



## Message from Mrs Kent

This year marks the UK National Year of Reading, a Department of Education initiative encouraging children and families to discover the joy of books and reading. At Wedmore, we are excited to embrace this opportunity to inspire our children and celebrate the magic of reading!

Over the coming months, we have big plans to revamp our library, offering new roles of responsibility for children and creating opportunities for them to share their love of books with their peers. We can't wait to see our children explore new stories, immerse themselves in adventures, and find books that spark their imagination. Reading is not just a skill — it's an experience, and we are committed to helping every child enjoy it.

Find out more about the nationwide initiative on the National Literacy Trust website and we look forward to sharing more of our plans with you all as we go! **Shelley**

### Duck Class

We have had a very busy first week back in nursery this week. For our new inquiry called Our amazing world, we have shared lots of lovely photos of our families and homes and explored building our own houses for the dolls using the blocks and small world furniture. Outside we have started to put together a mark making cupboard and it has encouraged children who don't normally mark make to explore using the resources from the cupboard.



### Robin Class

What a great first week back! We have started our new topic our amazing world, looking at the planet that we live on and that it is part of the solar system. We have been exploring ice in our mud kitchen with lots of creations including caramel milkshake. We have created our own poems linking to what we can hear in our environment. Great work!



### Deer Class

Deer Class have had a fantastic first week back after the Christmas break! In science, we have started our new learning all about animals. We discovered animals that are kept as pets and animals that live in the wild. In English, Deer Class has written some excellent descriptive sentences all about moles linked to our story which will be revealed next week!



### Rabbit Class

The children are off to a flying start this term. This week, we have introduced our topic, 'The Great Fire of London' in both our English unit of work and in history. Computing seemed to be the highlight of the week. The children are learning coding and learnt to use some of the function keys for Scratch Junior. They learnt to select and change characters and backgrounds, make their character move, grow and shrink!



### Squirrel Class

It's been a fantastic first week back, kicking off our new topic of the Rainforest with some exciting discussions, a lovely new book in English (*Greta and the Giants*) and a beautiful art project using the work of Henri Rousseau. We are continuing with our Maths topic of right angles, with the children taking the lead on some investigative problem solving and even finding the time to plant some seeds for Science!

### Owl Class

Owls Class have had a fantastic first week back, diving straight into our Roman line of enquiry. We explored when the Romans came to Britain and investigated the time periods that came before and after them, using timelines to develop our chronological understanding. In writing, we began our new unit inspired by Escape from Pompeii, where the children produced some excellent expanded noun phrases. Amazing work, Owls – what a brilliant start to the term!



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**Wedmore**  
First School Academy

Attendance for this  
week is 95.4%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Deadline Reminders

### Parent/Carers of children due to start school Sept 2026

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026 you can apply now at [Apply to start school for the first time.](#)

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026.**

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### Somerset Middle School Applications

The closing date for starting middle school applications is **15 January 2026.**

You can apply [Starting at a junior or middle school](#)

## Clubs this term

Singing Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm  
(Y2 - Y4)  
Basketball Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm  
(Y3-Y4)  
Drum Club Friday 2.45 - 3.15pm  
(Y1- Y4)  
Art Club Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm  
(Y4)

## Term Dates 2025/26

Term dates can be found [here](#)

Calendar 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 8.55am

(on each and every day of absence)

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## Parent Communications-A Friendly Reminder

We'd like to kindly remind parents and carers of the best ways to communicate with the school.

- If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly. We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.
- While platforms such as WhatsApp or social media can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school-related issues. Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.
- We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. In some cases, sharing false or harmful information online can have legal consequences.

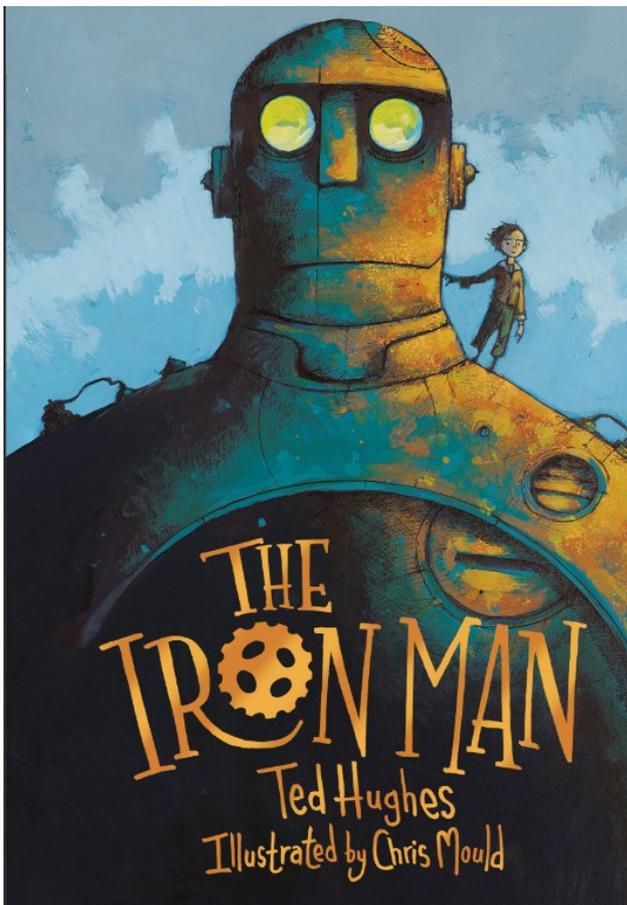
Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

For further details and information regarding Wedmore First school, please visit the website [click here](#)

Or visit the Wessex Learning Trust website [click here](#)



# Recommended Reading



## Mrs Kent's Book Choice

As a head teacher, I'm always keen to recommend books that spark imagination while gently exploring important themes, and *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes does exactly that. This beautifully written story captures children's curiosity with its sense of mystery and adventure, while also encouraging empathy, problem-solving and an understanding of peace over conflict. It's a wonderful shared read for families, offering rich language and plenty of opportunities for thoughtful discussion with young children.

