



# Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we enjoyed a brilliant Music Showcase organised by Mrs Gibb. It was lovely to see so many different musical talents celebrated and I would again like to thank all of the children across the school who took part.



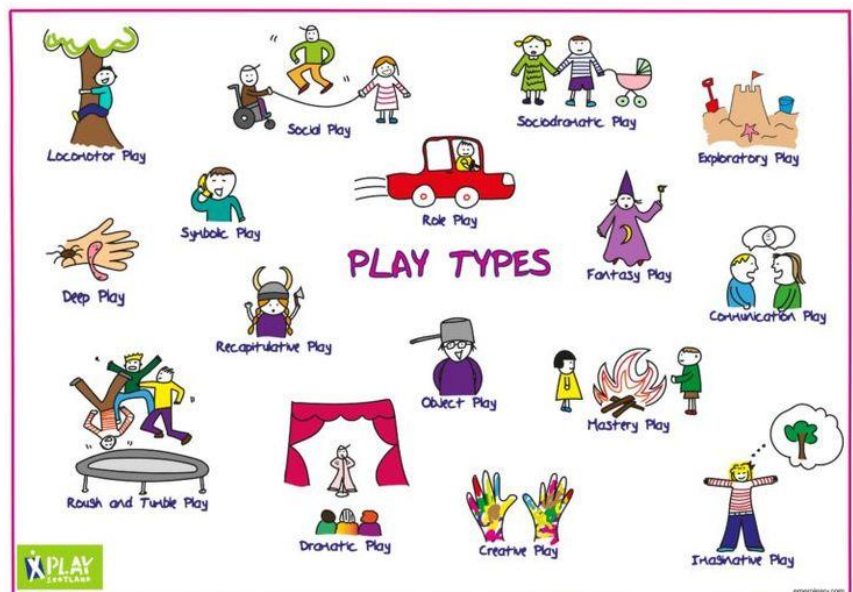
I would like to share some future changes to our uniform policy. It has been decided that from September, whilst children are welcome to continue to wear their school ties if they wish, they will no longer be compulsory. Additionally, children will now be permitted to wear a white shirt or a white polo shirt across the school year.

I am excited to be able to share our plans for developing our playtime provision. We have been working with the 'Friends of Weare' to think about how we can do more with our outdoor space and offer new opportunities for our pupils to explore different types of play. One of the main changes to what we currently offer, is that we will be making new areas of the site accessible for the children to use all year round. To facilitate this project, we will need to buy/collect some new resources. I have included a list of the resources we are looking for and we warmly

welcome donations! If you are able to donate any of these items, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher.

I will keep you up to date with our progress and hope to share more in the new academic year.

Best wishes,  
Mrs C. Dover





### Garden Café

- Extra-large metal dog bowls
- Metal taps
- Metal kettle
- Metal or plastic draining board
- Plastic jugs
- Cooking utensils
- Metal pots and pans
- Plastic plates and bowls
- Metal/plastic mixing bowls
- Metal or plastic trays
- Plastic shakers
- Pebbles or pea grit
- Natural materials such as: branch slices, pine cones, bark, shells
- Fresh herbs
- Chalk board easel or sign
- Metal hooks or knobs



### Role Play Zone

- Pallets
- Large cardboard boxes
- Briefcases
- Leather handbags
- Steering wheels
- Hats (costume)
- Masks
- Adult clothing such as dresses, jackets, uniform
- Dolls prams
- Child's bike wheels
- Unwired microphones

### Construction Zone

- Car tyres
- Tractor tyres
- Gravel - large ton bag
- Trowels
- Metal buckets
- Large toy diggers
- Plastic hard hats
- Hi Vis jackets
- Planks
- Logs
- Pebbles & large stones
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Small traffic cones
- Grey pavers



**At Weare Academy, we are looking to develop our provision at playtimes. We would like to encourage different types of play through zoning our outdoor space and increasing the resources we have on offer. If you are able to donate any of the items listed (used and unwanted items welcome!) please inform the office or your child's class teacher.**

### Small World Zone

- Small figures
- Plastic animals
- Wooden or plastic dolls house furniture
- Toy cars

### Creative Zone

- Rolls of wallpaper
- Fabric offcuts
- Decorators paint brushes
- Ribbons
- Chalk
- Plastic pots or buckets

### General

- Tarpaulins
- Large sheets
- Heavy duty clips or pegs
- MAKITA outdoor speaker
- Duplo
- Topsoil
- Plastic tubs
- Wooden crates





## Useful Information

### Key Dates

2023-2024

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.

