

# River Mead School Parent Newsletter

## 12/05/2023



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## **A message from The Trust CEO**

**River Mead Leadership - Next Year**

I have been working with Trustees over the last few weeks, considering what the leadership structure for the future at River Mead should be. We have had an open advert and applications from external candidates, but The Trustees have decided that there is strong capacity within the existing leadership team to take the school forward.

Louise Harrison will be taking on the Acting Headteacher role from September with Emma Lewis stepping into Lou's current role, as Acting Deputy Headteacher. They will work closely with Kate Miller and Leala Purdie, who will maintain their Assistant Head roles. This will be for next year in the first instance.

The team are all really excited to be shaping the next part of River Mead's journey with your support.

Mrs Lyssy Bolton

Chief Executive/NLE - The Mead Academy Trust

## A message from Mrs Austin

What a strange couple of 4 day weeks we have had!

Thank you to everyone who came in for the 'Big Help Out' last Friday afternoon, the children and volunteers were very busy and managed to get lots of jobs done - do a huge thank you to all of you.

In particular we must add our thanks to the following for donations of items or energy:

Waitrose

Melksham Tyre Suppliers

Frayling and Sons

AC Offshore Engineering Limited

Mr Edwards (for strimming the Nature area path)

and finally Bruce Sanders (AAG) and our Community Champion!

**Back to normal routine next week - please don't forget we are at school on Monday!**

Y6 have been absolutely fabulous this week and have worked hard in their SATs, we are very proud of their resilience and 'can-do' attitude. a huge thank you must also go to the whole school who were exceptionally quiet and tried hard to support their friends by not disturbing them.

Also a huge public thank you to all of the staff who have also supported as readers, scribes and motivators! The children were all given the best possible opportunity to do their best. WELL DONE everyone!

Have a good weekend

Karen

## Attendance



**There have been a high number of children not in school this week!**

**You MUST inform the school of your child's absence if you as the parent are unwell you are expected to find support to ensure your children are at school and on time, there have been a number of children late or absent due parental illness.**

**You will be receiving a phone call to book a school attendance meeting if you have received a letter about attendance.**

**Attendance for any child below 90% is considered as being persistently absent**

**Below 70% is considered a serious concern**

**Below this and you will be invited to a meeting with the education welfare officer and fixed penalty notice fine may be issued.**

**Check your Arbor App, what % is your child's attendance???**

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

## A note to Nursery parents

Please can you make sure children are bringing in hats, sun cream and water bottles now that the weather is getting warmer. Also, please ensure that children have two changes of clothes in case your child gets wet/dirty.

If you have any unwanted clothes, we would be very grateful for these to be used as spares as we are getting low!

A reminder as well to please collect children on time. Thank you.

## Star of the Week



**Honey Bees** - Ben Whitehead

**Dragonflies** - Harvey Painter

**Otters** - Harper Whittaker

**Dormice** - Lola Brookbanks

**Frogs** - Millie-May Willis

**Hérons** - Sophia Quintin

**Kestrels** - Rebecca B

**Badgers** - All Year 6s

**Buzzards** - All Year 6s

## 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:

**Otters** - Rylee Guy

**Dormice** - Zachary Perrin

**Frogs** - Ella-Rose Pearson

**Hérons** - Emily Sievwright

**Kestrels** - Rubie C

**Honey Bees** - Molly Bennett

## Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

### **Kestrels**

75 reads - Noah C

125 reads - Noah J

100 reads - Delilah

175 reads - Oliwia

200 reads - Sherkarnah

### **Dormice**

5 reads - Alora Brownsell, Tommy Sieviewright, Zachary Perrin, Elia Duli

50 reads - Florence Jarman

175 reads -

### **Honey Bees**

25 reads - Finley Parker

125 reads - Oliver Clunie

### **Busy Bees**

150 reads - Cristian Teleaga

## Writer of the Week



**Dragonflies** - Dominic McCormack

**Dormice** - Caiden Brown

**Frogs** - Thea Dainton

**Hérons** - Grace Guy

**Kestrels** - Ollie

## Mathematician of the Week



**Dragonflies** - George Brown

**Otters** - Cillian Jenkins

**Dormice** - Macaiden Penfold

**Frogs** - Mia Nealy

**Hérons** - Chilli-Ray Edmunds

**Kestrels** - Sherkarnah WJ

## On-Line Safety Advice



### 10 Top Tips for Safely Using Smartwatches

Wearable tech is increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, for example, with Apple biting off the largest chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.

Both Apple and Samsung's products, of course, lean towards the higher spec end of the market – usually with price tags to match. Sourcing a less expensive alternative, however, often also means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to smartwatches. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.



# 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.  
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## 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



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## 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 8th 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

## 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](http://www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk)

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## 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

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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## 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  
**Devizes 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 0-5 years

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

## 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  
**Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes**  
Thursday 8th June, 1.30pm - 2.30pm  
**Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge**  
Tuesday 13th June, 10.00am - 11.00am

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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.

