

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

31/03/2023



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A message from Mrs Austin

It has been a busy term with lots going on and more yet to come!

Watch this space as there will be plans to celebrate the Kings Coronation! This is an opportunity that cannot be missed for all of us and a likely once in a lifetime event. The King is encouraging to spend a day [volunteering](#) in their local community, as part of celebrations for his coronation we will be embracing this theme at school so be prepared to come and join us the week beginning the 1st May!!

- *KS2 Assessments for Year 6 children.* Please be mindful of SATs week for KS2 , test period is 9th-12th May (no time off please) this is Y6's 'Time to Shine'
- *KS1 Assessments for Year 2 children.* KS1 test period is over the month of May. The children will complete KS1 SAT papers – this is time tabled by the school but all have to complete in the month of May.
- *Phonics Screening Check for Year 1.* Children Year 1 children will complete their phonics screening check in the week beginning Monday 12th June 2023.
- *Multiplication check for Year 4.* Children Year 4 children will complete the multiplication check within the 3 week periods starting Monday 5th June 2023.

I hope you have an enjoyable break

Mrs Austin



Attendance



Every day your child misses school they miss valuable learning that is really hard for them to catch up - It is so important that they are in every single day they are not unwell.

There are still a considerable number of children who are **NOT** in school every day - please speak to us if there is something we can do to help

Any term time holidays will be denied and any overall unauthorised absences that mean your child has accumulated 10 sessions will also be considered for a fine, this is a legal process and the school does not receive this money

Star of the Week



Butterflies - Nora Lavery

Otters - Mason Mann

Dormice - Tia Thunga

Frogs - Logan Norris

Hérons - Adam Shahzad

Kestrels - Jasmine Kaur

Badgers - Sam Cousins

Buzzards - Mollie Bailey

Bumble Bees - Jake Burnett

Hot Chocolate with The Senior Leadership Team



Well Done to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' this week with their attitude and behaviour, this week the Leadership Team will be welcoming the children for their hot chocolate

These children are:

Dormice - Florence Jarman

Frogs - Adam O'Harrow

Hérons - Andrew Elliott

Kestrels - Ella Willis

Badgers - Ruby Smith

Buzzards - Ruby O'Harrow

Bumble Bees - Marc Taylor

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



A big well done to those children who have completed the following reads:

Dormice

25 reads - Tia Thunga

150 reads - Zachary Perrin and Elia Duli

175 reads - Alora Brownsell

Frogs

175 reads - Freddy Wild

Writer of the Week



Otters - Bradley Smith

Dormice - Logan Tucker

Frogs - Sophia Rose Carroll

Hérons - Kyla Gerrish

Kestrels - Oliwia Wisinewska

Badgers - Riley Stokes & Jay Bullock

Buzzards - Lily Allum

Bumble Bees - Blakey Smith

Mathematician of the Week



Otters - Milena Sledz

Dormice - Lola Brookbanks

Frogs - Hunter Jenkins

Hérons - Adam Shazhad

Kestrels - Lexie Tadhunter

Badgers - Maxi Cathcart-Harris

Buzzards - Jess Taylor

On-Line Safety Advice



Helping Children and Young People with Managing Device Stress and Anxiety

We can access new music and movies in seconds. We can get products delivered to our door the very next day. We can chat or play games with people on the other side of the planet. For all of the remarkable benefits the digital age has brought us, however, it's also presented us with a whole new raft of pressures and anxieties that, in truth, we're all still learning to cope with.

From continual notifications inflaming a fear of missing out to the risk of public embarrassment or slanging matches on social media, today's children and young people have stresses to manage that previous generations simply never encountered. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide examines these uniquely modern worries, highlighting ways to reduce the anxiety that digital devices can bring.

In the guide you'll find tips on reducing push notifications from apps, avoiding social media arguments and spotting when a child's been upset by something online.

Family & Community Learning



April to June 2023
Request your place: 0800 970 4669



Five to Thrive

Join us for 5 fun filled sessions where we share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your child.

