



Message from Mrs Kent

Dear families,

It has been a wonderful start to the new term, and it has been lovely to see the children settling back into school so well. They have returned with such enthusiasm and are already getting back into the routines and rhythms of school life. There are a few bugs circulating at the moment, as is often the case at this time of year, but we are pleased that children's attendance continues to be good. Regular attendance is so important for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging, so thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day that they are well enough to do so.

Shelley

Duck Class

This week in duck class we have continued to form new friendships and settle into our new classroom. The children have been practicing their fine motor skills by cutting up leaves to make autumn bracelets. They have also been exploring more natural autumn materials like conkers and fir cones, making simple patterns and counting them. Thank you for all the family photos received so far for our class display. If you haven't already sent one in please send them via your child's tapestry account.

Robin Class

Another great week, with lots of conversations and sharing of the children's chatterboxes from the summer holidays. We have been building our fine motor control using sticker dinosaur and gem patterns. Developing our use of scissors and controlling them to make straight and zig zag lines. In our maths we have been learning to subitise and quickly match the amount to the dot patterns. A lovely full first week!



Deer Class

We have been busy with lots of exciting learning in Deer Class this week! In Science, we have been learning about our bodies, drawing around each other with chalk, and labelling different body parts. In Computing, we went on a technology hunt around the school, spotting all the different ways technology is used around us. Well done, Deer Class!

Rabbit Class

Rabbit Class have had another busy week of learning! In Geography, the children have been learning about the capital cities of the UK. In Art, they have enjoyed discovering the work of Pablo Picasso and sharing their thoughts about his unusual and distinctive style. In Maths, the children have been developing their skills when adding and subtracting multiples of ten. In English, they have been getting creative with their writing by learning how to use similes to make their sentences more interesting and descriptive. Well done, Rabbit Class!

Squirrel Class

This week in Squirrels, we have continued our **Stone Age** topic by learning more about settlements and exploring the different types of homes people lived in during each period of the Stone Age. We discovered how homes changed over time and why people began to build different types of shelters. In **Science**, we became rock detectives! We carried out a **scratch test** to investigate the hardness of different rocks and carefully recorded our findings. In **English**, we have been developing our descriptive writing skills. We used **expanded noun phrases** to add detail and description to our writing, creating some beautiful and imaginative descriptions.

Owl Class

We've hit the ground running with our **Oceans** enquiry this week, learning about the different layers of the ocean, what lives there and the water cycle. Look out for some of the children's amazing water cycle illustrations in our **WOW window** at drop-off! In English, we've already moved on to our second book and are loving Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing*, exploring his imaginative characters and settings. We're also taking inspiration from Shaun Tan in Art. In Maths, we've been revisiting column subtraction, which the children are tackling with great enthusiasm. It's been a busy week full of learning and fun!



Date	Event	Details
Thurs 24th— Wed 30th	Book Fair	School Hall

SwiftKitchen

Thank you for setting up your accounts and ordering lunches — it seems to be working really well!

Just a quick reminder when placing an order: once you have chosen your meal and clicked '**Order**', this simply adds the meal to your basket at the bottom of the page. You will then need to **check out your basket** for the order to be completed and go through successfully.

Changing or cancelling an order

You can book or cancel a lunch order up until **8:45am on the day**. Unfortunately, after 8:45am, it is no longer possible to make changes or cancellations. If you have paid for your child's meal, please be aware that **refunds cannot be given after this time**.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION:

There has been a lot in the news recently regarding free school meals and the change in criteria for receiving Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. If you already receive either of these you do not need to do anything. However, if you think you may qualify under the new expanded criteria please apply [here](#)

Clubs this term

Football Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm
(Y3-Y4)

Singing Club Thursday 3.30-4.15pm
(Y1-Y4)

Drum Club Friday 2.45 – 3.15pm
(Y1- Y4)

Term Dates 2026/27

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 before 8.55am

(on each and every day of absence)

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Student Details

As we start the new academic year, could we please ask you to log in to your MCAS account and check that all of your contact details and emergency contacts are correct and up to date?

Thank you

Rabbit & Owl Class Trips

Owl Class—9th Oct visiting Bristol Aquarium.

Rabbit Class—26th Nov visiting 'We The Curious'.

Information & booking now open on MCAS under Clubs.

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After School Clubs

Football Club on Tuesdays for Y3 & Y4

Art Club starting in the Autumn for Y3 & Y4 and Spring Y1 & Y2.

Booking is open on MCAS under 'clubs' heading.

Singing Club on Thursday Y1—Y4 booking via Mrs Johnson

Drum Club on Friday Reception—Y4 booking via Mr Hick email gileshicks@sky.com

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

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



Reading

AT WEDMORE

Good books
brighter days

Our Library Has a New Look!

We're excited to share our new and improved library layout! The space has been reorganised with clearer genre sections, cosy reading areas and lots of new books to explore.

The children have loved seeing the changes and have already been busy browsing and borrowing. It's been wonderful to see so many of them finding their next great read!

A big thank you to our amazing library helpers for all their hard work in making the space so welcoming! ♥



Book Donations ♥

We are always grateful for donations of pre-loved books to help keep our library shelves stocked and exciting for our children.

Graphic novels are especially popular at the moment – our children LOVE graphic novels!

If you have any good quality children's books at home that are no longer needed, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Thank you! ♥



Author Visit!

We are delighted to be welcoming **Tracey Corderoy** to our school in a few weeks!

Tracey is a much-loved children's author and we can't wait for the children to hear about her books, ideas and writing journey. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity to inspire even more of our young readers!



We can't wait! ♥

