



## Weekly Bulletin

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### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you've had a lovely week.

We wanted to share a few updates from around the school, along with a gentle reminder about parking. As mentioned in the Dojo message earlier this week, the area outside the double gates in the playground is private land, and there is an agreement in place with the landowner to permit staff parking only. Access to the field gates must always be kept clear, so please use the main school car park for drop-offs and collections. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Year 2 have been continuing their learning about the Great Fire of London this week. They've been exploring how life in the city changed after the fire, and I have seen some fantastic model Tudor houses. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity as they share what they've learned.

We also wanted to take a moment to encourage healthy lunchboxes. A balanced lunch might include a portion of fruit or vegetables, a source of protein such as eggs, cheese, chicken, or beans, a healthy carbohydrate like bread, pasta, rice, or potatoes, and plenty of water. Occasional treats are absolutely fine, but we find that children have more energy and focus when they eat nutritious foods during the day.

We're also pleased to let you know that the preloved uniform area is getting an upgrade! The Friends of Weare are looking for volunteers to help tidy up the space and relaunch the Preloved Uniform initiative. If you're able to help, please get in touch. Having access to preloved uniform is a fantastic resource for our families, and it's one we are keen to keep available.

Thank you for your continued support. It's been a busy week, and it's wonderful to see all of our pupils so engaged in their learning.

Mrs Dover

## Lunchtime Clubs

Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class</b>	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class	Choir club Tuesday in Reception Class
<b>Computing Monday Ms Cooke</b>	Netball Miss Eggby	Time table Rockstars Miss Eggby	Boomwhackers Mrs Malcom
<b>Girls' Football Wednesday Mrs Hael</b>	Colouring club Ms Cooke	Chess Mrs Hael	Spirituality Mrs Munday
<b>*Drama Club Year 3&amp;4 Wednesday Book via MCAS</b>	<b>*Drama Club Year 3&amp;4 Wednesday Book via MCAS</b>	<b>*Drama Club Year 3&amp;4 Wednesday Book via MCAS</b>	<b>*Drama Club Year 3&amp;4 Wednesday Book via MCAS</b>

**\*£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	<b>Thursday</b>  First Session 8 <sup>th</sup> January  Last Session 11 <sup>th</sup> February	6	£30.00
Forest School Please book via Forest School		Year  Reception, 1, 2,3 & 4	<b>Tuesday</b>  First Session 19 <sup>th</sup> January  Last session 10 <sup>th</sup> February		

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




## Useful Information

### Key Dates

Year 3 swimming on Wednesday

Year 1 Trip-Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Year 4 Trip -Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Reception/Pre-School Trip Thursday  
12<sup>th</sup> February

**Last Day of Term**  
**Thursday 12<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**  
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 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, please book  
via MCAS  
Forest School after school club  
will start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan,  
more information will be sent  
next week.

### Attendance

Well done to Class 3 who had the  
highest attendance this week.

### Head Lice

There has been a reported case of head  
lice, please check your child's hair.  
For more information on how to treat,  
please click on the link below:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

### Rainbow Woods Pre-School

If you require, any information  
please contact us on 01934  
733413  
or email  
[rainbow-  
woods@weareacademy.co.uk](mailto: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/>



Somerset Safeguarding  
Children Partnership



# Wessex Learning Trust

We Learn Together

23 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring from my role as Chief Executive of the Wessex Learning Trust at the end of this academic year.

It has been a privilege to grow and serve the Trust, and to work with our schools and settings on behalf of the children and young people in our care. I have been consistently impressed by the dedication of our staff and the strong partnerships we share with families and communities.

I am hugely proud of the progress our schools have made and of the values that underpin our work: high expectations, care for every child, and a commitment to continuous improvement. The Board of Trustees is overseeing leadership succession to ensure stability and continuity, and I am confident the Trust will continue to go from strength to strength.

I would like to thank you for your trust, support, and engagement with our schools. It has been an honour to lead the organisation since 2017 on this chapter of its journey.

With warmest regards,

**GAVIN BALL**  
Chief Executive

# MEET OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

## PART 2

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.



**Ella Mahoney**

I have been a Local Partner at Weare for just over a year, and I currently serve as the link partner for PE, music and Art and DT.

I am Mum to Joshua in Year 2 and Noah, who is enjoying his time at Rainbow Woods. Weekends in our house are usually spent bug hunting, swimming, or simply making the most of being outdoors together.

Professionally, I work as a doctor specialising in the care of older adults and people recovering from a stroke. Teaching has always been an important part of my career, and I lead on education within my department. I regularly teach doctors and other healthcare professionals at local, regional and national levels. Although postgraduate medical teaching is very different from primary education, it has strengthened my belief in inclusive learning, clear communication, and helping individuals to reach their full potential.

I am passionate about ensuring that children at Weare receive not only a high-quality, well-rounded education, but also the wider opportunities and experiences that help them grow, thrive, and discover new interests beyond the classroom.



**Graham Godwin-Pearson**

I am a writer and local campaigner, and my connection with the school goes back many years. I first became a Local Partner during Denise Mawdsley's headship at Weare and Wedmore, and I now serve as vice-chair as well as the link partner for Science and Modern Foreign Languages.

I have two children, one currently at Hugh Sexey and one in Reception at Weare, which keeps me closely connected to school life.

Alongside my work in the community, I previously served on Sedgemoor District Council as the councillor for Axevale, representing Weare, Axbridge, Badgworth, Biddisham, Compton Bishop, Cross, Tarnock and the Allertons.



**Karen Tucker**

I have been a Local Partner at Weare for just over a year, and I currently serve as the link partner for Maths and Computing.

I am Mum to Lily in Year 2 and Poppy in Rainbow Woods.

Professionally, I lead Growth and Business Development nationally for a not-for-profit supported living organisation. My work focuses on commercial sustainability, making sure our contracts remain both financially viable and high in quality.

I take a strategic lead across the organisation and play an active role in maintaining strong regulatory standards, including within Ofsted frameworks.

I also oversee the development of new services across the country, working with key decision makers to ensure support is available for young people, people at risk of homelessness, and those with disabilities or mental health support needs.

Outside of work, you will usually find me swimming, reading, or baking with my girls.

# Tell Us What You Think?

Your input is crucial! We're running four important surveys across our Trust schools to help us understand what matters most and enhance the overall experience for students, parents, and staff. We'd greatly appreciate your time.

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## Parent Survey

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out what matters to you most about food at your Child's school and how satisfied you are with the service.



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**Wessex**  
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— **Danni**

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— **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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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.





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## *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!



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refillable drinks bottle, swimming  
kit, weather dependant items  
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