



Weekly Bulletin

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive and busy week at Weare Academy, with lots of exciting opportunities getting underway for our children.

Forest School has returned this week and the children have absolutely loved being back outdoors, exploring, learning and building confidence in the natural environment. Swimming sessions have also started, and it has been wonderful to hear how our Year 3 children have been engaging so enthusiastically and developing their skills in the water.

We are also delighted to have Rocksteady back in school – the children's excitement has been lovely to see. In addition, teacher-led lunchtime clubs have begun this week. Ms Cooke is leading a Computing Club and Mrs Hael is running a Girls' Football Club. Both clubs have been extremely popular, and the children have really enjoyed taking part.

I would like to invite parents and carers to our **Meet the Leaders** session on **Wednesday 4th February at 2:45pm**. This will be an informal opportunity to meet with myself and Ms Cooke to discuss our plans for the future, ask any questions you may have, or simply come along to say hello. We would be very pleased to see you there.

We are always keen to strengthen our school community and would love parents to be involved in school life. If you have any special skills, such as artistic or musical talents, or an interesting job or experience you would be willing to share, please do let us know. We would love to explore how this could be shared with the children to enrich their experiences and learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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**.

Lunchtime Clubs

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
Computing Monday Ms Cooke	Netball Miss pEgby	Time table Rockstars Miss Eggby	Boomwhackers Mrs Malcom
Girls' Football Wednesday Mrs Hael	Colouring club Ms Cooke	Chess Mrs Hael	Spirituality Mrs Munday
*Drama Club Year 3&4 Wednesday Book via MCAS	*Drama Club Year 3&4 Wednesday Book via MCAS	*Drama Club Year 3&4 Wednesday Book via MCAS	*Drama Club Year 3&4 Wednesday Book via MCAS

*£3.00 per session. All other lunch times clubs are free.

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
Forest School Please book via Forest School		Year Reception, 1, 2,3 & 4	Tuesday First Session 19 th January Last session 10 th February		

We need you!

The Preloved Area is getting an upgrade!

Volunteers Needed

We're forming a fun team

to help out at our Preloved Shop

Can You Help?

We need at least 5 people to work just 1 day after school each. Office will let you in at 15:15, closing at 15:45.

Useful Information

Key Dates

Year 3 swimming on Wednesday

Year 2 Cake Sale-Friday 23rd January

Year 1 Trip-Thursday 5th February

Year 4 Trip -Tuesday 10th February

Reception/Pre-School Trip Thursday
12th February

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

Forest School after school club will start on Tuesday 20th Jan, more information will be sent next week.

Attendance

Well done to Class 1 who had the highest attendance this week.

Farmers Gate Car Parking

Please can we ask you only park in this area if you hold a disability badge.

All other users, please use main car park.

Thank you

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 if your child is going on a school trip and they require a school pack lunch.

- 1 Book a main meal on MCAS
- 2 Dojo school office with choice, Ham, Cheese or Tuna.

If you are supplying your child with a pack lunch, please cancel meal on 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/>

MEET OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

PART 1

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any worries, concerns, or thoughts you would like to share. We will always do our best to help.



Michelle Case

I have served as a Local Partner at Weare for over eight years and currently hold the role of SEND Local Partner.

With one child who has already progressed through the school and another in Year 4, I bring both experience and a strong personal connection to our school community. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, thrive, and feel supported.

My professional background is in risk management within a financial institution, which gives me a strong analytical approach and supports effective decision-making.

Outside of my governance role, I can usually be found transporting my children between their various sporting activities. As a family, we love to travel and have recently developed a passion for "Extreme Day Trips," always looking for new adventures to enjoy together.



Steve Kendall

As the Lead Partner for History and Geography and Assistant Lead Partner for Religious Education, I am committed to supporting a rich and engaging curriculum across these subjects. I also hold a strong interest in catering, nutrition, and wellbeing, recognising the important role they play in children's overall development.

My professional background is in national and international law enforcement, and I currently work for the Home Office. Alongside this, I am passionate about creating opportunities for young people. I have volunteered with the Somerset Army Cadet Force for more than twenty years, helping to support and mentor young people from a wide range of backgrounds.

My family is closely connected to the school: my wife works part-time here, and our twins are currently in Year 3. It is a privilege to serve on our wonderful Local Partners Team and to contribute to the continued success of our school community.



Sophie Jenkins

I am the new Safeguarding Local Partner for Weare First School.

I am mum to Noah in Year 1 and Miles, who is five months old, and we love spending family time together with our lively golden retriever.

I have over ten years of experience working in education, from EYFS through to Year 6. For the past seven years, I have specialised in Safeguarding, Child Protection, Attendance, and Behaviour procedures and practices within schools, all with the aim of promoting the best possible outcomes for children.

I am passionate about safeguarding and ensuring that every child can reach their full potential by accessing the right support at the right time. I also believe strongly in equipping professionals, families, and all adults around children with the tools they need to help them thrive.

I am really looking forward to working alongside the other Local Partners to continue the amazing support and education that Weare First School provides for our children.

WEARE ACADEMY SCHOOL

Breakfast Club



After School Child Care



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

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
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk



FRIENDS OF WEARE
PRE-LOVED SHOP

Give it a second life – and help our planet thrive!



What:
Buy and donate gently-used clothes and accessories



Where:
Located in the Old School Office



Why:
Save money, reduce waste and support our school community!



Bring items that are:

- Clean and in good condition
- School-appropriate
- Something another student could use!



Payment:
Honesty Box in the shop or BACS Transfer (Ref: PrelovedShop)

Reuse. Reduce. Relove.

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



Wessex Learning Trust

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



The Mid Somerset
Consortium

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Client Testimonials

'I couldn't have wished for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.'

— **Danni**

'The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life.'

— **Sarah**

'A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together'

— **Millie**

'Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.'

— **Millie**

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WEDMORE HOLIDAY CLUB



For ages 5-13 years, from £23* per day, 9.00am-4.00pm, at Wedmore First School grounds



In the winter, have fun doing outdoor adventure activities in the forest school grounds, and enjoy our outdoor swimming pool in the summer!**



Enjoy a jam packed day of playing games, sports, and arts and crafts!



Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, outdoor adventure clothing, and 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 after this time frame
**This is a seasonal, weather dependant activity.



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 games,
sports, going swimming,
and doing arts and crafts!



Bring packed lunch, snacks,
refillable drinks bottle, swimming
kit, weather dependant items
(sun cream, waterproofs etc).



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