



WOOKEY BI-WEEKLY

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Stars of the Week

Reception: Henry

Year 1: Maggie

Year 2: Sarah

Year 3: Joshua

Year 4: Alice

Year 5: Summer

Year 6: Isaac

Headteacher's



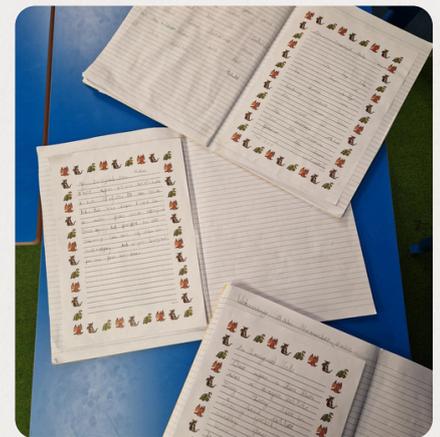
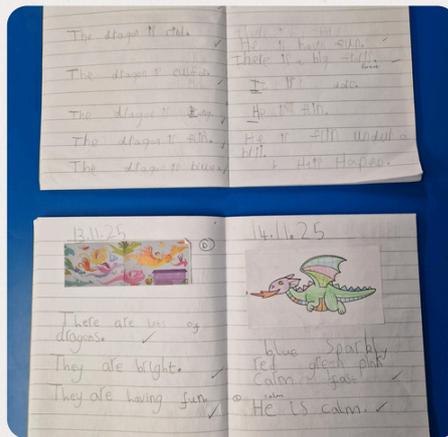
postcard:

Stanley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 28th INSET Day - no children in school

Christmas dates below (p5)



Academic Spotlight

Oak Class

Oak class have been immersing themselves into the story 'How To Grow A Dragon' by Rachel Morrisroe. The children found this book hilarious and really enjoyed recreating their own dragons to write about. Thank you, Mrs Fisher, for finding this lovely story!

Year 1 have been working hard at writing a series of simple sentences and Year 2 have been improving their story writing skills. As you can see, they were all very resilient with this and they did not stop until they had a final piece which they were proud of.

Message from the headteacher

I want to say a very belated but heartfelt thank you to Susie Blunt, who has volunteered at school for over 8 years, working alongside Mr P at Cross Country Club. Susie's new job has taken her away from us, but we are incredibly grateful to her for her time and energy over the years. We have purchased a Wookey Cross Country top for her with your kind donations and we look forward to seeing her running in the village wearing it!



Teacher Feature

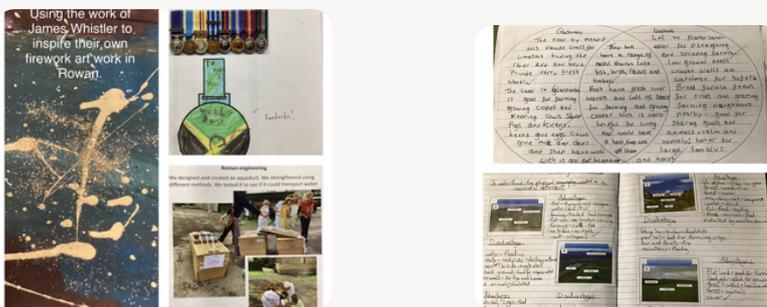
Mrs Fisher on our wider curriculum

My name is Sam Fisher, and I have been part of Wookey Primary School for nearly four years. During this time, I have taken on a range of roles including Deputy Headteacher, Rowan Class Teacher, English Lead, and Wider Curriculum Lead.

Over the past two years, our school team have worked incredibly hard to review and revitalise our wider curriculum. This encompasses Geography, History, Art, Science, Design & Technology, Music, French, Computing, PSHE, and RE. Whilst the National Curriculum outlines what must be taught, it is up to each school to decide how this content is delivered, when it is introduced, and what it looks like in the classroom.

We have carefully considered the knowledge and skills our children need –not only for their time at Wookey Primary School but also for the next stages of their education. This has involved identifying key figures we want them to learn about, such as Mary Seacole and Frida Kahlo, and planning the experiences we want them to have, including educational visits, visitors, and opportunities for fieldwork. All of this has been organised to ensure that children build their understanding progressively, within the year, and year after year. Before, looking at how creative and exciting we can make these units for the children in the classroom.

I am incredibly proud of the curriculum we have developed, and I love hearing the children talk about their learning and the knowledge they are gaining. If you would like to find out more about our curriculum, please have a look [here](#).



Chestnut Class

As part of UK Parliament week, Chestnut have been finding out about issues important to the local community. They debated whether a new housing estate would be a positive contribution to Wookey, taking on the role of stakeholders and presenting their views.



Miss Furner has added a leaflet for FACE Workshops available throughout December, SCC Christmas Activity Calendar, and a report on our annual child wellbeing questionnaire.



Willow class visited the Bishop's Palace

Write up by Dora



On Monday, we went on a school trip. We all met on the Cathedral Green. First, we went to Vicars' Close. Vicars' Close was very interesting! After that, we went to the Bishop's Palace, and saw swans being fed out a window. Next, we walked around the Bishop's Palace and we had to find some places and tick them off in our books. Then, we had our great lunch in the Undercroft. Yum! After that, we had a Wells Cathedral tour. We saw lots. It was great! At the end, we played games.

I really enjoyed watching Finley feed the swans out of the window. On the cathedral tour, I enjoyed watching the clock chime with the guards getting pushed off their horses. I also enjoyed dressing up as a Tudor.

