



Weekly Bulletin

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As we approach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on some of the experiences the children have enjoyed over the past few weeks.

This term, our highlight has been **All Around the World Day**, where children immersed themselves in different cultures. Each year group focused on a different country: Year 4 explored Egypt, taking part in an engaging Egyptian workshop; Year 3 discovered Mexico; Year 2 learned about Italy; Year 1 explored India; and Reception enjoyed learning about France. The children also sampled delicious **international foods** and some classes welcomed **special visitors** who enriched their learning with firsthand insights. It has been a truly exciting and educational experience for all!

Children in Year 3 and 4 have been busy designing our **Spiritual Garden**, and they have shared some fantastic ideas. A sample of their designs is included on the following page. Many children envisioned features such as a **water feature, birdhouses, an outdoor music space, chimes, plants and flowers, and seating areas**. We are thrilled to announce that we will be purchasing these items next term using a generous **donation from the Luttrell Trust grant** to bring their ideas to life.

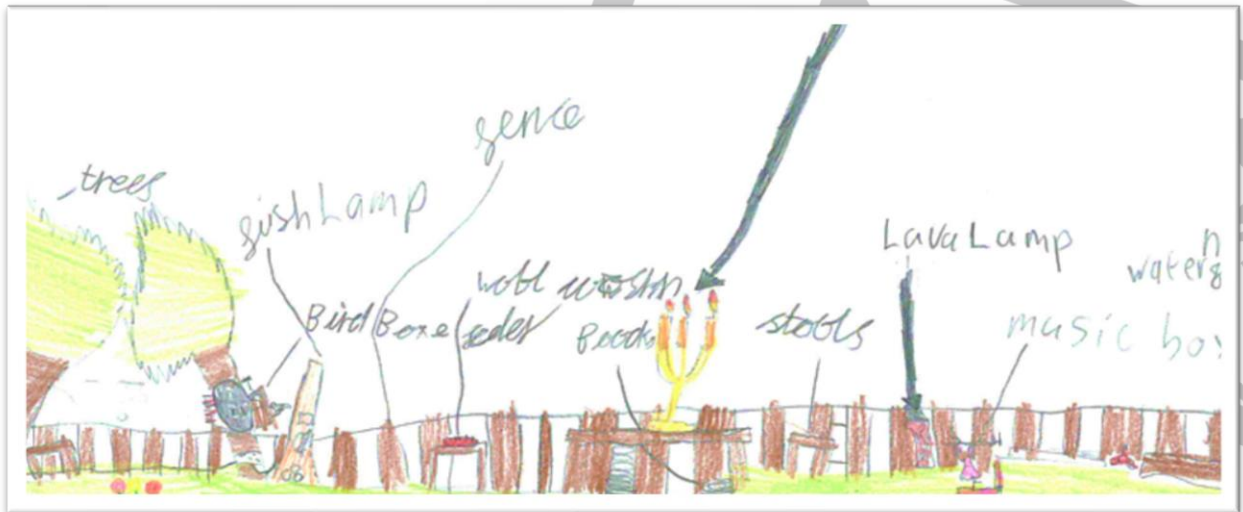
Looking ahead to next term, we have lots of enriching events planned:

- **World Book Day – 6th March:** Children are invited to **dress up** as their favourite book characters in line with this year's theme, **Reading for Pleasure**.
- **Author Visits:** We are thrilled to welcome **Mark Robertson**, an internationally acclaimed author and illustrator, as well as **local author Sarah-Lou Evans**, who will inspire our budding writers.
- **Science Week:** A week packed with **workshops, visitors, and hands-on science activities** to spark curiosity and enthusiasm for scientific exploration.
- **Parent Partnership Coffee Afternoon – 3rd March at 2:45pm:** A great opportunity to come together, share ideas, and strengthen our school community.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support this term. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on 24th February.

Mrs C. Dover

Update: Spiritual Garden Designs



Wrap Around Care



| Day | Focus |
|-----------|---|
| Monday | A selection of outdoor games such as tagging games, evasion games and a variety of outside sports. |
| Tuesday | Craft day , where children will have the chance to relax and have the opportunity to create and make different things with their friends and the coaches. |
| Wednesday | Free choice day where the children will have the freedom to play and have fun doing the things they love doing. |
| Thursday | Movie day! The children will have time before the movie to release some energy and play some games before having a nice chilled afternoon watching a movie for the second half of the session. |
| Friday | Dodgeball and other evasion games. |

As well as the above timetable, we always set up an option of indoor provision for the children to enjoy such as Lego or colouring.

Child Care at Weare Academy

After School



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Monday - Outdoor Games
Tuesday - Craft Day

Wednesday - Free Choice
Thursday - Movie Day
Friday - Dodgeball

With Care Lead Reece

Monday to Friday

3.30pm - 5.30pm = £11.00

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Lunchtime Enrichment 2024-2025

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 |
|---|--|--|---|
| Art Club with Miss Eggby on <u>Friday</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) |
| | Boomwhackers Club with Mrs Malcolm on <u>Wednesday</u> | 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) | | | |

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 | Year Reception, 1,2,3 & 4 | Tuesday First Session 25 th Feb Last Session 1 st April | 6 | £27.00 |
| Spanish | Mr Sage | Year 1,2,3 & 4 | Wednesday First Session 26 th Feb Last Session 2 nd April | 6 | £30.00 |
| Sports Club | PE Coaches | Year 3 & 4 | Thursday First Session 27 th Feb Last Session 3 rd April | 6 | £30.00 |

Useful Information

Key Dates

Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday
Extra lesson Wednesday 26th
March

14th February – Last day of term

18th March-Trip Reception &
Year 2

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's 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

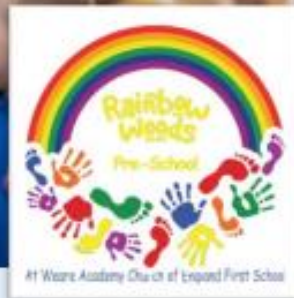
As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

NSPCC: 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/>

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

**The Children of
Brent Knoll Primary School
invite you to join in their 4th annual
country dance festival**

(Not quite like Wells, but we wanted to keep the tradition going)

from 4pm Friday, June 6th, 2025

**If you would like further details about the dances or event, please
email:**

Chris Burman

cburman@brentknollprimaryschool.org.uk

or Sam Stockham

sstockham@brentknollprimaryschool.org.uk

or phone us on 01278 760546

**Refreshments will be on hand, along with an ice-cream
van and other entertainment for your children and
families.**



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





PROCEEDS TO FUND WEARE 1ST SCHOOL PANTO TRIP

RACE NIGHT

MARK VILLAGE HALL, VOLE ROAD, MARK, TA9 4NY

FRIDAY 09TH MAY 2025

7PM DOORS OPEN | 7.30PM FIRST RACE

£10 PER TICKET

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM
RACHEL ANDERSON (Y2) OR EMILY SHAW (Y3)

Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!

Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!



Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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Mon - Fri | 8am to 8.40am

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It's Easy to Book

It's Fun!

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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!

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