Tisbury Children's Centre, Tisbury
Wednesday 12th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Amesbury Library, Amesbury
Friday 14th April, 1.30pm - 2.20pm
Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday 18th April, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Salisbury Library, Salisbury
Tuesday 18th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Tidworth Leisure Centre, Tidworth
Wednesday 19th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Marlborough Library, Marlborough
Thursday 20th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Friday 21st April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Online via Microsoft Teams (Antenatal)
Friday 21st April, 12.30pm - 1.30pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Friday 19th May, 10.00am - 11.00am
Melksham Community Campus, Melksham
Wednesday 14th June, 10.00am - 11.00am

Please note details may be subject to change.
Information correct as of 14/3/23

Healthy Eating

Join us for 4 great sessions where you can learn about healthy eating! You will also receive the ingredients to cook a healthy family meal in your home!

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday 18th April, 10.00am - 11.30pm
Amesbury Baptist Church, Amesbury
Tuesday 25th April, 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Monday 5th June, 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Tuesday 6th June, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Ready to Start School

Is your child starting school this September? Join us for 2 sessions to find out how you can support your child.

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Tuesday 4th April, 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday 4th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Westbury Community Project, Westbury
Monday 24th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Online via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 31st May, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Bookstart

Four sessions held weekly where you and your child can explore stories and rhymes in fun and creative ways.

Pewsey Library, Pewsey
Tuesday 18th April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Friday 21st April, 10.00am - 11.00am
Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Tuesday 9th May, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Bradford-on-Avon Library, BoA
Friday 6th June, 2.00pm - 2.45pm (under 1's)
Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Thursday 15th June, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Early Words Together

Join us for 5 weeks to learn a range of ways to support your child's language development through fun and engaging activities.

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Tuesday 4th April, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Melksham Library, Melksham
Thursday 20th April, 9.30am - 10.30am
Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Monday 15th May, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Thursday 8th June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Westbury Community Project, Westbury
Monday 12th June, 10.00am - 11.00am

One Off Events

Check out our Facebook page
Spurgeons Wiltshire children's centres
[Click here](#)
Or visit our website [Click here](http://www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk)
www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

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Please note that our sessions do not run on bank holidays

Don't forget all of our sessions are completely free of charge!

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Baby Massage

For parents and their non-mobile babies. Join us for 4 weeks learning how to encourage bonding and communication through soothing touch.

Amesbury Baptist Church, Amesbury
Monday 17th April, 10.00am - 11.30am

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Wednesday 19th April, 10.00am - 11.30am

Bradford-on-Avon Library, BOA
Wednesday 19th April, 9.30am - 10.30am

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Thursday 20th April, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Wednesday 24th May, 10.00am - 11.30am

Tisbury Children's Centre, Tisbury
Wednesday 31st May, 10.00am - 11.30am

Devises Children's Centre, Devises
Thursday 8th June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday 13th June, 10.00am - 11.00am

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Being a Parent

A 9 week course run by parents for parents of children aged 2-5 years. Parents learn practical communications for everyday life to bring up happy, confident and co-operative children.

Online via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 19th April, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Devises Children's Centre
Tuesday 18th April, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Amesbury Baptist Church, Amesbury
Wednesday 26th April, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Forest and Sandridge School, Melksham
Monday 15th May, 9.15am - 11.15am

Play, Talk and Grow Together

For forces and civilian families with children aged 2-5 years

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Drop in
Every Tuesday, 10.00am - 11.30am
Every Friday, 10.00am - 11.30am

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Scrapstore

We have partnered with Wiltshire Scrapstore to bring you a fun craft activity session near you!

Bradford-on-Avon Library
Wednesday 26th April, 11.15am - 12.15pm

Downton Library
Thursday 4th May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Amesbury Library
Thursday 11th May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Westbury Library
Tuesday 16th May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Wilton Library
Thursday 25th May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Pewsey Library
Tuesday 13th June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Warminster Library
Wednesday 21st June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Marlborough Library
Thursday 29th June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Sensory Rooms

Sensory rooms are available free of charge in all our centres for 30 minute appointments. Give us a call to find out about availability at your nearest centre.

Play and Connect

Play and connect with us and other families during these weekly play sessions.

Westbury Community Project
Mondays 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Just drop in!

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Mondays 10.00am - 11.00am
Just drop in!

Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Tuesdays 10.00am - 11.00am
Just drop in!

