



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 26th Feb			Mon 4th	Year 2 Year 3	Florence Nightingale Workshop Trip
Tue 27th			Tues 5th		
Wed 28th	Year 3	Swimming	Weds 6th	Year 3	Swimming WORLD BOOK DAY: 5.30pm to 6pm Bedtime story and parent/carers workshop: Revised Behaviour Policy
Thurs 29th	Year R, 1 & 2	Multi Sports afterschool	Thurs 7th	Year R, 1 & 2	Multi Sports afterschool
Fri 1st Mar			Fri 8th	Rec & Year 2	Trip



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half term break, we have had a busy four days at school. Before and during the half term break we have planned a range of enriching and exciting learning opportunities.

Lunchtime Clubs have come about from children saying that they would like to do different activities during lunchtime play – a huge thank you to our teachers for taking on the challenge and making it a reality.

World Book day on 6th March is a popular event highlighting the enjoyment and importance of reading.

British Science Week commencing on 11th March is aimed at showing our children that Science is an integral part of many of the jobs and careers and exposure to a few of these, may just spark an interest in a particular pathway even at such a young age. Thank you to those of you who are able to share some time with us during this week.

Red Nose Day 15th March – is just one of the charity events that we embrace as a school again teaching our children to look beyond themselves and caring for the greater community.

In closing, our new head teacher, Mrs Chelsey Dover, will be visiting us for the day on Wednesday 28th February and will be available at the end of the school day on the playground to meet and greet you in an informal way.

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.

Trips

Details of trips, see DOJO for more information

Year 3	Monday 4 th March-No School Meals for Year 3 only
Year R & 2	Friday 8 th March-School Pack Lunch and Pack Lunch from home only for trip
Year 4	Wednesday 20 th March- School Pack Lunch and Pack Lunch from home only for trip
Year 1	Friday 22 nd March- School Pack Lunch and Pack Lunch from home only for trip
Year 2	Tuesday 26 th March- School Pack Lunch and Pack Lunch from home only for trip
Year 2	Tuesday 4 th June- School Pack Lunch and Pack Lunch from home only for trip

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



Attendance

Bumble Bee Class achieved the best attendance this week. Well Done!

Please follow the link for more information on Attendance. [Please click here](#)

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.

Parking

Polite reminder, please park correctly and do not park on the yellow lines or in the disabled parking space unless you have a blue badge. Thank you

Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime clubs are starting next week. If you wish your child to attend these FREE clubs, please return your permission slip as soon as possible. For more information, please check our website or DOJO or pop to the office to collect a letter.

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/>

Football Academy

Please see end of bulletin for more information.

Wells Cathedral Lights

Please see end of bulletin for more information.

This week in...

Reception Class: this week we have started our new topic this term which is 'The Great Outdoors'. We have heard the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and have learnt lots of fun and interesting facts about goats. We have been thinking about keeping our bodies healthy and have been talking about our Christian value of the term which is forgiveness. In Forest School we went on a wellie walk around the school to spot signs of spring.

Year 1 Class: This week in year one the children have begun their new literacy unit 'Mr Gumpy's outing' (Mr Gumpy owns a boat and his house was by a river) by making boats out of junk modelling! The children worked thoughtfully and carefully to design and make a boat to fit the design criteria "To make a boat that will float on water". The children tested their boats on Friday afternoon and what a massive success! The children, Mrs Malcolm and Miss Baker all had a fantastic time with this DT project. Thank you to the parents for donating so much recycling!

Year 2 Class: Our challenge this week has been to sew our Torah covers, we have made a good start but we will complete these next week. Mrs Hugh has been very pleased with the results so far. We have also been learning all about doubling and the link to the 2 times tables and we have used a range of resources helping us to understand and apply our new learning.

Year 3 Class: This week Year 3 started their new history topic about the Stone Age to the Iron Age, we looked closely at Skara Brae and Stonehenge and drew some fantastic pictures of them.

In English we have completed our invent writes this week of our explanations, each child chose an animal that has gone extinct and has written an explanation on why it could have gone extinct.

Year 4 Class: have had a great first week back. The children have enthusiastically started their new unit of writing, looking at instruction texts based on our model text, 'How to Make a Teacher Happy'. Next week we will go on to innovate our own versions of instructions based on 'How to Make a Pupil Happy', which will be interesting to read... In Computing the children have been reminded about the importance of e-safety and how to protect ourselves from potential dangers. As a school, we have launched the Zones of Regulation - providing the children with strategies and vocabulary to support their varying emotions. We have gone on to discuss this in class and I am sure it will act as an important aid as the children become more familiar with it.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School: This week we have welcomed new starters and introduced our new topics for this term-The Great Outdoors and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have measured out the ingredients and made playdough from scratch. They have made different colours and used shapes to mould the caterpillar. They have also painted blossom on trees using cotton buds. We have also made a story board for The Very Hungry Caterpillar where the children had to put the pictures in order and count out the different foods the Caterpillar ate. We spoke about how our bodies grow and the different stages the caterpillar grows.

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

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GWMC FOOTBALL ACADEMY 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Exciting news! It's back. We are planning to run our Football Academy once again this summer. The Football Academy is centred around children of all abilities and ages having an enjoyable football experience whilst learning new skills. Our goal is that all children have a fantastic time, have fun, and make friends through playing football.

The academy begins on **Monday 29th July** and finishes on **Thursday 1st of August**, starting at **9am** and finishing at **4pm**. The academy is open to children from **Year 1 – Year 11**. It will be held at Hugh Sexey Middle School, Blackford, Wedmore, BS28 4ND. The timetable incorporates a mix of training, tactics, tournaments, competitions, and fitness. We aim to deliver high quality coaching whilst the children enjoy themselves participating in tournaments, games, and challenges.

The academy is staffed by teachers/qualified FA coaches who are First Aid trained and have experience of coaching children. The cost per child will be **£100** for the four days or **£30** for a day. We hope you agree this offers excellent value for money considering the level of coaching and activities provided. Each child will leave with a **Participation Medal and a Football**. Throughout the four days there are plenty of chances to win prizes, trophies, and various medals in all types of competitions such as Crossbar Challenge, 5 sec shootout and Penalty Shootout. On the final day there is a presentation ceremony where prizes and medals are given out.

If you would like to take this opportunity, then please fill out this [online booking form](#) . For payments pay online via bank transfer. Transfer the correct amount to:

GWMC FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Sort code 30-67-47

Account number 34871860

Ref: YOUR CHILDS NAME(S)

Please remember - **availability is limited and places are filled on a first come, first served basis**. Once your child has confirmed their place you will shortly receive a receipt. In late June you will be sent a timetable and further information. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact Mr. Waterfield/Mr Coggins via e-mail gwmcfa@hotmail.com. We will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours

Sincerely

Mr. Waterfield & Mr. Coggins

Wells Cathedral

Next week from Tuesday 27 February to Saturday 2 March, the 'Crown and Coronation' light show, an immersive spectacle of the Crown Jewels and Coronations, is coming to Wells Cathedral. This stunning show, created by Historic Royal Palaces and Luxmuralis, and premiered in November on the Tower of London, will bring more than 1000 years of history to life, right here in Somerset and is the first time a light show of this scale will be presented in the Cathedral.

We also include a link of the show when it was in Ely Cathedral which gives a snippet of the spectacle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJxuQmyyJMw>