### Absent Line

Please phone 01934 732270 (option 1) before 9.15 on the day to advise the reason why your child will not be attending school.

You will need to call this number every day until your child has returned to school unless previously agreed by the Headteacher.



### Healthy Snack

As part of a healthy eating school, please remember to only send healthy snacks into school. Please note we are a **NUT FREE** school.

This means no nuts are to be brought into school for snacks or in packed lunches.



### Picnic Day

On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, there will be no HOT meals available. Please ensure you access Parent Pay by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July** to choose which sandwiches your child requires.  
Thankyou

### Pick up/Drop off

Please could parents and carers not walk through classrooms **at any time**. Please visit the office who will be happy to assist. This includes entering any building to use the toilets without permission.  
Thankyou.

### Parent Pay

If your child requires breakfast at breakfast club, please select this option on Parent Pay.  
**Please book Breakfast Club and After School club asap as places are limited.**  
Unfortunately, we are no longer able to cancel any bookings on the day.

### Attendance

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



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

### Summer Fun Night

This year's Summer Fun Night will take place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 5:30-7pm.** Thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help on the night. We can always do with more helpers so if you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, please visit: <https://signup.com/go/oFcgQir>

### Online Safety

**YouTube Kids** is often used by parents as child-friendly alternative. While the platform uses a range of different filters to stop adult content from playing, these aren't always 100% effective. The NSPCC has published some helpful tips for parents to help keep their child safe on the site. Please use this [link](#) to visit the site.



## Safeguarding Team

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Chelsey Dover  
**Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL):** Felicity Gibb, Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon  
**Safeguarding Governor:** Martin Horton  
**WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead:** Dawn Tomkies

**As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:**

**NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000 **Somerset Direct:** 0300 123 2224 **NSPCC:** Keeping children safe online  
Please visit the SSCP safeguarding website link for regular updates on safeguarding:

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>



# Christian Values

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

## This week in...

### Rainbow Woods Preschool



We are enjoying lovely summer weather this week and spending more time in outdoor activities. We had our story time outside over ice pops and the children were very excited about it. This week we explored the Christian value of responsibility. We spoke to the children how we all have different responsibilities in different areas and how we carry that out.

### Reception



In Reception this week we have been innovating our story of Little Jack to add in our own ideas. In maths we have continued with doubling. We have been learning all about what habitats can be found under the sea. In Forest school we have tended our class vegetable patch and our outside classroom sensory garden. In RE we have continued with our Christian value of responsibility.

### Year 1



This week in year one we have done lots of sports day practice ready for the big day next week. With the heat, the children relaxed in the shade between doing their races to keep cool! In history we have looked at how toys have changed since our grandparents were little. We agreed that they certainly did not have a Nintendo switch to play on when they were children and discussed how plastic started being used in toy production in the 1950's. In literacy this week the children have learnt how to use inverted commas to punctuate speech in their writing.

### Year 2



We have had a busy week continuing to plant and water our seeds and seedlings. Parents are welcome to come down to the outside of our classroom to see how tall our sunflowers are. In addition, we have been practicing the different races during our P.E. lessons and every morning refining our skipping skills ready for sports day next week. In Maths we have been learning about commutative links e.g. between the 5 and 10 times tables, there have been some great discussions and reasoning about this concept which was introduced all the way back in Reception Class!

### Year 3



Year 3 had a lovely art lesson linking to our geography topic on energising our country this week, we learnt how to use oil pastels and created a piece of art work that represented 4 different types of renewable energy. We have also finished innovating our finding tales in English and are now inventing our own, we are excited to read lots of creative stories when they are finished!

