



# Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – *Keeping you informed!*

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone attending the parent information evenings this week and the great feedback we've had about how helpful and informative they were.



Next week, the school will be taking part in the 'NSPCC Kindness Challenge'. This is a nationwide campaign to inspire children and adults to practice kindness in their everyday lives. This challenge aims to promote empathy, compassion, and positive behaviours, encouraging young people to make kindness a habit. Every class across our school will be completing 'kind acts' such as helping a friend, writing a thank-you note, or holding a door open. I look forward to sharing all the things the children have got up to in next week's bulletin.

As many of you will be aware, we have moved to the Unlocking Letters and Sounds scheme. The scheme has been used in schools across the Wessex Learning Trust and has had great success. Our Phonics Lead, Mrs Munday, will be sharing key information via Dojo so please make you have a read and come back with any questions you may have.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs C. Dover





- Garden Café**
- [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - Plastic jugs
  - [Redacted]
  - [Redacted]
  - 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
  - [Redacted]

- Construction Zone**
- [Redacted]
  - 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



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

*All Can Achieve*

**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.**

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



- Role Play Zone**
- [Redacted]
  - 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

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



We are still looking for donations for the playground – anything you can provide would be appreciated!

Additionally, if you can offer any help in preparing the school site (exterior painting, digging, gardening etc.) Please let us know.



# Useful Information

## Key Dates

2024-2025

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.

Please note the last day of term is **THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

## 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.

Please **do not** send a DOJO message or Email. Thankyou. 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.



## After School Clubs

Please see end of bulletin for more information.

Places are still available for the Music Introduction and Spanish bookable via Parent Pay.

Also spaces still available in Forest School, please book direct.

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

Please remember to book your child's meal via Parent Pay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2, there is no charge for meals.

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

Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week.



## Staff Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor

Please visit Wessex Learning Trust vacancies, for more information.

## Swimming

**Year 3 will start swimming on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September for 10 weeks.**

Year 4 will start on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January for 10 weeks.

Please access Parent Pay for more information

## 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):** 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/>



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Autumn Term

Club	Coach	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Music	Mrs Horton	Year 3 & 4	<b>Monday</b> First session 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept Last session 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4	£20.00
Forest School	Forest School	Year 1,2,3 & 4	<b>Tuesday</b> First Session 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept- Last Session 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	7	£31.50
Spanish	Mr Sage	Year 3 & 4	<b>Wednesday</b> First session 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept- Last Session 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	7	£35.00
Sports Club	PE Coaches	Year 1 & 2	<b>Thursday</b> First session 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept- Last Session 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7	£35.00