

River Mead School



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Our school latest news: <http://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/news-dates/latest-news>

Our Twitter feed: [@TweetRiverMead](https://twitter.com/TweetRiverMead)

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/River-Mead-School-728064724207622/>

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Dear Parents

You **MUST** help us all to stay safe during the current 'Lockdown' we will continue with our safety measures in school, teachers will still wear a visor/face covering at drop-off/collection times. Follow the guidance—don't be the person who transmits the virus to staff/children or a vulnerable family member, friend or neighbour!!

You **MUST** let us know if;

- You or a member of your family has symptoms
- You are isolating
- You are waiting for a test result, you can contact us at the school office during the week or out of hours;
 - covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk
 - or over the weekend please use the emergency covid text number 07521622705

Thank you for your continued support, everyone is doing their best.

Mrs Austin

Star Of The Week

Otters - Finley P
Magpies - Freddie
Frogs – Lily-Mai G
Heron - Robyn
Kestrels - Riley S
Badgers - Kayce K
Buzzards– Charlie B

If your child is Star of the week they will receive their certificate and their achievement will be posted on Seesaw for you to see. The school family will celebrate online via a virtual assembly which one of the school leaders will host.



Do you have symptoms?

If you have any of the following symptoms or your child is sent home with any one of these;

- ⇒ A new and continuous cough this is defined as coughing for more than an hour or 3 long coughing fits in 24 hours
- ⇒ A high temperature
- ⇒ A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Phone 111 for advice

Phone 119 to book a test or book a test online persevere and refresh, re-fresh, refresh—you will get one. If you cannot please call the office.

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Please contact us to let us know if you or a family member is being tested and of the result, phone the office or by email if out of hours;

covidreporting@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk

Face Coverings

We have asked that you try to communicate with school via e-mail or telephone. If for some reason you cannot do this and you **MUST** visit the office you are required, as per the government guidance for indoor enclosed spaces to wear a face covering. To ensure we adhere to social distance guidelines. **We are also now allowing only one parent at a time in Reception.**

If you don't it is likely that you will be asked to leave. Please help us all to stay safe by wearing a face covering.

Please also wear a face covering when entering the school site at drop off and collection unless you have a medical exemption lanyard (please wear this). Please remind one-another and help us all to keep each other safe.



Otters Nursery Parents

The change in weather is upon us, it is essential to keep our little Otters warm. Please can you remember to dress your children in appropriate clothing.

We are also finding that clothes are not named, as a result of this we have a number of items of clothing that have no owner.

We have a lost property table which will be situated outside Reception on sunny days until Friday 20th November, please come a long and see if any of the items are yours. Anything left behind will be used as spare clothing.

If you have any items of clothing such as pants, socks and trousers or any unwanted toys that are no longer required by your little ones, Otters Nursery will be grateful to receive any donations.

We would also like to remind parents that collection times are 3.15pm and 4.15pm only

Thank you.



Sports Star of the Week

Year 1: Darcie and Jenson
Year 2: Tiarni and Sherkanah
Year 3: Dylan and Charley
Year 4: Samantha and Ethan
Year 5: Jayden Smith and Amelia
Year 6: Sam and Taylor



Big Well Done to everyone this week. Keep up the Good Work!



Spell your name Challenge!

Use the fitness activities for each letter to spell out your name.

Can you challenge yourself to complete your full name?

Don't forget to upload a video of yourself taking part onto Seesaw.

Good luck.

River Mead Sports Family.

**For the attention of
all parents**

**Will your child be four years old
before September 2021?**

**You must apply for a
primary school place**

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk
Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is
Midnight on 15 January 2021**

All forms must be returned to the
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on 01225 713010
for more information or to request our guide –
Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

PE Days

Please can you make sure your child has the correct P.E kit this year. Children should have

- A plain white top or house coloured t-shirt
- Navy/black shorts or tracksuit trousers for poor weather
- Plain jumper or school jumper
- Trainers
- Coat and will need a coat

Please note this is our P.E uniform and children should not be wearing clothes with sports branding, Football strips or sparkly slogans

Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on the following days:

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday (yoga) Thursday PE

Year R - Monday



Did you know...

You can find curriculum information for each class on our website. This lets you know what the class are learning about this term?

Information for Term 2 has now been uploaded and the links below will take you to the class page where you can find this.

Curriculum Information:

Reception: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/nursery-and-reception/>

Year 1: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/magpies/>

Year 2: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-2-frogs/>

Year 3: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-3-hedgehogs/>

Year 4: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-4-swans/>

Year 5: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-5-badgers/>

Year 6: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/year-6-buzzards/>

Beehive: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/learning/classes/resource-base-beehive/>



Flu Immunisation 2020/21

Just a reminder that the Flu Immunisation is still going ahead for Reception and years 2 to 6 on the 26th November 2020. **Bookings close on 24th November 2020**

If you haven't registered your child, please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/Swindon>



Did you know...

You can train to be a primary school teacher with The Mead Academy Trust?

We are holding online information sessions for anyone interested in becoming a primary school teacher on

Thursday 19th November 2020

2.00 – 3.00pm and 3.30 – 4.30pm

Online Booking Essential at

www.themeadteachingschool.org.uk/teacher-training



THE
MEAD TEACHING
SCHOOL

Casual Cleaners

We are looking for cleaners to join our friendly and hard-working housekeeping team. Are you able to offer some occasional hours between 3.15pm and 6pm to cover staff absence?

If so, please call the school office on
01225 703428



Christmas Countdown 39 DAYS



LITTLE LEARNERS

Join us FREE and online every week for activities, songs and stories

ONE TO ONE HELP AVAILABLE TO GET ONLINE WITH US

A great way to meet other families with children under 5.


Please call Spurgeons' West Wiltshire Children's Centres on 01225 719753 to book your space and for more information.

spurgeons
children's charity

THE WEDNESDAY WAVE

FROM 3PM
14TH OCT - 16TH DEC

WE'LL BE WAITING!



This poster means someone feels isolated and invites a cheery wave, every Wednesday from 3pm. So if you're reading this poster, let the waving begin!

VAMOS
THEATRE

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#TheWednesdayWave