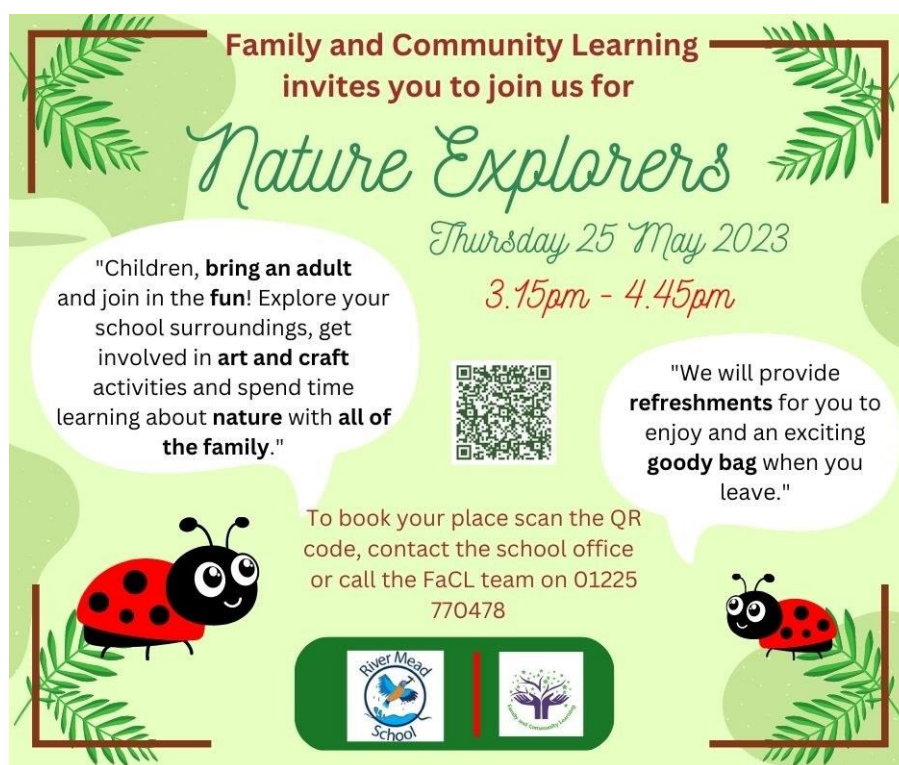
**Westbury Community Project**  
Mondays 1.00pm - 2.00pm  
Just drop in!  
**Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury**  
Mondays 10.00am - 11.00am  
Just drop in!  
**Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford**  
Tuesdays 10.00am - 11.00am  
Just drop in!  
**Sessions for children with SEND - Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes**  
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  
Please book your place

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

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Nature explorers at River Mead - sign up now!



## 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 - Thursday

Dormice & Frogs - Tuesday

Heron & 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



### **May**

15th /16th May - Year 5 Residential

24th/26th May - Year 6 Residential

### **June**

9th June - 'Parent Connect' session at 2.45pm join Mrs Austin for a cuppa, chat and Q&A

What's on

**CHARITY FAMILY FUN DAY**

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

In Memory Of  
**EMMA RODGER**  
(was Brewer)

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

**RUHX**

**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



## MELKSHAM CRICKET CLUB YOUTH SESSIONS 2023

**THURSDAYS KS1 5pm-6pm**

**SATURDAYS KS2 & KS3 10am-11am**

**REGISTRATION OF INTEREST NOW OPEN.**

- SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES
- PAY AS YOU PLAY OR BLOCK BOOK
- GIRLS/BOYS
- HARD/SOFT BALL SESSIONS
- ECB, DBS, FIRST AID TRAINED COACHES



Advanced coaching available for more information  
please contact us.

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**EMAIL - MELKSHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM**



# GYMABILITY MAY HALF TERM

TUESDAY 30TH MAY 12:45-1:45

WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY 9:30-10:30



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!!

[WWW.WILTSHIREGYMNASTICS.CO.UK](http://WWW.WILTSHIREGYMNASTICS.CO.UK)

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



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KIDS  
CAMP**

[WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK](http://WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK)

WEEK DAYS 30TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2023- JOHN OF GAUNT  
STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60  
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS



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**GIRLS FOOTBALL  
JUNE 2023**

2ND JUNE 2023  
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM  
STANDARD DAY  
£19.80  
9AM - 4PM  
EXTENDED DAY  
£24.60



5 - 14 YEARS

KIT: TRAINERS,  
SHINPADS, PACKED  
LUNCH, WATER  
BOTTLE

CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED



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**MAY/JUNE  
HALF TERM**

30TH MAY - 1ST  
JUNE  
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM STANDARD  
DAY £19.80  
9AM - 4PM  
EXTENDED DAY £24.60



5 - 14 YEARS

KIT: TRAINERS,  
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## TCS Open Evening June 23 - For parents of students in Years 4,5,6

### The Corsham School Annual Open Evening

You are warmly invited to our Annual Open Evening at The Corsham School on **Thursday 15th June 2023 from 6pm-8.30pm**. This is an opportunity for families to tour the school, visit curriculum areas and meet key staff. Mr Bell, Headteacher, will also give a presentation in our Main School Hall. His talk will take place at 6pm and, again, at 7pm.

If you would like to register your interest to attend the Open Evening and also book onto one of the Headteacher's talks, please go to our website - [Open events - The Corsham School](#)

**OPEN EVENING**  
Thursday 15th June 2023  
6 pm - 8.30 pm  
For more details, please visit 'Open Events' on our website

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## St Augustine's Year 5 Taster Day & Admissions Information

### Year 5 Taster Day

We still have some availability on our taster days. Should you wish to attend please email [admissions@sta.cc](mailto:admissions@sta.cc) with the following details:

Date you wish to attend (26/28/30 June)

Current school

Parental contact

Email of parent

Phone number of parent



Photo consent

Any further information we may need

### **Admissions**

St Augustine's are really looking forward to welcoming their new cohort this summer for their induction days, to get them ready for September.

A few spaces have unexpectedly become available, and they would be delighted to consider further applications to join their Year 7 this September. If you are interested, please contact them directly as soon as possible on [admissions@sta.cc](mailto:admissions@sta.cc) and 01225 350001 ext. 242. Or you can apply direct to Wiltshire Council.