really hard on their number pairs for 5 and 10, showing these through paint, using gems and playdough. We have finished the week with our trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, which was a great day for all!



Deer Class:

Deer class have been learning all about dialogue in English this week! We have learnt all about speech bubbles and when they are used. We then looked at using speech marks in our writing. We discussed our favourite parts of the Goldilocks and the three bears story and recorded our partners response by using speech marks! In PSHE this week, we have been learning about life cycles. We discussed what a life cycle is and then what happens at each stage of our lives. We discussed similarities and differences between a human life cycle and a life cycle of a frog! Great work Deers!



Rabbit & Fox Class:

Fox and Rabbit class have worked so hard this week! We have been completing our SATs and the children have been really resilient and they have had a really good go at everything. They definitely deserve a treat on the weekend!

This week we also had a visit from the RNLI lifeguards, they taught us all about what the RNLI did and what to do to stay safe. The children also got to try on some of the outfits that the lifeguards would wear!

Owl Class:

Owls have had a super fun filled week! On Monday we created our very own Owls out of clay. We had a great time and want to say a big thank you to Bridget for coming in! Owls also had a French Cafe on Wednesday where children from Huge Sexeys Middle school came in to run activities, along with Mr Sage. We have also had some new additions to the class.... Eels! The children are having so much fun looking after them and taking responsibility for them. Additionally, some of the Owls took part in an athletics competition, they were fantastic and even came first place! What a great 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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