WOOKEY WEEKLY

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Stars of the Week

Little Acorns: Nellie
Reception: Grace
Year 1: Orpa
Year 2: Laney
Year 3: Effie
Year 4: George
Year 5: Dottie
Year 6: Charlie

Headteacher's postcard:

Joshua

Wellbeing Resource Padlet

Attendance headlines



Rowan
97.5%



Oak
96.2%



Willow
97.1%



Chestnut
98%



Whole School
(compulsory)
97.1%



National (primaries)
96.3%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6th – Flu vaccinations and WSA AGM meeting.
w/c 12th – Parent Teacher Meetings and World Mental Health Week
Friday 16th – OPAL Stay & Play – all welcome from 2.30pm
Tuesday 20th – Oak Class Harvest Event for parents (9am start) and Wells Literature Festival for Year 6
Friday 23rd – Last day of half term

Message from Mrs Davies



Thank you to everyone who came along to either the Drop In or Phonics Workshop on Wednesday this week. The children are meeting their phonics expectations year after year, and your commitment to practising with them plays a huge part. Linked to that is our whole school focus on reading and the enormous academic and lifelong impact that has. Mrs Fisher has produced a Reading for Pleasure Pledge (page 4), which is our commitment to you in terms of the opportunities we will take to support your children in becoming readers. We have also been focusing on the importance of Oracy for some time now. You will find the 'Roadmap' on page 3, detailing the stages of development we are working towards, starting with the basics of retelling stories and giving instructions, to the ultimate destination of confident, fluent and expressive speakers who can express their own opinions. If you have any questions about either of these, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs FIsher - everyone will be happy to speak with you. There is also more information on the website.

Wellbeing

On Friday 18th September, we held our first WAG meeting of the academic year! We are excited to announce that our new Class Wellbeing Champions will be revealed during Mental Health Week (12th–16th October) — be sure to check the final page of this newsletter for full details (there's a section for things parents need to know).

After our meeting, Audrey (Parent Representative) and Rachael (Wellbeing Governor) shared an exciting initiative to set up peer-to-peer support groups for parents through class WhatsApp groups. If you would like to be part of this initiative or want to learn more, please reach out to me (Miss Furner) or speak with Audrey or Rachael.

Speak to Miss Furner if interested



Maths News

In assembly this week we introduced the idea of 3 new maths badges for our Key Stage 1 children. These are for fluent recall of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and will work in the same way as our current number bonds and doubling badges.

As you may already know, in Willow class the children work towards achieving times table bands for multiplication facts up to the 12 times tables. Oak class focus on learning the 2s, 5s and 10s by the end of year 2, and will achieve the badges for doing so.

The children are already excited for the launch of the new badges in the next couple of weeks.





Oak Class

Keeping in theme with the 'Maths News', this week Oak have been learning to play a new number bonds game. Take 10 double sided counters and throw them down. How many are yellow? How many are red? What number bond to 10 does this represent? It has been great to see a bit of healthy competition amongst the children as they race to be the first to call out the number bond. We can already see so many children getting faster at recalling these key facts.





Your Child's Journey: The Roadmap to Oracy

The Destination

Confident, fluent and expressive speakers who give reasons for their thinking.

MASTERY and PASSION
Years 5&6
Sophisticated communication

Children speak with flair, construct detailed arguments and read a room's atmosphere.



Leadership through talk

Pupils lead school assemblies and particiapte in the Youth Parliament.

EXPANDING EXPRESSION
Years 3&4
Adapting to the Audience

Children use technical vocabulary and adapt their tone to suit different situations.

Structuring arguments



Collaborative Talk

Children engage in formal debates and present learning to their parents.

Connecting ideas

DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE
Years 1&2

Finding a public voice

Children learn to speak audilbly to audiences and offer reasons for their thinking.



Real-World Speaking

Opportunities include performing in poetry slams and speaking to school visitors.



Early Experiences

Development is sparked through singing nursery rhymes and taking part in Show and Tell

EARLY FOUNDATIONS (EYFS)
Little Acorns and Reception

Building the Basics

Children use 4-8 word sentences, follow instructions and begin retelling simple stories.

Wookey Primary School's Reading for Pleasure Pledge



Access to Quality Reading Material

Ensuring every child has access to a wide range of high-quality books.



Space to Browse, Book Chat & Read

Providing inviting physical spaces for children to browse, chat about and enjoy books.



