



Weekly Bulletin

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Issue no. 8

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and wonderful end to our first half term it has been!

Year 4 braved the rain on their trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and had a fantastic day learning all about different animals, the wet weather certainly didn't dampen their spirits!

We were also delighted to have Diwali talks in classes this week with Baishali. The children enjoyed learning about the story of Diwali, the meaning behind the festival of lights, and how Diwali is celebrated around the world. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and respect for different cultures and traditions.

Throughout the school, classes have been taking part in Black History Month workshops and activities, learning about inspirational figures and exploring themes of diversity, equality, and respect. The children have engaged brilliantly and shown thoughtful understanding in their discussions and work.

We also enjoyed a lovely church service today, where the children showcased their learning from across the term linked to our Christian Value 'Aspirational'. It was a real celebration of their hard work, enthusiasm, and creativity. A huge thank you to the parents who joined us and helped with walking and supervision; your support is always so appreciated.

This week we also say a very fond goodbye and thank you to Mrs Rossi, who has been a much-loved member of the Weare team for an incredible 16 years. We are so grateful for her dedication, warmth, and commitment to the children over the years, she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

A reminder that **school photos** took place this week – letters have been sent home, so please do check your child's bag for details.

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**.

We wish all our families a restful and happy half-term break. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make this half term such a positive and aspirational one for our school community.

Oliver Laken

Teacher Lunchtime Clubs

Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
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

Clubs are now available to book.

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



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

★ FUTURE STARS
★ ★ COACHING

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Useful Information

Key Dates

Year 4 swimming
WEDNESDAY

Start of Term-Monday 3rd Nov

Flu Vaccination-Wednesday 12th
Nov.
(Info already sent by DOJO)

Poppies should be delivered week
commencing Monday 3rd Nov.
(message will be sent via DOJO)

Children in Need-Friday 14th Nov
(more information to follow)

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](#)

Scholastic Book Fair

24th November-1st December
Watch this space, for more
information

Drama Club

Open to Year 3 & 4 only
Wednesday lunch time
For this term only, 6 sessions
Please sign up via MCAS

Violin Tuition Helen Brock

Friendly and
enthusiastic teacher
with emphasis on
enjoyment and
creativity

With over 20
years of teaching
experience

BA(hons) with
specialism in
performance
RWCMD
PGCE

Helenbrock_hb@yahoo.co.uk

Rainbow Woods Pre-School

If you require, any information
please contact us on 01934

733413

or email

rainbow-woods@weareacademy.co.uk

Many thanks,
Lana, Lisa, Baishali, Kirsty and
Nikki

Meals

The new menu for next term is now
available to book via MCAS.

On Wednesday 5th November, there is
a special Bonfire Menu
and

Tuesday 16th December, it will be the
Christmas Lunch Menu.
Please book main, vegetarian or jacket
potato if your child requires a meal on
the above dates.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Oliver Laken

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/>



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.



NEW for 2025/2026

Clothing Recycling

We need your donations to raise funds for Weare Academy First School!

YES PLEASE:
Useable ladies/gents/childrens clothing, paired shoes, hats, handbags, accessories inc. jewellery and linen.

NO THANK YOU:
Ripped/tear/stained clothing, duvets, pillows, curtains or wet items!

FIND ME IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK!

Parent Communications A Friendly Reminder



The Best Way to Reach Us

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to talk something through, please contact the school directly. We're always happy to help and are committed to working with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.



About WhatsApp & Social Media

- ✓ Great for general parent-to-parent chats
 - ✗ Not appropriate for sensitive or school-related matters
- Posts and messages may not stay private and can easily spread more widely



Online Responsibility

When posting or commenting online, please ask yourself:

- Is this accurate?
- Is this necessary?
- Is this respectful and in line with our school's inclusive values?

⚠ Please note: Sharing false or harmful information online may have legal consequences.



Thank You We truly appreciate your support

Community Call-Out!

Help Us Develop Our Outdoor Learning Area

As a rural and manually skilled community, we know how much talent and generosity we have around us! We've love your help as we begin Phase One of developing this space.

This phase is all about donations – and we'll be asking for hands-on help and labour very soon!

