



Weekly Bulletin

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been my first official week back in school, and I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank you to parents and carers for such a warm and kind welcome. It has been wonderful to be back at Weare Academy and to spend time with the children and staff again.

As we come to the end of the autumn term and reach the final day of school before Christmas, it has been a lovely week filled with celebration and reflection. Today, we enjoyed a special Christmas Carol Service at the church, giving the children the opportunity to come together and share the festive spirit. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us - your presence helped make the service even more meaningful!

This week, the children have also thoroughly enjoyed the festive celebrations in school, including Christmas parties and a very exciting visit from Father Christmas. There were lots of smiles, laughter and festive cheer throughout the school, making it a wonderful way to end the term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Laken for his support, leadership and commitment to the school while I have been on maternity leave. We are very grateful for the care and dedication he has shown to our school community during this time.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish all our children, parents, carers and families a joyful and restful Christmas. I hope you enjoy spending time together and making special memories over the holidays.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in the new year and seeing you when the children return.

Mrs Dover

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**.

It's Christmas Time!

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.



Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Keeping children safe online www.skipssafetynet.org

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
Sports Club Please book via My Child at School	PE Coaches	Year Reception, 1, 2,3 & 4	Thursday First Session 8 th January Last Session 11 th February	6	£30.00

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 Approved

★ 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!



* £23 if booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked for this time frame.

Useful Information

Key Dates

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

First Day of Term
Monday 5th January
Last Day of Term
Thursday 12th 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** 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.

Attendance

Well done to Class 4 who had the highest attendance this term.

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

Meals

Please remember to access MCAS and book your child's meal before the start of term.



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: 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/>



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership



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 winscombetenniscubcoaching@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)

**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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