



Weekly Bulletin

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, it's been another wonderful week here at Weare, filled with festive cheer and exciting events. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evening this week. Your continued involvement in your child's learning is invaluable, and I hope you found the discussions with staff helpful.

The children were absolutely delighted by the pantomime this week, oh yes they were! It was a joy to see their faces light up during the performance, what a fantastic way to bring some festive magic into the school! A huge thank you to all those who helped to fund this wonderful event, and to all the staff for their hard work in making it a memorable experience for our pupils.

The children have been hard at work preparing for our Christmas performances, and they did not disappoint! The students have truly embraced the holiday spirit. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Drama teacher Lou for her dedication and the pupils for their outstanding effort. It was a wonderful way to come together as a school community and celebrate the season.

Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) – Consultation

The Wessex Learning Trust is consulting on its admission arrangements for the 2027/28 academic year. This consultation is statutory and takes place every seven years, or when changes are made to current arrangements. To view and comment on the proposed arrangements, please click the link below:

<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements>

The consultation period runs from **1 December 2025 to 19 January 2026**. The final determined arrangements will be published on both the Trust and School websites by **15 March 2026**.

Next week marks my final week at Weare, as Mrs. Dover will be returning to take up her role. I'm pleased to say that there will be a week's overlap to ensure a smooth transition. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome and support you have shown me since I joined in April. It has been an absolute privilege to lead this school, and I'm incredibly proud of everything we've accomplished together during my time here.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the school. We look forward to seeing you in the final week of term before the Christmas holidays. Wishing you all a festive and joyful weekend ahead.

Mr Laken

Teacher Lunchtime Clubs

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Choir Club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class
Drawing club Mrs Malcom All Year groups Wednesdays	Computing Ms Cooke	Netball Miss Eggby	Time table Rockstars Miss Eggby	Boomwhackers Mrs Malcom
Art Miss Sweeney Year 3/4 Thursdays	Girls' Football Mrs Hael	Colouring club Ms Cooke	Chess Mrs Hael	Spirituality Mrs Munday

*Days and year groups TBC

Afterschool Clubs

Club	Coach	Years	Dates	No. of Sessions	Total Cost
Forest School Please book direct	Forest School	Year 1,2,3 & 4	Tuesday First Session 4 th November Last Session 16 th December	7	£35.00
Sports Club Please book via My Child At School	PE Coaches	Year Reception, 1, 2,3 & 4	Thursday First Session 6 th November Last Session 18 th December	7	£35.00

WEARE ACADEMY SCHOOL

Breakfast Club



at Weare

Monday - Friday
8.00am - 8.40am **£5.00**

- **Healthy, energising start to the day** nutritious breakfasts that fuel learning.
- **Safe, friendly environment** children looked after by trusted, trained staff.
- **Stress-free mornings** drop off early and head to work knowing your child is settled.



QUICK BOOK

After School Child Care



at Weare

Monday - Friday

3.30pm - 5.30pm	£11.00
3.30pm - 4.30pm	£6.00
4.30pm - 5.30pm	£6.00

- **Fun, active sessions** engaging games, crafts and activities straight after school.
- **Healthy snacks included** keeping children fuelled and happy until home time.
- **Reliable care until late** working around your schedule to keep your children safe.



QUICK BOOK

★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers ★ FUTURE STARS COACHING Ofsted Registered

★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare

★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk



KINGS

FITNESS & LEISURE



HOLIDAY CLUB

At Kings Fitness & Leisure

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years from £23* per day 9.00am-4.00pm.
- ✓ Extend the day with early drop-off and late pick-up from £4.50 per session
- ✓ Have Fun playing Christmas games, sports, going swimming, and doing festive arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, swimming kit, weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).




Visit our Junior Activities Page here

Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

*If booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked in this time frame.



Useful Information

Key Dates

Year 3 swimming starts 14th January, please remember to access MCAS

See Christmas calendar for more information

**Last day of term
Friday 19th December, normal pick up time**

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** School. Please do not include these items as a snack or in a packed lunch.



If you are providing grapes for your child, please follow NHS guidance for preparing them safely:

- Cut lengthwise: Slice each grape from top to bottom.
- Cut into quarters: Then cut each half into two smaller pieces.
- Remove seeds: Check for and remove any hard pips or seeds before serving.

Wrap Around Care

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

2026 After School Clubs

Sports Club will start on Thursday 8th Jan, please book via MCAS
Other Clubs will be announced in the New Year.

Christmas Post Box

The post box is situated by the old office.
Please ensure you write the child's name and class on envelope.

Starting and Transferring School in September 2026

The deadline for **junior, middle, and starting school applications** is **15 January 2026**.

Please apply through the **Somerset County Council Portal**.

Rainbow Woods Pre-School

If you require, any information please contact us on 01934 733413 or email rainbow-woods@weareacademy.co.uk

Tuesday 16th December

Children's Christmas lunch
Rainbow Woods & Reception
Christmas party.

Meals

The dead line to order the Christmas Meal/ Buffet Pack Lunch has now passed. If you did not place an order on any of these days, please ensure you send a pack lunch from home for your child.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to order any extra meals.

Please remember if you have not ordered any of these meals on these days to remove the meal from MCAS.
Thank you

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Oliver Laken

Deputy Designated Leads (DDSL): Heather Cooke, Lana Whittaker, Lisa Woollon

Safeguarding Governor: Sophie Jenkins

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

Christmas in December at Weare Academy and Rainbow Woods Pre-School

Class Parties

Monday 15th Year 3 and 4

Tuesday 16th Pre-School and Reception

Thursday 18th Year 1 and 2

Children will be given a cookie and fruit at the party, all dietary needs will be covered. Please send your child in school uniform with a change of clothes for the party.

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th **Children to wear Christmas jumper if they wish.**

Please order meals on MCAS

Christmas Buffet

Thursday 18th

No hot meals on this day. If your child requires a school pack lunch, please book a main meal on MCAS and DOJO the office stating BUFFET, Ham, Cheese or Tuna.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/PANTO/BUFFET

All meals need to be booked by FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

Church Service

Friday 19th **10am Children to wear Christmas jumper if they wish.**

Whole school visit to the church, except Pre-School. Everyone welcome

School Breaks up for Christmas



Free TASTER SESSION

Fun and high quality coaching for all ages and standards every day of the week from Monday to Saturday. No previous experience required.

The first session is free! So come along to Winscombe Tennis Club and give tennis a go.

see all of the fantastic services we offer.



Please contact Dominic and book your free session at winscombetennisclubcoaching@outlook.com




NEW PLAYERS WANTED

U6s SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION & YEAR 1


FRIENDSHIP THROUGH RUGBY

TRAINING SUNDAY MORNINGS
10AM

NEVER PLAYED, NEVER MIND!
COME ALONG, THROW A RUGBY BALL ABOUT AND HAVE FUN!

THE RECREATION GROUND, THE LYNCH,
WINSCOMBE, NORTH SOMERSET BS25 1AZ

[HTTPS://WINSCOMBERFC.RFU.CLUB](https://winscomberfc.rfu.club)



Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

**WESSEX LEARNING TRUST
POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION**

Poster theme about - Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

COMPETITION RULES:

1. The design should promote Safer Internet Day on **February 10th 2026**
2. Poster size - A4 Portrait
3. Posters must be submitted to your school by Monday 19th January
4. Winning posters will be shared across all Wessex Learning Trust Schools



On the back of your poster, we need your:
First NAME only
AGE
Name of SCHOOL



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