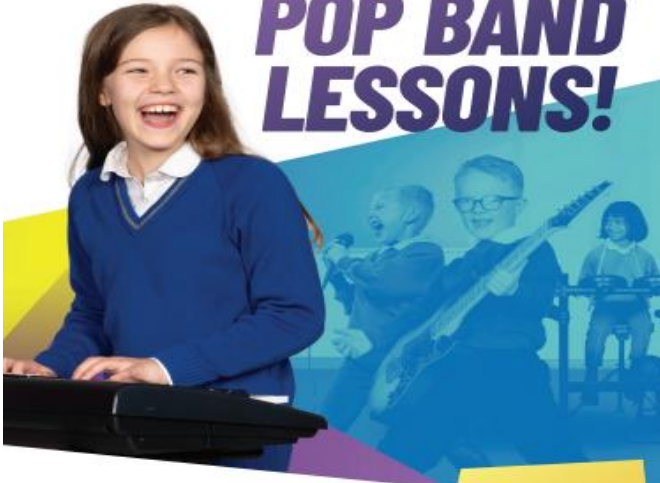
Items Needed:

- Pallets
- Cable reels
- Pots and pans
- Old utensils
- Dry wood for fires
- Tyres
- Guttering
- Ropes
- Trellises
- Digging tools
- Trowels, forks, spades

If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the school office or speak

**ROCK
STEADY**

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!



IGNITE THEIR SELF-BELIEF

- ✔ Children learn to play an instrument in their very own band.
- ✔ Fun and inclusive in-school band lessons. No music theory involved.
- ✔ Follow their musical journey in your Backstage account.
- ✔ Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity music qualification.
- ✔ Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE



0330 713 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri 9am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.

From musical theatre, to comedy, drama and filmmaking - POA's project-based approach encourages learning by doing. In our classes, young people get hands on, creating their own content and learning industry skills, while having a blast!

WHAT TO EXPECT.

Classes for ages 6-18 are 3 hours long, with industry-expert teachers leading sessions in musical theatre, film and TV, comedy, and drama. We also offer 90-minute long classes for ages 4-6. Best of all, we offer everyone a free session!

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

At POA, we build self-belief by encouraging young people to step out of their comfort zones, develop new skills, and be their amazing selves, in a supportive environment. Through experiencing all that the performing arts has to offer, young people can grow into grounded, confident adults.

PQA WELLS

St Cuthberts Junior School, BA5 1TD

BOOK YOUR FREE SESSION

pqacademy.com

**PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY**

OF PERFORMING ARTS

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING

ABOUT US

This leaflet has been designed by the paediatric team in Somerset, aiming to improve access to inclusive sports. We want to encourage everyone to stay active, healthy, and have the same opportunities when it comes to health and exercise!

INCLUSIVE SPORTS IN SOMERSET



SCAN ME!



OUR VALUES:

- CREATIVITY
- KINDNESS
- EXPLORATION
- GROWTH

Find a Club Near You!

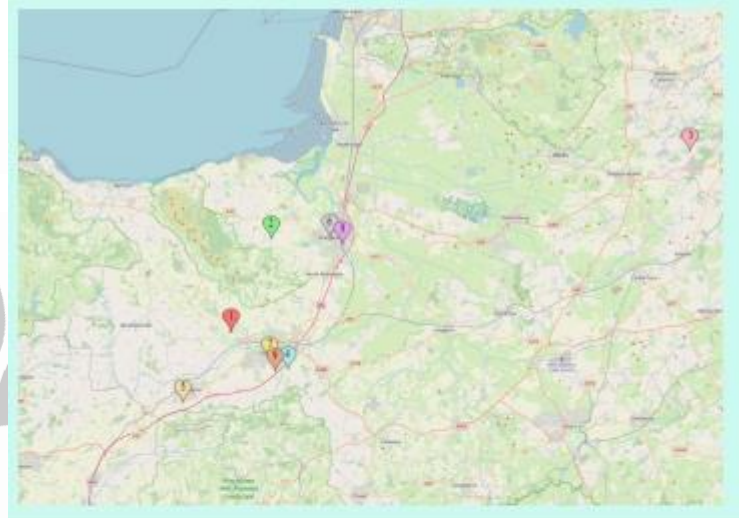
Use the map on the next page to explore local sports clubs that welcome and support children with disabilities. (Click the club titles for the link to their website!)