Diversity in our Reading Material

Ensuring access to reading materials that reflect a diverse world.



Support from Knowledgeable Staff

Providing guidance from staff who are knowledgeable about children's literature.



Stories Read Aloud to Us

Ensuring that stories are regularly read aloud to pupils to foster engagement.



Opportunity to Shape R4P

Giving children the chance to influence and shape the Reading for Pleasure programme.



Choice of what we read

Emphasising the freedom for children to select books that interest them.



Time to read and chat about books

Dedicated time for informal conversations about reading experiences.

NotebookLM

Wookey Primary School

Dates 2026-27

SEPTEMBER 26

~~**Tuesday 15th** – Individual and sibling photos – details to come via the school office~~

~~**Saturday 19th** – WSA Summer Fayre~~

~~**Monday 21st** – AGM and first meeting for Governors~~

~~**Wednesday 30th** – Phonics Workshop for Little Acorns, Rowan and Oak 3.30-430pm, and Parent Drop In (3.20-3.50pm), all welcome~~

OCTOBER 26

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w/c 12th – Parent Teacher Meetings and World Mental Health Week

Friday 16th – OPAL Stay and Play all welcome from 2.30pm

Tuesday 20th - Oak Class Harvest Event for parents (9am start)

Tuesday 20th- Wells Literature Festival for Y6

Friday 23rd - Last day of half term

NOVEMBER 26

Monday 2nd - First day of Autumn 2

Friday 13th – Children in Need – non-uniform day (wear something spotty)

Friday 23rd – INSET Day – no children in school

DECEMBER 26

TBC – Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 16th – Christmas Lunch and Rowan Class Nativity. Drop off all children at the Church Hall.

Friday 18th – Last day of Autumn term

JANUARY 27

Monday 4th – INSET Day – No Children in School

Tuesday 5th – First Day of spring term

FEBRUARY 27

Friday 12th – Last day of half term.

Monday 22nd - First day of spring 2

MARCH 27

Thursday 4th – World Book Day

Friday 19th – Comic Relief

Thursday 25th – last day of Spring Term

APRIL 27

Monday 12th – First day of summer term

MAY 27

Monday 3rd - May Day bank holiday, school closed

w/c 10th – SATS Week

Friday 28th – Last day of half term

JUNE 27

Monday 7th - First Day of Summer 2

Tuesday 22nd – Sports Day afternoon TBC

Friday 25th – INSET Day – No Children in School

JULY 27

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th – Chestnut Residential TBC

Wednesday 7th – Whole School and Class photos

w/c 19th – Year 6 Leaver's lunch and rounders TBC

Friday 23rd – Last day of school year



*Corrections/changes in purple

Could you tell if your child was being exploited online?

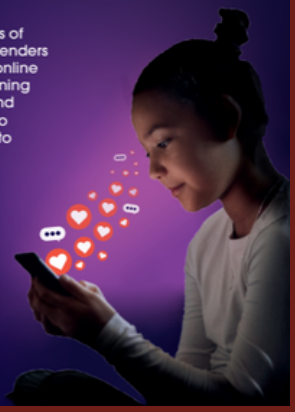
Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept **06 Oct**



Sonny's Field

Open day Sat 10th Oct 2pm – 6pm

@ Henley Lane, Wookey

what3words
Butterfly.
golden.
monopoly.

what's on

Apple Pressing – please bring apples & bottles

Tours – intro to our unusual plants

4.30pm Film – National emergency (16+) briefing with discussion after

Free Events Ticket booking essential for numbers

https://buytickets.at/oddcropscic/2406790



YMCA

OCTOBER HALF TERM DAYCAMPS

Outdoor activities and high-energy challenges that make every day feel new!
Explore • Create • Discover

26th - 30th October

Reception to Year Six

Yew Tree Farm, BS26 2SA

www.ymca-dg.org/ymca-daycamps

SSAL

CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING

FREE* Courses & Workshops!

Understanding Neurodiversity: ADHD Awareness - Starter

Want to better understand ADHD and how it affects those who have it?
This course offers a clear, supportive introduction to ADHD - its possible causes, common characteristics and the strengths and challenges people may experience. Whether you are learning for yourself, or to support someone else, you'll gain valuable insight in a respectful and confidential online space with plenty of time for discussion and reflection.

