



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – Keeping you informed!

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who attended the Summer Fun Night on Friday 5th July. Despite the rain, it was a great success! Thank you to our hardworking PTA for organising and running the event.

Lots of exciting changes have been happening in school this week. On Wednesday, children enjoyed an exciting Transition Morning, where they were able to spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom ahead of September. We have also begun to reorganise our classrooms and communal spaces around the school. A big change for next year is to relocate the library into a more practical area so that large groups and even the whole class can enjoy the space. Next year, we plan to create a 'Curiosity Corner' and a sensory space in the soon-to-be unused corridor space – more information on this to follow.

As we declutter and modernise the books we have in school, class teachers will be putting out a selection of unwanted books at the end of every day next week. For a small donation to the PTA, we warmly encourage our school community to give these books a new home! Donations can be made in cash on the day or can be sent directly to the PTA bank account, (details below). Any donations received will be used to purchase new books for the library and/or classroom book corners.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs C. Dover



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



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 22nd July**, there will be no HOT meals available. Please ensure you access Parent Pay by **Monday 15th 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

Lady Bird Class achieved the best attendance this week.



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

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box by Friday 19th July.

After this date, anything left will be donated to charity.

Thankyou

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/>



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership

Christian Values

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

This week in...

Rainbow Woods Preschool



This week we are encouraging the children to get prepared for school by practicing turn taking, sharing, being kind and table manners etc. We played a little game of getting ready quickly by putting socks and shoes on. We have a student doing his work placement with us and the children are enjoying interacting with him. We are practicing the graduation song this week and we will be getting ready for our big day!!

Reception



In Reception this week we have continued with our story of Billy's bucket and have used our sounds to write a list of sea creatures. In maths we have been using two colours of snap cubes to compare towers of up to 10 cubes and the numbers hidden within 10. We shared our first curriculum showcase and took part in pirate themed crafts. In Forest school we fed the birds meal worms and looked after our vegetable patch.

Year 1



In year 1 this week we have enjoyed learning to play rounders in our PE lesson. The children did so well and joined in enthusiastically, despite it being quite a difficult team game to comprehend with the complex rules. We had several rounders scored and some excellent fielding skills on display! In literacy the children have finished writing their innovated stories "Brownlocks and the three snakes". They included some excellent adjectives to describe the setting and all remembered to include repeated speech to make it a cumulative tale.

Year 2



We began the week by finding out more information about lighthouses and then as a class worked out how we were going to construct our lighthouses. In English we wrote our instructions making sure that we did not miss out any steps. Finally, we made our lighthouse models and they look fantastic. It has been so exciting having our parents visit to day and help us construct model wooden boats!

Year 3



Year 3 have had a busy week! On Monday afternoon we had PE coaches from Kings visit us to do a PE lesson, we did lots of throwing and catching skills. On Tuesday, we spent the afternoon being scientists and learning about how the muscles work in our body. Finally, after a busy transition morning on Wednesday, we had lots of our parents join us for our curriculum showcase afternoon, where we made some fantastic wind turbines linking to our Geography topic on how we energise our homes!

Year 4



In Year 4 this week, we have been completing our final Invent write - explaining what tsunamis are. The children have really enjoyed this unit of writing and produced some really interesting work. We loved playing rounders on Wednesday and the progress they have made is amazing! Finally, we have been busy preparing for the Leaver's service next week, which will no doubt be an emotional and personal celebration of these wonderful children.

Date **Year Group**

<i>Mon 15th</i>	Year 1	Curriculum Workshop 2.30pm
<i>Tue 16th</i>		
<i>Wed 17th</i>	Year 3 & 4	Sports Tournament
<i>Thurs 18th</i>		
<i>Fri 19th</i>	Year 4	Leavers Service
<i>Mon 22nd</i>		Picnic on the field-If you require a school pack lunch, please book via Parent Pay by Monday 15 th July.
<i>Tue 23rd</i>		Last Day of Term
<i>Wed 24th</i>		Inset Day-School closed to all children

OTHER INFORMATION

Defibrillator Training Session

You are invited to a free training session at Weare Memorial Hall on Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm. This will be led by a Cardiac Nurse who will take you through the process of using the defibrillators that are provided by the Parish Council for use by our community. Please register your interest by emailing your Parish Clerk (Sally) on: weareparishcouncil@hotmail.com or by telephoning 01934 750480



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 larvae 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

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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



TUESDAY 30TH JULY	AGE 8+	CARVED LINO T-SHIRT PRINTING DESIGN AND PRINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT USING PRE-CARVED LINDS OF VARIOUS DESIGNS. SOME OF THESE IMAGES HAVE CONNECTIONS TO CHEDDAR FOLK HISTORY TOO!	CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST	AGE 6+	BUSHCRAFT 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.	MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE 11.30AM-1PM
TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST	AGE 8+	CURLY WURLY CLAY COIL POTS YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO USE SIMPLE CLAY HAND BUILDING TECHNIQUES TO CREATE YOUR OWN 'SPARKLY' COIL POT. WE WILL USE AIR DRYING CLAY IN THE WORKSHOP - AND YOU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MINI SET OF BRUSHES SO YOU CAN PAINT YOUR POT AT HOME ONCE IT DRIES.	CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL 10AM-12PM
THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST	AGE 6+	ARCHERY ACTIVE ARCHERY ACTIVE IS THE ULTIMATE TEAM COMBAT SPORT, COMBINING THE BEST OF POINTSHOOTING, ARCHERY AND DODGEBALL - WITHOUT THE BRUISES, KICKS OR EXPENSIVE AMMUNITION!	MENDIP ACTIVITY CENTRE 11.30AM-1PM

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