Further Useful Resources

- **SASP "GET ACTIVE TOGETHER"**
 - Offers opportunities for families within Somerset to take part in physical activities together.
 - Sessions take place in the school holidays, across different settings, and are for children aged 5 - 10 years.
- **Somerset Council Paraparks**
 - Somerset Council supports a wide range of paraparks, tailored specifically for individuals with physical and sensory disabilities.
 - Visit their website for further information on clubs and activities.
- **NetSports**
 - Offers high-quality inclusive sports programmes for children and adults with disabilities across Somerset, Bath, Bristol, and Dorset.
 - Activities include wheelchair basketball, wheelchair football, tennis, badminton and many more.
- **Inspire Bristol**
 - Aims to increase participation of disabled people in sports and physical activity across Bristol.

- 1. Congquest Centre**
 - Offers a wide range of therapeutic horse riding activities.
 - Address: Congquest Centre, Congquest Farm, North Poynton, Taunton, Somerset, TA2 6PN
- 2. Curygood Equitation**
 - Offers a wide range of coaching for people with disabilities within their therapeutic sessions.
 - Address: 107 Lavington Cottage, Lavington, Wiltshire, W12 2PH
- 3. Jump Start Therapy CIC**
 - Offers fun gymnastics classes for young children with disabilities and free siblings.
 - Contact: 01453 5145
 - Address: Lough-ash-More, Bathwick, BA2 6JN
- 4. Taunton Youth Club**
 - Host a wheelchair tennis programme including a free 2-hour session.
 - Address: Wey Way, Taunton TA1 2JW
- 5. Wellington Ability Football Team**
 - A Disability Ability Football Team in Wellington.
 - Sunday afternoon 2-4.
 - Address: Court Green School, Marsh St, Wellington TA21 6DW

- 6. Tilly Leisure Centre**
 - Inclusive cricket sessions for all ages.
 - Check online timetable for timing.
 - Address: Chilton St, Bridgwater TA8 3JH
- 7. Somerset Disabled Cricket Club**
 - Inclusive cricket sessions for all ages.
 - Starts on Mondays, Thursdays or Saturdays depending on time of year.
 - Address: Cooper Associates County Ground, St James St, Taunton TA1 2P
- 8. Taunton Gloucestershire Wheelchair Rugby**
 - An inclusive rugby wheelchair club.
 - Every other Sunday at 10:30-12:00.
 - Address: Bridgwater & Taunton College, Ashford Rd, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA8 4RZ
- 9. Havel Tigers Ability Football Club**
 - A non-disability football welcoming all boys and girls ages 5-16 with additional needs.
 - Saturday morning from 10-12am.
 - Address: Havelwood College, South Road, Taunton TA1 3JZ



YMCA YOUTH CLUBS

- **Taunton:** Lisleux Way, Taunton TA12LB
- **Yeovil Youth Clubs:** Detached work is being carried out around the town
- **Street Youth Club:** Street Young People's Centre, Strode Road, Street, BA16 0AS
- **Glastonbury Windmill Hill Youth Club:** Windmill Hill Youth Club, St Edmund's Hall, BA6 8EG
- **Shepton Mallet Youth Club:** Returning soon in a new location
- **Frome Youth Club:** Frome Youth & Community Centre (FYCC), Vallis Road, Frome BA11 3EF
- **YMCA Dulverton Group:** The George Williams Centre, Friam Ave, Bridgwater TA6 3RF
- **YMCA Weston-super-Mare:** 2 Bristol Rd Lower, Weston-super-Mare BS23 2PN

STREET BEATS

NEW YOUNG DRUMMING GROUPS - TAUNTON!

Are you under 18 and have a passion for drumming?
Or maybe you're just curious and want to try something new?

Whether you're a seasoned drummer or have just started out, the new youth drumming project, Street Beats, is your chance to unleash your rhythm and be part of something truly exciting. Free but please sign up for the session.



Oct 1, 15, 29 | Nov 12, 26 | Dec 10

5pm - 6:30pm

Taunton Riverside Church, Hamilton Road, Taunton TA1 2EQ



To book contact Tim at tim@thesoundofthestreets.com or come along to the first session, thesoundofthestreets.com
@thesoundofthestreetsfest



TUESDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 31ST

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

£20 PER DAY
EARLY DROP OFF £5



All abilities welcome!

Fun and professional sessions full of games, technical coaching and match play. 9am-12pm with early drop off option of 8am at Winscombe Tennis Club

Scan the QR code or contact Dominic at winscombetennisclubcoaching@outlook.com to book your slot



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, otherwise £25 after this time frame
**This is a seasonal, weather dependant activity



HOLIDAY CLUBS

Ran by Kings Fitness & Leisure



FROM

£23

PER PERSON

GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWIM

VISIT OUR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PAGE HERE!



AGES 5-13

FOR BOOKING AND REGISTRATION
<https://www.kingsfitness.co.uk>
OR 01934 744939



November 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)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm



NEW PLAYERS WANTED

U6s

SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION & YEAR 1

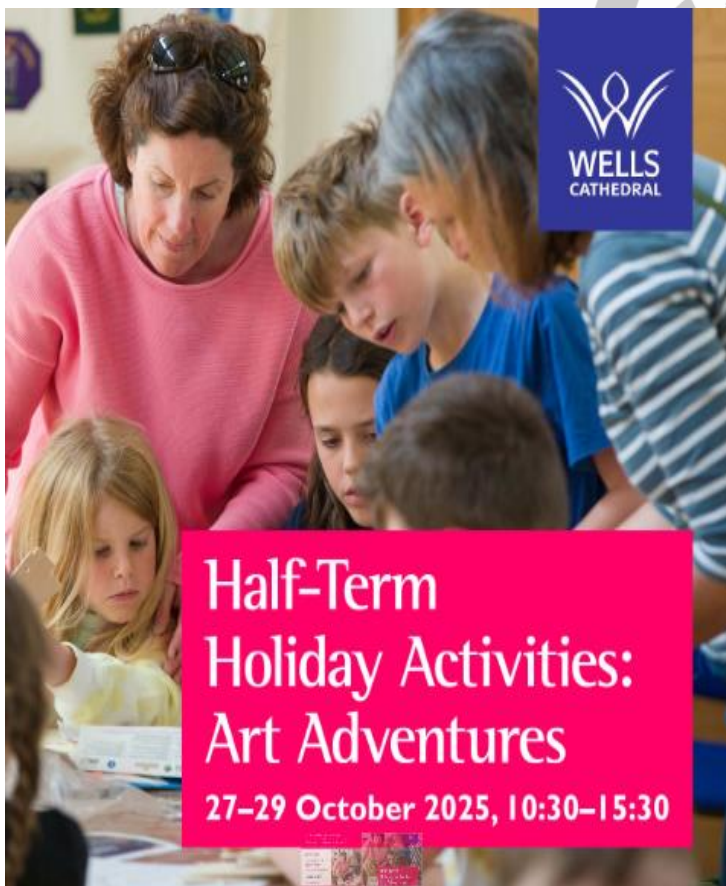
FRIENDSHIP THROUGH RUGBY

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)



Half-Term Holiday Activities: Art Adventures

27-29 October 2025, 10:30-15:30

Take inspiration from Wells Art Contemporary (WAC) installations in the Cathedral this half term with our creative drop-in workshops for families!

Monday 27 October

Branching Out

Explore relationships between humans and trees with 2D and 3D art

Tuesday 28 October

Willow and Windows

Create a willow-framed suncatcher

Wednesday 29 October

Decorate a Deck

Design a deck and create your own mini skateboard model



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27-29 October 2025, 10:30-15:30

Admission FREE with adult entry. No need to book – simply drop in on the day! Plan your visit online at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include 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 throughout the year. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult and only admission tags are allowed at these activities.



**WELLS
ART**

