



# Weekly Bulletin

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to share this week, including many exciting plans for curriculum enrichment opportunities for our children, which has been a key focus for the school.

### Author Visit – Monday 4th March

We are thrilled to announce that author Mark Robertson will be visiting our school on Monday 4th March, as part of our celebrations for World Book Day. Mark, who has written books such as *The Egg* and *Dare to Care for a Pet Dragon*, will be delivering an exciting day of literary activities for the children. The visit, **generously funded by our PTA**, will include:

- A whole-school author talk assembly
- Author and illustration workshops for children in Years 1-4
- A special story time session for Preschool and Reception pupils
- A book signing and sale at the end of the school day



World Book Day itself falls on Thursday 6th March, and we will confirm plans for this soon – stay tuned!

### Science Week – Starting 10th March

Miss Eggby, our Science Leader, has been working hard to put together an exciting programme for Science Week, beginning Monday 10th March. If you have any resources, expertise, or time to share, we would love your support! Please reach out to Miss Eggby via Class Dojo if you can contribute to making this a fantastic learning experience for our children.

We are also delighted to share that the school has successfully secured a £400 grant from Kick Start Grants to support our activities for British Science Week. This funding will enable us to provide even more engaging experiences for our pupils and to purchase new science equipment to enhance our learning resources.

### All Around the World Day – Tuesday 11th February

On Tuesday 11th February, we will be celebrating *All Around the World Day*! Mrs Malcolm, our Humanities Lead, has organised a fantastic day filled with cross-curricular learning opportunities to inspire curiosity about different cultures and countries. Each class has been assigned a country to explore, and teachers have already shared information with you via Dojo. If you would like more details about plans for the day, please contact your child's class teacher.

**School Equipment – End of Day Reminder**

We kindly ask that parents do not allow children to play with school footballs or playground equipment at the end of the school day. With many families on site, including younger children and toddlers, footballs can pose a hazard. Additionally, play equipment is often being left out, requiring staff to tidy up before afterschool clubs begin. We appreciate your support in ensuring a smooth and safe handover at the end of the day.

**School Closure, reminder to complete Childcare Form – Wednesday 12th February**

Thank you to all parents who have already completed the form regarding essential childcare on Wednesday 12th February. If you have not done so already, please use the links below to complete the form so that we can plan for the school closure effectively.



Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another fantastic week at Weare Academy!

**Mrs C. Dover**

***Class Link to online form:***

<i>Reception</i>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/vtVtLH4StZ">https://forms.office.com/e/vtVtLH4StZ</a>
<i>Year 1</i>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/PpuNGCrhh2">https://forms.office.com/e/PpuNGCrhh2</a>
<i>Year 2</i>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/FSacT18Jpc">https://forms.office.com/e/FSacT18Jpc</a>
<i>Year 3</i>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/fWMvQayRrG">https://forms.office.com/e/fWMvQayRrG</a>
<i>Year 4</i>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/e/LbJjqybax4">https://forms.office.com/e/LbJjqybax4</a>

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

## Spring 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	Coach	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Forest School	Forest School	Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4	<b>Tuesday</b> First Session 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan Last Session 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6	£27.00
Spanish	Mr Sage	Year 1,2,3 & 4	<b>Wednesday</b> First session 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan Last Session 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6	£30.00
Sports Club	PE Coaches	Reception, Year 1 & 2	<b>Thursday</b> First session 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan Last Session 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6	£30.00

## Useful Information

### Key Dates

Year 4 Swimming  
Wednesday

Year 1 Trip  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

### 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.



### Food in School

Please note we are a **Nut Free** and **Pink-Fleshed Fish, Crustaceans, Seafood** and any **Non-White Fleshed Fish** School. **OR ANY ITEMS THAT 'MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF' ANY OF THE ABOVE, INCLUDING ITEMS CONTAINING FISH OIL EG SOME SOY SAUCES ETC**

Please do not include any of these items as a snack or in a packed lunch.



### Wrap Around Care

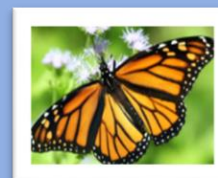
Future Stars system, please book via this link: [Clubs / Activities - Future Stars Coaching](#)

### Communication

As Class Dojo is our main form of communication, please keep checking for messages on a regular basis. If we need to contact you if your child is unwell or as a matter of urgency we will phone you. For any other issues or if your child has forgotten an item a message will be sent on Dojo.

### Attendance

Well done to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week.



### Reminder

We kindly ask all parents not to enter or walk through the school buildings during drop-off and collection times. If you wish to accompany your child to their classroom or speak with the class teacher, please use the external classroom doors to reach the classroom.

### New Meal Menu

The menu for next term is now available via Parent Pay.