Sessions for children with SEND - Devises Children's Centre, Devises
Tuesdays (Fortnightly) 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Please book your place

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Fridays 10.00am - 11.00am
Please book your place

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Fridays 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Please book your place

Sessions for children with SEND - Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Fridays (Fortnightly) 1.30pm - 2.30pm
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School Term & Holiday Dates

School holidays are important to all of us! To help you plan for some family time we have put together the School Term & Holiday Calendar for 2022 - 2023. You can find this by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

Teacher Training Days for the remainder of this year 2022/2023 are:

5th June 2023

Teacher Training Days for the next academic year 2023/2024 are:

1st September 2023

4th September 2023

30th October 2023

4th January 2024

3rd June 2024

PE timetable - Please see changes below

PE Days

On PE days children should come in wearing their PE kit to avoid changing at school.

Badgers - Monday

Dormice & Frogs - Tuesday

Hérons & Kestrels - - Wednesday

Otters - Thursday - please remember no Logos, plain white t-shirt if you don't have a coloured one.

Buzzards - Thursday

Bumble Bees (Beehive) - Monday

Honey Bees / Busy Bees (Beehive)- Friday

Dates to Remember



March

31st March - End of Term 4

17th April - Term 5 Begins

18th April - RB and Year 5 swimming begins

24th/25th April - Year 4 Residential

3rd May - Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm

4th May - Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting 2.45pm

15th /16th May - Year 5 Residential

24th/26th May - Year 6 Residential

What's on



Kellogg's 25 YEARS OF SUPPORTING BREAKFAST CLUBS

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Since 1899

ASK FOR A Kellogg's® BREAKFAST

For the last 25 years, Kellogg's has been supporting School Breakfast Clubs across the UK. Simply say 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at any Morrisons Café, to get a free bowl of cereal for you and your family. Available from Monday 3rd April, while stocks last and subject to availability.

Better days are built on breakfast today and everyday.



AVAILABLE 03.04.23 – 24.04.23

From 03.04.2023 - 24.04.2023, say 'Kellogg's Breakfast Club' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Café to receive breakfast, which includes a free portion pack of Cornflakes and Rice Krispies (one of each cereal) plus a glass of water. While stocks last and subject to availability. Limit of breakfast per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash. For a balanced breakfast, enjoy your bowl of cereal and rice with a glass of milk and a source of protein. TM & © 2023 Kellogg Company

Braeside Easter Activity Days!

Adventure - Challenge - Fun



ALL DAY
- £36

Age 8 – 12 years
(Siblings up to 14 years)

Dates: Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th April 2022

Drop Off – 8:30am – 9:00am
Gates will be closed and locked from 9:15am

Pick Up 4:30pm – 5:00pm
Gates will be open for pick up from 4:30pm

Tuesday

Survival Day
Shelter Building
Fire Lighting
Camp Fire
Cooking –
Easter themed

Wednesday

Canoeing
Morning
Lifeline
Problem Solving
with Easter prizes

Thursday

Climbing Wall
Zip Wire
Abseiling
Leap of Faith

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.

Please book online by visiting

www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

Children need to bring:

- Packed Lunch
- Water Bottle
- Appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather, including trainers

Contact us for more details –
info@braeside-education.co.uk
01380 722637

GYMABILITY EASTER SESSIONS

TUESDAYS 4TH APRIL 12:00-1:00

TUESDAYS 11TH APRIL 12:45-1:45



OUR GYMABILITY DROP-IN SESSIONS
ARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS
WITH ANY PHYSICAL, MENTAL,
EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, LANGUAGE,
AND/OR SENSORY CHALLENGES.
CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS
CAN EXPLORE OUR GYMNASTICS
APPARATUS WITH OUR COACHES IN
ATTENDANCE. SPACES ARE STRICTLY
LIMITED AND MUST BE BOOKED IN
ADVANCE.

BOOK ONLINE NOW!!

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**THE WILTSHIRE SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS,
LYSANDER ROAD, BOWERHILL,
MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE, SN12 6SP**



Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire

to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy."
Young Person

CHARITY FAMILY FUN DAY

RAISING MONEY FOR
"RUHX" (Formerly
FOREVER
FRIENDS.)



In Memory Of
EMMA RODGER
(was Brewer)



**SAT. 10th
JUNE 2023**
12pm Onwards..

**FOREST COMMUNITY CENTRE,
MELKSHAM.**

**FACE PAINTING - LIVE MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS
GLITTER TATTOOS - ICE CREAM VAN - RAFFLE
BOUNCY CASTLE - HAIR FEATHERS - TOMBOLA
LUCKY DIP - ALL DAY BAR
VARIOUS CRAFT STALLS & LOTS MORE.....**

CHARITY #No: 1058323