- Key behaviours and characteristics
- Brain differences in ADHD
- ADHD and mental health
- Sensory sensitivity, stimming and masking
- Recognising differences, strengths and misconceptions

When: Thursdays 10:00 – 12:30
24th Sept - 15th Oct 2026

Where: Online

Follow the QR code below for details

*Eligibility applies



Scan to sign up!

Somerset Council

Visit **sslcourses.co.uk** or call **0330 332 7997** for more information

PUMPKIN PICKING

Come along and pick your pumpkins fresh from the field by catching the tractor and trailer ride or a special treat for the children riding on the spooky barrel train.
Tractor and train rides all included in the entry.



TO BOOK YOUR EXCURSION VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.glastonburyweddingvenue.co.uk/pumpkins

AN OUTDOOR EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY

WE WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A
CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
DETAILS BELOW

THE ULTIMATE CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 30th October 6 - 7.30pm
@ Godney farm BA5 1RX

AGE 10 AND UNDER £3 PER PERSON

FANCY DRESS · REFRESHMENTS · HALLOWEEN GAMES · PHOTO AREA · PRIZE FOR THE BEST CARVED PUMPKIN & COSTUME

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Bookings to be made through our website
www.glastonburyweddingvenue.co.uk

PQA WELLS

JOIN US FOR A 2 DAY MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

WEST END WORKSHOPS

LEAD BY INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL PERFORMER

GRACE PARRY

GRACE HAS PERFORMED IN MAMMA MIA & SINGING IN THE RAIN

29TH - 30TH OCTOBER 2026
WELLS LITTLE THEATRE 10AM - 4PM

BOOK NOW CONTACT: LUCY.PAYNE@PQACADEMY.COM

LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE FRIENDS AND BE INSPIRED!

PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY

PQA WELLS

JOIN US FOR A 3 DAY FILM MAKING WORKSHOP

EXPERIENCE AND LEARN ALL ELEMENTS OF FILMMAKING

26TH, 27TH & 28TH OCT 2026 | 10AM -4PM

WELLS LITTLE THEATRE

FILM IN 3

MAKE A FILM, MAKE FRIENDS, HAVE FUN

SCRIPT WRITING & STORYBOARDING | CAMERA OPERATION | SOUND OPERATION
DIRECTING | ACTING ON SCREEN | EDITING | COSTUME DESIGN

TO BOOK HEAD OVER TO OUR BOOKING PAGE OR CONTACT PRINCIPAL LUCY: LUCY.PAYNE@PQACADEMY.COM

www.tickettailor.com/events/pqawells

PAULINE QUIRKE ACADEMY

Wookey Primary School's

Mental Health Week 2026

From **12th - 16th October**, we will be holding our Wookey Mental Health Week focusing on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. This is in line with World Mental Health Day on Saturday 10th October.

CONNECT

Strengthen your connections with others. Take time to build relationships.

We will be connecting with our past for our Mystery History morning! Throughout the week, we will connect with our peers, school adults and parents.

BE ACTIVE

Engage in physical activity. Walk, run, dance, play a sport. Find an activity you enjoy.

We will be engaging in physical activities, Forest School (Chestnut) and an OPAL open afternoon!

TAKE NOTICE

Be mindful and aware of the present moment. Observe the world around you, your thoughts, your feelings.

We will be bird watching, listening to bird song, creating sound maps and practising mindfulness.

KEEP LEARNING

Try something new. Set a goal and work towards it.

We will be sharing topics we're interested in with our classmates. This could be **ANYTHING** you love and know lots about!

GIVE

Do something for others. Volunteer your time, be kind, smile or help a neighbour.

We will be giving others compliments, donating unperishables for Harvest **OR** donating money to the Guide Dogs for The Blind Association (they will be visiting us with a guide dog! - Date TBC)

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?

Join us for OPAL afternoon: Come and participate in outdoor play and learning activities on Friday, 16th October, starting from 2.30pm

Support our Charity Focus: Please bring in a donation for the Harvest Collection or a £1 donation for The Guide Dogs for The Blind Association. Representatives and a guide dog will be coming in to talk about their work (date TBC)

Encourage your Child's Interests: Support your child to bring in something to share or talk about a topic they are passionate about with their class. This can be a short presentation, a letter, a poster or just talking.

Willow & Chestnut sharing on Monday
Oak & Rowan sharing on Tuesday