



Weare Academy C of E First School

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Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

Please note this bulletin can be found on the school website and paper copies are also available in the perspex folder outside the school office.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Class	Detail, Timing and Venue	Date	Class	Detail, Timing and Venue
Mon 15th Jan			Mon 22nd		
Tue 16th	Year 2,3 & 4	Singing Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay	Tues 23rd	Year 2,3 & 4	Singing Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay
Wed 17th	Year 3	Swimming	Weds 24th	Year 3	Swimming
Thurs 18th	Year 3 & 4	Netball Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay	Thurs 25th	Year 3 & 4	Netball Club-after school, please book via Parent Pay
Fri 19th			Fri 26th		



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Teachers assessed their children at the end of the Autumn term and at our INSET day one of the tasks was to set up interventions, where needed, but also to ensure that all children are stretched and challenged in our teaching and learning.

At our recent Parents evenings, it was a great opportunity for teachers to celebrate your child's progress and share what we have identified as next steps in each child's learning journey. I just would like to reassure you that it is a learning journey which is unique for every child and individualised provision both academically and emotionally is our priority.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term which includes some exciting enrichment experience.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best Wishes

Felicity Gibb
Acting Head Teacher

Diary Dates for 2024

All diary dates show on our website calendar, which you are now able to subscribe to, just click the subscribe button on our website calendar and follow the instructions.

Extreme Weather

If the trust decides to close the school due to extreme weather, a message will be sent via DOJO.

Absent Line

Please phone 01934 732270 option 1 before 9.15 on the day to advise the reason why your child will not be attended school. You will need to call this number every day until your child has returned to school unless previously agreed by the Head Teacher. Thank you

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please book via Parent Pay, unfortunately we are no longer able to cancel your child's space on the day if you decide your child does not wish to attend.

After School Clubs

After school club with restart on Tuesday 9th January-Singing, Years 2,3 and 4 and Netball on Thursday for Years 3 and 4. Booking is now open on Parent Pay.

Year 3 Swimming

Just to confirm: swimming lessons are funded by the school and we only request payment for the coach transport to and from school. Kings Leisure provides us with 3 swimming coaches for each lesson, so the children are taught all at the same time, in three small groups to optimise their learning.

Year 3 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 17th January and last session will be on Wednesday 27th March, **please access Parent Pay to make payment for the coach transport.**

Healthy Snacks

As part of a healthy eating school, please remember to only send healthy snacks into school. Please note we are a **NUT FREE** school in addition we are also a **KIWI FRUIT** free school. This means no nuts or kiwi fruits are to be brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches.

Pre Loved Uniform

There is a PTA Facebook page where you can order Pre-Loved Uniform, please search for 'Weare Academy Pre Loved Uniform'

Reception New Admissions & Middle School Admissions for September 2024

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to a junior or middle school the closing date for applications is the **15th January 2024.**

The primary and secondary admission guides for the 2024 admissions process can be found on the website www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions from September. Parents/carers are advised to read the guide thoroughly before making an online application.

Year 3 & Year 4 Free School Meals

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and you feel that you may be eligible to Free School Meals, please complete the online application at www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Safeguarding

Please see the attached link for regular updates on the SCC safeguarding website

<https://sscb.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/>

Trombone Day

The British Trombone Society are holding a Trombone Day with RCM trombone professors Byron Fulcher and James Buckle on Sunday 21st January 2024 10.00am - 5.00pm in Cedars Hall. Evening performance 6.00 - 7.45pm by the RCM Trombone Ensemble and Trombone Day participants

For more information and to book your place: <https://wells.cathedral.school/tromboneday>
musicoutreach@wells.cathedral.school 01749 834487

This week in...

Reception Class: This week we have learnt to retell a story called 'Let Me Come In'. In maths we have been looking at representing 5 and ways of finding two numbers that make 5 and have been using the song 5 Little Speckled frogs to help us with our maths. In RE we have been looking at the Jewish festival of Hannukah. We have been thinking about our Christian value of Respect and how we can show respect at home and in school. We have been using paint to colour mix cold wintery colours and use these to paint our own snowflake patterns on tin foil.

Year 1 Class: This week, we have started their new Literacy unit 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. To launch this new unit, the children tried and tasted different flavoured porridge! In their cold writes, lots of children spelt magic 'majic' so we have also spent some time learning the correct way to spell magic as we will be writing that word a lot this half term.

Year 2 Class: In Science this week we started looking at how plants grow, the components of a plant and what a plant needs to it grows. In addition, we also planted our cress seeds and will be observing them grow and when they are ready we will be making cress sandwiches and writing up our observations!

Year 3 Class: Have started their new topic on London this week, we have looked at the transport around London, how we get to and from London and we have also completed lots of map work on other Capital Cities across the world. In Science we started looking at rocks and learnt the three different types - sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic.

Year 4 Class: Have blasted back into the Spring Term. They have really enjoyed learning about perimeter in Maths this week - using string to measure around leaves and different 2d polygons, encountering an array of new vocabulary and concepts to be mastered. Our new topic of The Ancient Greeks has stimulated intrigue and excitement, especially with the launch of their extended homework projects. A busy but productive first week back.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: This week we have been exploring outside and looking at ice in all its glory. We've found thin and thick ice and seen how long it took to melt each one. We found frost on the leaves and trees and seen all our new daffodil shoots coming through. We've found lots of new wildlife hiding under our logs in our forest school. Following our terms theme we have been painting bears and grass ready to put up on our termly display board to celebrate our love of 'We're going on a bear hunt' story book. We've also been learning about bears that live in the arctic and where they live and what they eat.

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is Respect

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