### Year 4



Year 4 have continued their research into earthquakes and this week, they started to produce an explanation text about them, as well as an information leaflet during their Geography lesson. We have also loved being outside practicing for Sports Day and enjoying the glorious weather. Finally, it was wonderful to welcome you into our classroom to take part in some watercolour painting of famous mountain ranges around the world. Thank you so much to everyone who came!

**Date**      **Year Group**

<i>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></i>		
<i>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	Year 3 & 4	Multi Sports Festival
<i>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Year 4	Transition Day to HSMS
<i>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup></i>	Year 2,3 & 4	Sports Day 1.15pm Fielding Sports Club- After School (sign up required via Parent Pay)
<i>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></i>		Summer Fun Night 5.30-7pm
<i>Mon 8<sup>th</sup></i>		
<i>Tue 9<sup>th</sup></i>		
<i>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></i>		
<i>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup></i>	Year 2,3 & 4	Fielding Sports Club- After School LAST SESSION
<i>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></i>		

**Key dates this term:**

**Summer Term**

- Sports Day -Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1.15pm. If we need to cancel, due to weather, a decision will be made by 11am and the office **will send a DOJO message.**
- Sports Day - If you have a gazebo the school can borrow on this day, please contact Friends of Weare direct.
- Summer Fun Night – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 5.30-7pm-**Raffle Tickets on Sale**

# Get your tickets for The Summer Fun Night Raffle!

Only £1  
per  
ticket!

1. Pay your Raffle Ticket money into the 'FRIENDS OF WEARE' bank account via BACS

Name: Friends of Weare | Sort Code: 30-91-20 | Account Number: 01337936

Reference: RAF-your surname associated to your address

2. Email [friendsofweare@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofweare@outlook.com) with confirmation of how much you have paid **AND** how many tickets you've bought.

3. You will receive an email confirmation to confirm your ticket numbers.

Tickets  
available  
on the night!

Court Farm  
Family Pass

£50 Amazon  
voucher

Imagination  
Fascination  
voucher

Ocean  
Adventurers  
voucher

The George,  
Wedmore voucher

Wine voucher

Fantastic prizes from  
local businesses, parents & friends!

Ad Astra cider

Amazon  
voucher

E&S Hair £25  
voucher

Alium Group £100  
supermarket  
voucher

The Little Framing  
Co. watercolour  
painting

New Inn £50  
voucher

**And so much more!!**



Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
Community Inclusion & Activity Team



# FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY 6TH JULY**  
**10AM - 2PM**

For all children with disabilities and additional needs, and their families

**FREE ADMISSION!**

Brookside Academy  
Brooks Road  
Street, BA16 0PR



Come and meet some of our fabulous providers of inclusive activities!

Refreshments available to buy - BBQ - Pizza - Ice-cream -  
Face Painting - Drumming Workshop - Arts & Crafts - Music  
- Sports - Information stands & much more!



## BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY at Wells Cathedral



**SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: [musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:musicoffice@wellscathedral.org.uk)



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CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
<https://wells.cathedral.school>



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# Summer Holiday Camps

From around £18 /day\*

## Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton



Reception - Year 8

10am - 3pm

Kings of Wessex School, CHEDDAR BS27 3AQ

SUMMER Mon 29 July to Fri 2 Aug 2024 incl

5 DAYS for 90\*

CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights]

BS40 5EL

SUMMER Mon 12 to Fri 16 August 2024 incl

5 DAYS for £90\*

To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £18 /day\*, **including a trophy per camp booking!!!**.

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

Our professionally organised courses reflect a high level of expertise.

- ***Skill Award trophy for each course booked***
- Extra awards for "*being the best & doing your best*"

For info & photos see [facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools](https://facebook.com/SomersetSoccerSchools) or [sometersoccerschools.com](https://sometersoccerschools.com)

Hope to see you soon

*Richard*

01934-876544

**TO BOOK:** just go to [sometersoccerschools.com](https://sometersoccerschools.com)





## What's on this summer?

### Pond Dipping Hire at RSPB Ham Wall!

Hire a pond dipping kit for one hour and see what you can find in the water... will you find a Damselfly larva or a Water Scorpion! Available most Saturday and Sundays.

