



Weare Academy CofE First School

Weekly Bulletin – *Keeping you informed!*

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break! As we return, we are excited for the second half of the term, which promises to be filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities for your children.

School Updates

Our 3 Golden Rules

We have recently launched our 3 Golden Rules with the children as part of ongoing tweaks to our Behaviour Policy. These core rules – Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe – help us create a positive, supportive school environment. Teachers will be reinforcing these values in class, and we invite you to encourage these principles at home as well. Together, we're building a foundation of respect and responsibility in all areas of school life.

Spiritual Garden Project

We are thrilled to share that work on our new spiritual garden has begun! This space has been cleared and we are reaching out to local companies to support with donations to develop the space further. We plan to create a calm and reflective area where pupils can connect with nature, find peace, and practice mindfulness. We will keep you updated with progress.

Construction Zone and DIY Help

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the small group of parents who came in over the half-term break to help with some DIY projects. With their help, we've been able to start developing an exciting new Construction Zone for the children. As you'll see from the photo, the wall behind it could use a fresh coat of paint, and we'd love some additional volunteer support to help brighten it up! If you're able to help us with this project, please contact the school office.

Remembrance Day – Monday, 11th November

On Monday, we'll be observing Remembrance Day. Children are welcome to wear the uniform associated with any community groups they attend, such as Beavers, Scouts, Brownies, or Sea Cadets.

Reminders

Uniform Policy

A quick reminder that all students should return to school in full uniform, including appropriate PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday. As the weather changes, please ensure your child has a warm coat, and remember to label all items clearly with your child's name.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. We are excited for all the great things to come and look forward to working together to ensure a productive and successful term for all.



Lunchtime Enrichment 2024-2025

Our staff run lunchtime clubs have started up this term. Across the year we have tried to provide clubs which cover a range of interests and age ranges. As the provision is part of the school day and will take place over lunchtime, permission to attend **will not** be required. At the start of every new term, staff running the club will send a list around to the relevant classes for children to sign up.

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Art Club with Miss Eggby on <u>Friday</u> (All year groups)	Mindfulness & spirituality club with Mrs Dover on <u>Monday</u> (All year groups)	TT Rockstars Club with Mrs Hael on <u>Wednesday</u> (Year 3 & 4)	Chess Club with Mrs Hael on <u>Wednesday</u> (Year 2, 3 & 4)	Sports Club with Mrs Mathias on <u>Thursday</u> (Rec, Year 1 & 2)
	Lego Club with Mrs Malcolm on <u>Wednesday</u> (Rec, Year 1 & 2)		Mindfulness & spirituality club with Mrs Munday on <u>Friday</u> (All year groups)	Computing Club with Ms Cooke <u>Tuesday</u> (Year 3 & 4)
Choir Club with Lana on Tuesdays (Year 2, 3 & 4)				

Autumn 2 Afterschool Clubs

Places in one of our afterschool clubs are booked through Parent Pay, if you are unable to book the session it means that all the places have been taken.

Club	Lead by:	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Crafts	Mrs Horton	Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	4	£20.00
Forest School	Sophie Boyes, Forest School Leader	Year 1,2,3 & 4	Tuesday	7	£31.50
Spanish	Mr Sage	Year 1,2,3 & 4	Wednesday	7	£35.00
Multi-Sports	PE Coaches, Kings Fitness	Year 3 & 4	Thursday	7	£35.00

Useful Information

Key Dates

Remembrance Day
Monday 11th November

Year 3 Trip, Tuesday 12th Nov

Thursday 14th Nov
Odd Sock Day

Friday 15th Nov
Children in Need

Reception Trip, Thursday 21st
Nov

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.



Wrap Around Care

Future Stars system has now gone live. Book via this link:

[Clubs / Activities - Future Stars Coaching](#)

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.

Attendance

Well done to Reception who achieved the highest attendance this week.



Parent Pay

Please remember to clear any arrears on Parent Pay. Future Stars have confirmed that they will accept bookings without pre-payment during the transition period.

Please book via this link: [Clubs / Activities - Future Stars Coaching](#)
Any issues, please call them direct on 01275867128

Swimming

Please remember your child needs a swimming hat.

Year 4 will start on Wednesday 8th January for 10 weeks.

Please access Parent Pay for more information.



Online Safety

The NSPCC have launched a set of Online Safety guides for parents. These cover all age-ranges and a wide range of issues and concerns. The guides can be accessed at:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Chelsey Dover
Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL): Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon
Safeguarding Governor: Martin Horton



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/>

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Whether it's a high-energy session or a relaxing activity, our friendly, professional team will ensure your child enjoys the end of their school day!

With Care Lead Reece

Monday to Friday

3.30pm - 5.30pm = £11.00

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