



# WOOKEY BI-WEEKLY

WOOKEYPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK

## Stars of the Week

Reception: April

Year 1: Otis

Year 2: Rafe

Year 3: Poppy

Year 4: Celeste

Year 5: Logi

Year 6: Lucas

Headteacher's

postcard:



Charlie H



## Christmas Excitement!

### Message from the deputy headteacher

Christmas fun is definitely upon us, with lots of whole school activities taking place across the setting. The children had a brilliant time working in their houses to complete an Eco Art Project for the Bishop's Palace. The theme was Christmas Carols, and we made The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Last week, the children made a variety of baked goods including cakes and biscuits for our annual Bake Off Day. These were sold at our Christmas Fayre last Friday. Thank you to all those that attended and a special thank you to Simon our Governor and Annette from The Wookey Hub for judging our Lantern Parade. It was a lot of fun and great to see so many lanterns! Preparations are also underway for our Christmas Service with the children busy learning songs, poems and our younger children preparing the Nativity that will be showcased on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you will be able to join us.



## Two Staff Goodbyes!

Two staff will be leaving us at the end of this term: Mr Davis, one of our PE coaches, is leaving for a new adventure as a safari guide! Mr Lyes, who has been working alongside Mr Davis getting to know the children for the whole of this term will be taking over from January. For any parent who is interested in following Mr Davis' adventures, he will be visible on social media after he finishes with us.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Minton who has been with us for two years as a teaching assistant, working in classes across the school. She is taking on a new role in a special school - we hope she will stay in touch as she is not going too far!

We are really grateful to both Mr Davis and Miss Minton for the contributions they have made to the success of the school and wish them all the very best for the future.

Teacher Feature

**Mrs Ash on OPAL**

We're really grateful for all your donations this term, through passing on toys, saving your cardboard or buying from the Amazon wishlist set up by the WSA. We are also lucky to have received some financial donations, including one from the Campaign Collective earlier this term. If you'd like to read more about this Community Fund and how they have supported us, [click on this link](#).



**Santa Run Colouring Competition 2025 Winner!**



Congratulations to Rehina, who won first prize in her age group for this year's competition. Rehina won a visit to see Father Christmas and a ride on the Wells Trishaw! Thank you to the Wells Rotary Club for organising this.

**Attendance headlines**



Rowan  
93.2%



Oak  
95.9%



Willow  
96.4%



Chestnut  
95.8%



Whole School  
95.5%



National (primaries)  
95.4%

Reading Zone



Reading Challenge

|                            |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Read a book about feelings | Read a book you have borrowed from a friend or the library | Read A Book With A Cover Your Favourite Colour       |
| Read in Bed                | Read a book with a cover your favourite colour             | Celebrate Diversity In A Fiction Book Of Your Choice |
| Read In Bed                | Pass On A Book For Someone Else To Read & Love             |  |

This is just a little reminder about our Reading Challenge for this term. The children have been asked to complete reading bingo boards. Any pictures can then be uploaded to Seesaw or sent to Mrs Fisher. If a paper copy is required please ask your child's teacher. The closing date is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Bishop's Palace Christmas Eco Arts Competition Highly Commended**

We had lots of fun participating in The Bishop Palace's Eco Art competition two weeks ago. We were highly commended for our amazing 12 days of Christmas sculptures. [Click the link](#) to see a video of all of this year's entrants.



## Parent MHST workshop and drop in

A reminder that we will be holding a parent workshop on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9.15am with drinks provided by the WSA from drop off time.

The MHST team will be exploring how to support your children's feelings and ways to support your and their emotional resilience.

We know that lots of you have already expressed an interest in gaining some knowledge and strategies around this and in having a clearer picture of how we communicate around emotions in school, so we hope lots of you will be able to come along.



In Seesaw, click on 'view original' to be able to follow this link.

**FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

**MHST**  
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S BIG FEELINGS:**  
AN EMOTION COACHING APPROACH

In this workshop hosted by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team (MHST), we will explore:

- How to support your child's feelings in the moment and for the future.
- A range of strategies (including emotion coaching) you can use to boost your child's, and your own, emotional resilience.

**WHEN?**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2026  
9.15 – 10.15

**WHERE?**  
Willow Class @ Wookey Primary  
Parents welcome straight after drop-off at 8.50

Refreshments provided by the Wookey School Association

**Christingle Festive Celebration**

**3pm Sunday 14th December**

**St Matthew's Church, Wookey**

**For Children & Families**  
create a festive treat, sing carols, craft activities, story and hot chocolate!

**SOUNDS JOYFUL**

An interactive festive sound & music session designed for the whole family!

Drumming - Festive Singing - Movement - Joy

**Wells Cathedral**  
10.45-11.45am  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Donations of £5 per family are welcome - pre-paid places available if finance is a barrier. No need to book, just turn up!

[www.soundsjoyful.co.uk](http://www.soundsjoyful.co.uk)

# Wookey Primary School

## Dates 2025-26

### DECEMBER 25

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Lunch and Rowan Class Nativity. Drop off all children at The Church Hall.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Last day of Autumn term

### JANUARY 26

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** - INSET Day - No Children in School

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** - First day of spring term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - MHST parent workshop 8.50am teas and coffees, 9.15am start

### FEBRUARY

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> - We are Wookey Week incorporating Mental Health Week and Number Day

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Last day of half term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - First day of spring 2

### MARCH 26

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** - World Book Day (theme TBC)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** - Comic Relief

### APRIL 26

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Willow Class Easter Event and last day of spring term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** - First day of summer term

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Bikeability Day 1

### MAY 26

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Bikeability Day 2

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> - SATS Week

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Last day of half term

### JUNE 26

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** - First Day of summer 2

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Summer Fayre

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> - Chestnut Class Play

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Sports Day

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Wookey Fest

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** - INSET Day - No Children in School

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** - INSET Days

### JULY 26

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Sports Day Back up day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Chestnut Residential PGL Barton Hall

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Teddy Bears Picnic

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Enterprise Afternoon

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Leaver's lunch and rounders from 1pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Last day of school year

26

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](mailto: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



A new series of free live webinars has been launched for Somerset parents to help strengthen relationships and create a calmer family life.

Parents are welcome to join one or all sessions. Whether you attend as a couple or on your own, you'll leave with practical tips to:

Communicate better, argue less, and feel closer as a couple

Handle disagreements and reduce stress for the whole family

Parent together

Investing time in building a stronger relationship helps create supportive environment for children.

Please note that these courses are not suitable if there has been domestic abuse. For support, visit <https://www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk>.

[Click here for a page with booking links](#)

Webinar 1: Communication Skills for Busy Couples

Tue Jan 27, 2026, 7pm

Tue Mar 4, 2026, 7pm

Webinar 2: Conflict Without Chaos for Couples

Tue Feb 3, 2026, 7pm

Tue Mar 11, 2026, 7pm

Webinar 3: Parenting Together Without Drama

Tue Feb 25, 2026, 7pm

Tue Mar 3, 2026, 7pm

New: Free 5-Week Online Course for Separated Parents - Reducing the Impact of Separation on Everyone  
This evidence-informed course offers practical tips for co-parenting and keeping children's wellbeing at the centre. Two courses run in the same week so separated parents can attend different sessions. Free if one parent lives in Somerset.

Course A:

Wednesdays: 14, 21, 28 January; 4, 11 February, 7pm-8:30pm

Course B:

Thursdays: 15, 22, 29 January; 5, 12 February, 9:30am-11am

Find out more about support for parents at Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Managing Relationship Conflict.