**Date** Various - check website for dates and times  
**Cost** £4 per kit

### Big Wild Summer PJ Party at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us at bedtime to discover the wonders of nocturnal wildlife! We'll play games, go on a walk by torchlight, sit around a campfire, toast marshmallows and listen to a bedtime story. Booking fee included.

**Date** 3 August 2024 6:30pm - 9pm  
**Cost** £16 child member, £20 child non-member, £8 adult member, £10 adult non-member

### Kids Bio-Blitz at RSPB Ham Wall!

Join us to find what is lurking in the pond, hiding in the grass or under a stone, or singing from the trees! We will spend some time pond dipping, bug hunting and birdwatching, recording what we find as we go along. Booking fee included.

**Date** 9 August 2024 10:30am - 12pm  
**Cost** £7 child member, £8.50 child non-member

### Family Friday Fun Day! Marvellous Mammals!

Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of the UK's most fascinating mammals! Listen to stories, play some games, discover who did the poo and create some amazing crafts! Booking fee included.

**Date** 23 August 2024 11am - 12:30pm  
**Cost** £6 child member, £7.50 child non-member

**Contact**  
 ham.wall@rspb.org.uk  
 01458 860494

**Find out more**  
[www.https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall](https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall)

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# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2024



TO BOOK ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES  
PLEASE VISIT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.HAPPITY.CO.UK/THE-SPACE-SOMERSET](https://www.happity.co.uk/the-space-somerset)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

FOR CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING OR BEING  
EDUCATED IN THE CHEDDAR VALLEY AREA

EACH SESSION IS £5 PER PERSON  
\*NON-REFUNDABLE



<b>TUESDAY</b> 30TH JULY	<b>AGE</b> 8+	<b>CARVED LINO T-SHIRT PRINTING</b> DESIGN AND PRINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT USING PRE-CARVED LINDO OF VARIOUS DESIGNS. SOME OF THESE IMAGES HAVE CONNECTIONS TO CHEDDAR FOLK HISTORY FOOT	<b>CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL</b> 10AM-12PM
<b>THURSDAY</b> 1ST AUGUST	<b>AGE</b> 6+	<b>BUSHCRAFT</b> BUT SIMPLY BUSHCRAFT IS ABOUT USING NATURE TO SUSTAIN YOURSELF IN THE WILD AND SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS INCLUDE CREATING A FIRE, BUILDING A SHELTER, FORAGING FOR FOOD AND COLLECTING WATER.	<b>MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE</b> 11.30AM-1PM
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6TH AUGUST	<b>AGE</b> 8+	<b>CURLY WURLY CLAY COIL POTS</b> YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO USE SIMPLE CLOY HAND-BUILDING TECHNIQUES TO CREATE YOUR OWN DECORATIVE COIL POT. WE WILL USE AIR DRYING CLAY IN THE WORKSHOP - AND YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SMALL SET OF REVOLVING WHEELS SO YOU CAN HAVE YOUR POT AT HOME ONCE IT HAS DRIED.	<b>CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL</b> 10AM-12PM
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8TH AUGUST	<b>AGE</b> 6+	<b>ARCHERY ACTIVE</b> ARCHERY ACTIVE IS THE ULTIMATE TEAM COMBAT SPORT, COMBINING THE BEST OF POINTSHOOTING, ARCHERY AND DODGEBALL - WITHOUT THE BRUISES, KICKS OR EXPENSIVE ARMOUR!	<b>MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE</b> 11.30AM-1PM

[www.thespacesomerset.org.uk](http://www.thespacesomerset.org.uk)



# Cheddar Tennis Club

# OPEN DAY

50% Off  
Membership  
on the day



Sunday 7th July  
10am-4pm