I learned that Vicars' Close is the only complete mediaeval street in the UK, and that the clock in the cathedral is the second oldest in the world!

MHST emotion coaching workshops

Every class participated in emotion coaching workshops delivered by Charlotte and Lauren from MHST. It was lovely to hear the children talk so confidently about their emotions and strategies to support them.



OPAL Play

Photos and ideas from our play ambassadors

This week, the children have had lots of fun in the mud kitchen and playing imaginatively with boxes. We had a playground full of robots, spies and unicorn riding cardboard jockeys, with lots of beaming smiles all round (and that was just the adults!).



Attendance headlines



Rowan
92.8%



Oak ✨ ✨ ✨
96.1%



Willow ✨ ✨ ✨
96.1%



Chestnut
95.9%



Whole School
95.6%



National (primaries)
95.4%



Reading Zone

Book Review by Alma

There's A Yeti In The Playground!
By Pamela Butchart

There's A Yeti In The Playground is a book about a group of friends that get snowed in at school. The friends see a big footprint in the snow and they think it was made by a yeti, but I'm not going to tell you what happens - you will have to read it!

I really like it because it has lots of illustrations. It is also very funny, especially the ending.

If you like this book as much as I do (you will!) try some of the author's other books. I enjoyed The Spy Who Loved School Dinners.



Safeguarding is everybody's business

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, contact:
Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or at childrens@somerset.gov.uk
Or call the police on 101 who will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken.
In an emergency contact the police by dialling 999.

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Laurie Davies
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - Miss Jess Main and Miss Ellie Furner
Safeguarding governor - Mrs Alyson Mair

Wookey Primary School

Dates 2025-26

SEPTEMBER 25

Friday 19th – Circus Day and Open Classrooms (timing TBC)

Saturday 20th – OPAL volunteering

Wednesday 24th – Phonics workshop for pre-school-year 2 from 3.20pm

Friday 26th – Chestnut to Puxton Park

Saturday 27th – postponed summer fayre

Tuesday 30th – Cross Country event Y3-6

OCTOBER 25

Friday 10th October – World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)

w/c 13th – Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 21st – Oak Class Harvest Event first thing for parents (9am start)

Tuesday 21st – Wells Literature Festival for Y6

Thursday 23rd October – Halloween Disco Date at Henton Hall

Friday 24th October – Last day of half term

NOVEMBER 25

Monday 3rd – First day of Autumn 2

w/c 3rd – IEP Parent Meetings

Friday 7th – Oak Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole in-school workshop

Friday 14th – Children in Need – non-uniform day (wear something spotty)

Friday 28th – INSET Day – no children in School

DECEMBER 25

Friday 5th – Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17th – Christmas Lunch and Rowan Class Nativity. Drop off all children at The Church Hall.

Friday 19th – Last day of Autumn term

JANUARY 26

Monday 5th – INSET Day – No Children in School

Tuesday 6th – First Day of spring term

Date TBC – MHST parent workshop

FEBRUARY 26

Friday 6th – Number Day (details TBC)

w/c 9th – Mental Health Week

w/c 9th – Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 13th – Last day of half term

Monday 23rd – First day of spring 2

MARCH 26

Thursday 5th – World Book Day (theme TBC)

Friday 13th – Comic Relief

APRIL 26

Thursday 2nd – Willow Class Easter Event and last day of spring term

Monday 20th – First day of summer term

Thursday 30th – Bikeability Day 1

MAY 26

Friday 1st – Bikeability Day 2

w/c 11th – SATS Week

Friday 22nd – Last day of half term

JUNE 26

Monday 1st – First Day of summer 2

Saturday 6th – Summer Fayre

w/c 8th – Chestnut Class Play

Thursday 18th – Sports Day

Wednesday 24th – Wookey Fest

Friday 26th – INSET Day – No Children in School

Monday 29th – INSET Days

JULY 26

Thursday 2nd – Sports Day Back up day

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th – Chestnut Residential PGL Barton Hall

Wednesday 8th – Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 14th – Enterprise Afternoon

Tuesday 21st – Leaver's lunch and rounders from 1pm

Wednesday 22nd – Last day of school year



UPCOMING DATES

Christmas Edition



Thurs 27th Nov: Eco Art Day in preparation for The Bishop's Palace Eco Art Exhibition; non-uniform day
(chocolate donation for the tombola, please)

Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day - no children in school

Fri 5th Dec: school Bake Off; WSA Christmas Fayre (all invited to join the festivities, 5-7pm)

Tues 16th Dec: school Christmas Service rehearsal (please drop children at the Church Hall in the morning, 3:20pm pickup from school as usual)

Wed 17th Dec: school Christmas Lunch; Christmas Service, including Rowan Nativity - parents invited to stay (please drop children at the Church Hall in the morning, 3:20pm pickup from school as usual)

Fri 19th Dec: last day of the Autumn Term

**2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION
WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
(From Reception up to and including Year 11)**

**All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins
(No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection
Please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.**

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
Saturday	29 th November	09:30 – 14:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Wednesday	3 rd December	14:00 – 17:00	Summerlands Hospital, Preston Road, Yeovil. BA20 2BX (Will be signposted on site)
Saturday	6 th December	09:30 – 14:30	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	16 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Wednesday	17 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
Monday	22 nd December	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Burnham-On-Sea War Memorial Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard. TA20 1YA
Monday	29 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	West Mendip Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD