



## Dates for next 2 weeks:

| Date                   | Event                                       | Who                  | Details  |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Messy Church                                | Children 3-9 yrs     | 3.00-5.00pm at St Mary's Church  |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>   | KS2 Leavers Show                            | KS2 Parents/carers   | 2.15pm in the hall (ticketed event)                                      |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Hedgehog Trip to Sevington Victorian School | Owl Class            | Day at Sevington Victorian School, return in time for the end of school. |
| Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>  | KS2 Leavers Show                            | KS2 Parents/carers   | 6.00pm in the hall (ticketed event)                                      |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>   | WLT Sports Festival                         | Hedgehog & Owl Class | @ Kings Fitness & Leisure  |
| Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> | Leavers Party                               | Owl Class            | 6.00 – 7.45pm on the school field  |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>   | PTA Summer Fete                             | All                  | 3.30 - 5.15pm  |

Dear Families

We have started preparing for a project to improve play and lunch times from September. We will be offering a range of items and materials for the children to play with, for example, den building with sheets and large pegs secured to a structure build out of pallets. We have bought some consumable materials such as chinks and will soon be sending out lists of things you may be happy to donate. The aim of this is to offer creative opportunities to our children, encourage social interaction and teamwork, develop problem solving and also encourage risk taking. We plan to train staff and children about keeping ourselves safe - for example, how to ensure large structures are stable enough to be climbed on. I am hoping that the risk taking transfers into the classroom, we have many children who are afraid to make mistakes and need a lot of encouragement to try at times. We are often talking about this - mistakes help us learn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their time, efforts and care. We have benefitted hugely from lovely events including Friday ice creams, larger occasions such as Christmas fayres and funding generated from all of this. It helps us enormously with improving aspects of school life for our children and supports projects such as these.

Have a wonderful weekend.

### Polite request

We have had a few near misses recently with energetic toddlers and children almost bumping into unsuspecting parents. The top gate can be a bottle neck and also is a blind corner - please ensure children move around the school site sensibly, scooters and bikes should be left at the bike/scooter rack. Many thanks for your support with this.

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](mailto:office@wedmorefirstschool.org.uk)  
before 9.15am  
(on each and every day of absence)

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### **Lost Property:**

All lost property will be put out over the next couple of weeks on tables under the covered area by the Preloved School Uniform shop. Please take a look to see if anything belongs to you, as it will be sent to charity or disposed of at the end of term.

### **Drum Lessons & Drum Club:**

New members welcome! If your child is interested in drum lessons or joining the drum club, they will begin again in September. Please contact Giles for more information and lesson fees. Email [gileshicks@sky.com](mailto:gileshicks@sky.com)

### **Euro 2024:**

One of our pupils Gwen had the amazing opportunity to be one of the England mascot's at UEFA Euro 2024 for the game England v Slovenia.



### **RSPB What's on this Summer?**

Lots happening with the RSPB Ham Wall this summer, please see attached poster.

### **Messy Church:**

We are really looking forward to our latest Messy Church. Messy Church is ideal for families with children aged 3-9 with craft tables on the theme of 'All about Animals' to get stuck into. This month we are delighted to welcome Boogie Beat Music and Movement Yatton, Weston and Somerset for lots of interactive storytelling. With songs, bible stories and prayers to follow we finish with a sit down tea.

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

### **PQA Bath & Wells:**

Have a Supercalifragilistic Summer – Learn a musical in a week!! Further information on the attached poster.

### **This Week . . .**

#### **Duck Class:**

This week Duck class has been very busy making lots and lots of colorful fish. We've had different stories around the ocean and the creatures that live in it, as well as our story of the week "titch the tiddler". There has been lots of talk around Daisy and her wedding day on Saturday! The children have been very interested in what will happen, who she is marrying and what her dress will look like; as well as dancing, dressing up and the children pretending to get married to each other.

Next week is show and tell week for those that would like to bring something in to share.

Reminder - if you would like to book in for extra sessions during the summer holidays, please collect a form and return it to us asap as spaces are extremely limited.

#### **Robin Class:**

Robin Class have had a great week, comparing numbers and adding 1 more to them using our knowledge of number pairs. We have started our new focus story Can't you sleep little Bear where the children have been able to retell parts of it and understand whether different scenarios are in the story or not. We have also enjoyed finding out about doctors and nurses and the important role they play in society, as well as enjoying role playing, learning how to get rid of germs and looking after poorly teddy bears.

### **Deer Class:**

Deer class have been busy in science this week learning about their senses. They have used their sense of hearing to test and investigate how well they could hear the play ground whistle. They discovered that when they are talking loudly to their friends and if there is something covering their ears, it makes it very tricky for them to hear the whistle. In English this week, we have been innovating the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have changed Goldilocks to a new character such as Blondilocks and Redilocks. They also changed the Three Bears, the food that the character eats and the type of chair that the character sits on and breaks. There has been some great creativity, I wonder if they could act out the stories to you at home! Keep it up Deers!

### **Rabbit & Fox Class:**

This week in English Year 2 have been learning about poetry. The children have been learning about the different types of poetry and understanding that not all poems have to rhyme. We are learning to write a nonsense rhyming poem this week and performing them in front of their peers. In maths we have been learning about mass. The children have learnt about the different units of measure and have learnt to read scales. As part of our topic about Wedmore, the children thoroughly enjoyed their walk down to the village. They had the task of spotting landmarks and old and new features. Science this week was recording plant growth and making observations. They also learnt about fruit and vegetables and the different parts of plants that we eat.

### **Hedgehog Class:**

This week Hedgehogs have been brilliant! We recorded our diary entries, speaking clearly and with expression. These will be turned into videos for all to watch to give everyone a clear idea of what life was like in the workhouse for a Victorian child.

We also took part in the Hugh Sexey's Sports festival with Year 4. It was so lovely for the children to see what it is like there and get to have a go at some new sports with all of the equipment they have. It was also lovely to see some familiar faces there too! I think the favourite activities were football rounders, parachute games and the tug of war. I was so proud of all of the Hedgehog children for their positive attitudes and determination when trying new things and their behaviour was exemplary. Well done Hedgehogs.

### **Owl Class:**

We have had another super busy, fun filled week in Owl class this week! On Tuesday we spent the afternoon at Hugh Sexey's Middle School for a sports afternoon. All the children had a great time completing a range of activities from rounders to cricket. On Wednesday, Owls went up for their transition day at HSMS where they met their new teachers and classes. All of them had a great time and settled in really well! Finally, on Thursday Mike and Jo Rodgers came into to do a solar panel workshop with Owls. They had a fantastic time, where the children made their very own solar powered wind turbine! Thank you so much Mike and Jo from Sunlit Solar for coming in and doing such fun activities with the children. What a fantastic week Owls have had.



### **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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