Please book your child meal choices before the start of next term.

Thankyou

### Online Safety

[Internet Matters](#) have got information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the Internet. Showing you the best ways to keep them safe online, whatever they're doing.

[internet matters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

## Safeguarding Team

**Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Chelsey Dover

**Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL):** Heather Cooke, Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon **Safeguarding Governor:** Martin Horton

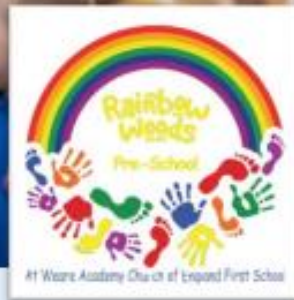
**As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:**

**NSPCC:** 0800 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/>

# PLACES NOW AVAILABLE!



8am-5:30pm

## Looking for a Nursery Space for Your Child?

At **Rainbow Woods Pre-school**, part of Weare Academy CofE First School, we give your child a flying start to their school life!

### We offer...

✦ Learning Through Play!

✦ **Small Class Size (Max 20)** – Ensuring personal attention and close bonds.

✦ **Places for Children Aged 2+** – Funded places available.

✦ **Dedicated Forest School & Playground**

✦ **Access to School Facilities** – Seamlessly connecting your child to school life and events.

✦ **Early Years SENCo Support** – Trained staff to support for children with additional needs.

✦ **Caring, Qualified Staff** – Fully safeguarding trained to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

✦ **Slots throughout the day: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Term Time Only.**



**Enquire Today!**

☎ Call us at 01934 733413  
or ✉ Email us at  
rainbow-  
woods@weareacademy.co.uk

# Buddy the Dancing Bat

This term, the Kings Fitness & Leisure coaches will be delivering Dance to the children in PE. As a part of these PE lessons, the children will be learning the Kings mascot, Buddy the Bat's, favourite dance! Once they have learnt the dance, on their final dance lesson, Buddy the Bat himself will come into school, and the children will have an opportunity to meet him and perform the dance to him! All the children will then also receive a Buddy the Bat Shiny Sticker to take pride of place in their Junior Activities Passport! Kings are also offering additional dance workshops free of charge at Kings Fitness & Leisure in Cheddar. To find out more information about these workshops, and the Junior Activities Passport, head over to their website at: [Junior Passport | Kings Fitness & Leisure#](#)



## Street Band Workshop

**Saturday 8th February, 2pm-4pm**  
**Guildhall Young Artists Taunton,**  
**Richard Huish College, Taunton**

Explore the exciting and inspiring world of street band music with The Sound of The Streets in this free workshop for young players of brass, wind and drums.

One of the musical wonders of the world, Street bands make strong and rhythmic music, full of life and energy. They are the sound of celebration from New Orleans to South Africa, Delhi to the Balkans.

This music is great for developing musical skills, ensemble playing, rhythmic sense, improvisation, and confidence, learning to play by ear and exploring your instrument. The workshop will use a mixture of playing by ear and from music and can adapt to whatever people are most comfortable with. The workshop is led by 3 leading music educators and street band musicians.

The workshop is for young musicians under 19 years of age, of Grade 3 equivalent or above, i.e. comfortable with their instrument. The Sound of the Streets runs The Sound Invaders, a youth street band, at Castle School, meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm that is always open to new players.

Free admission but advance booking is essential. To book a place please email:

[gyataunton@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:gyataunton@gsmd.ac.uk)

[tim@thesoundofthestreets.org](mailto:tim@thesoundofthestreets.org)

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

[www.thesoundofthestreets.org](http://www.thesoundofthestreets.org)



# Parent carer Drop-In Session Cheddar



**The Space Hub , 10am -12-pm  
No need to book.**

Come and meet Michelle our SEND Navigator who is here to help families of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities in Somerset to:

- Access good quality information.
- Signpost to people who can help.
- Support parents to prepare for meetings and appointments.
- Help parent carers understand what help is available.
- Help parent carers by supporting with completion of forms such as DLA, PIP and applications for funding from grants.
- Help parent carers build confidence in understanding and supporting their child's needs.

## 2025 Dates

- Tuesday 21st Jan
- Tuesday 18th March
- Tuesday 20th May
- Tuesday 17th June



# JOIN THE Breakfast Club

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★ ★ COACHING  
A MULTI AWARD-WINNING  
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With Care Lead Reece

## at Weare Academy

Start your child's day right, with good food, catching up with buddies and lots of fun activities

Mon - Fri | 8am to 8.40am

- ★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online [www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk](http://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk)



# Child Care at Weare Academy After School

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SPORTS & CARE ORGANISATION



Snack Included



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

3.30pm - 4.30pm = £6.00

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