



### Message from Mrs Kent

Dear families, with the glorious sunshine we have been enjoying, and hot on the heels of assessments, our thoughts have turned to play. Quality play is something we are keen to provide opportunities for at morning break and lunchtime. We are expanding our offer of things to do, the creativity and team work brought about by the spare parts has been inspiring to see but it's not for everyone. With this in mind, if you have any dressing up clothes (hats, sunglasses, coats, scarfs, etc) please send them in. Adult clothing is fine, this means children of all ages can wear them. This week we introduced a loud speaker and a "Dance Bangers" playlist - I wish you could have seen the response from the children, it was truly joyful!

**Shelley**

#### Duck Class

This week duck class have had a wonderful end to the Sing our story project. All the children and families who took part got to share their songs with everyone and celebrate our wonderful children at Wedmore. This is something they are able to keep forever and has been a great opportunity for us to get to know our children and families better. Thank you to everyone who took part and thank you to Sadie for all the wonderful music and singing sessions we have enjoyed being part of. A special thank you to Sarah for supporting our families and ensuring it ran so well.

#### Robin Class

This week we have started our art project called night time collage. Using gouache paint and wax crayons to create the background scene, we will continue to build on this over the next couple of weeks, excited to see what the children create!

We have been working hard on our balancing skills and using different jumping techniques within our PE, this has lead to lots of building and balancing within our provision using planks, crates and large blocks to make obstacle courses.



#### Deer Class

This week in Deer Class, it has been a busy week of making and creating! In History, we built fantastic models of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Great Western Railway. In Art, the children enjoyed designing their own Bristol cityscapes. Well done to everyone for their creativity and hard work!



#### Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class have been feeling very inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy and his wonderful natural sculptures. The children explored how he uses materials like leaves, sticks, stones, and petals to create beautiful temporary artworks outdoors. They had great fun working creatively to design and build their own sculptures using natural objects found around the school grounds. The class showed fantastic teamwork, imagination, and care for nature while creating their pieces. We were so proud of their efforts and the thoughtful way they discussed how their sculptures might change over time as part of nature.

#### Squirrel Class

This week in Squirrel Class, the children have shown fantastic focus and effort while completing their Spring assessment papers. We have also enjoyed beginning our new Science topic on Animals, which has sparked lots of interest and enthusiasm. Alongside this, we have been busy rehearsing our performances for next week's Topic Showcase, and were especially pleased to make the most of the sunny weather as we began filming part of our Music project.

#### Owl Class

This week, Owls have worked incredibly hard on their writing. Inspired by the book *How to Be a Viking*, the children created their own "how to be" stories, focusing on themes of overcoming fears. Their creativity and effort have been fantastic to see!

In history, Owls explored how Wedmore has changed over time, learning that it was once an Anglo-Saxon settlement called Wetmore. They also discovered who the Vikings were and why they were so successful in invading Britain.

Date	Event	Details
Mon 23rd	Robins Parents Evening	In the music room 5.15.– 6.45pm
Tues 24th	YR-Y4 Parents Evening	In the school hall 3.45-6.45pm
Wed 25th	Squirrel Topic Showcase	2.45 in Squirrel Class
Thurs 26th	YR-Y4 Parents Evening	In the school hall 3.45-6.45pm
Mon 30th –Thurs 3rd April	Nursery Parents Evenings	In the Nursery
Fri 3rd & April	Good Friday	Bank Holiday
Mon 6th	Easter Monday	Bank Holiday
Tues 7th—Fri 17th	Easter Holidays	



**Wedmore**  
First School Academy

Attendance for this week is **95.5%**

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

### Clubs this term

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

### 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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**Parents Evenings Next Week** - We trust you are looking forward to seeing your child's work and hearing about their progress.

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**FREE COURSES FOR SEPARATED PARENTS**

Reducing the impact of separation for recently separated parents: **3 week course**

This shortened version of the 5 week course is for parents who have recently separated i.e. within last 12 months and want to ensure that they start their coparenting journey in the right way to reduce the impact on their children.

Course A: Wed 22, 28 April, 6 May 9:30 AM-11 AM  
 Course B: Wed 22, 28 April, 6 May 7 PM-8:30 PM

Reducing the impact of separation on everyone: **5 week course**

A more in-depth course for any separated parent, particularly if struggling with a high conflict coparent relationship with a focus on supporting their children.

Course A: Tues 5, 12, 19 May 2,9 June 9:30 AM-11 AM  
 Course B: Mon 11, 18 May 1,8,15 June 7 PM-8:30 PM

More information:  
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For more info & to book:



Courses only for Somerset parents



### SEND White Paper Parent Information Event

**Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

**Online (via Microsoft)**

**Time: 6:30pm**



We're delighted to welcome Polly Kerr, Head of Education Law at Simpson Millar, who will guide us through the **SEND White Paper** and what it means for families.

Polly will break down the proposals and explore what could be the most significant changes to the SEND system in over a decade.

She'll discuss both the legal and practical implications for:

- Children and young people
- Parent carers
- Schools and settings
- Local authorities

There will be a Q & A function in this webinar for **Questions!**



### Cricket Club

It is not too late to book a place on the Cricket after school club for Y3 & Y4 pupils on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm, starting after the Easter Holidays.

Login to MCAS to book.



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



**Looking for an easy way to bring more stories into your child's day?**

BorrowBox, available as an app from Libraries West, offers a fantastic selection of children's audiobooks that you can borrow free with a library card (also free!).

Audiobooks are a wonderful way to help children access stories, build vocabulary and develop a love of books—perfect for some screen free time during car journey, quiet time or bedtime listening. A great way to enjoy reading for pleasure during the UK Year of Reading!

What will you borrow first?

