

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

19/05/2023



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

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A message from Mrs Austin

Finally some sunshine!

A reminder for all to ensure that children are appropriately dressed for the weather, time to dig out the sun hats and remember to apply the sun cream. Oh and always have a rain coat as of course this is the UK and the weather changes with a click of your fingers.

Y5 had a great time camping away overnight this week, enjoying the fresh air and large open space that the Wingfield site offers. Thank you to the adults who supported the children to ensure that it was a success. The children were also delightful and the staff commented on their behaviour and engagement in the activities.

The next few weeks will continue to be busy as Y6 head off for their residential at Grittleton House before we all have a break.

Don't forget after the break we have INSET day on 5th June, children are back on Tuesday 6th June and Y3 are off for some exciting science that day!

Friday 9th 2.45pm is our 'Parent Connect Meeting' which is a chance to catch up with me and Miss Harrison who is taking over as Acting Head Teacher in September.

(I will remind you again next week)

Mrs Austin



5 Star Service!

After a spot check visit today, the kitchen was awarded the highest possible food hygiene rating of 5 stars *****

Well done to Mr Heaton and Mrs Shanon

An outstanding achievement!!

Service with good humour, a smile, and tasty food served from a spotless kitchen - what more could we ask for.

So if you are eligible for a school dinner including any child in years R, 1 and 2, why not give School dinners a try for free and save money on those packed lunches!



Attendance



Today attendance at River Mead is 92.3% compared to national 93.7%

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!

Please can you ensure that no food product containing egg is brought into the nursery due to high allergy risk.

A reminder as well to please collect children on time.

Thank you.

Home reading - You can make a difference this half-term!

Your child has made super progress in their reading this year.

Let's keep them reading this half-term for maximum success in the Phonics Screening Check next term.

Watch Virtual Classroom films

We'll be sending links via Seesaw to:

1. Set 2 and/or Set 3 reading films to practise reading specific sounds and words
2. Pinny Time films to practise reading sounds speedily
3. 'Special Friends, Fred Talk' films for practice reading a range of new words.

The plan

- Set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each day.
- Find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet.
- Praise your child as they join in with the lesson.

Practise using My Sets 2 and 3 Speed Sounds

Your child has Set 2 and Set 3 worksheets daily to practise reading sounds and words at home.

See how quickly your child can read each of the sounds. Ask them to read the words using Fred Talk.

Listen to your child read every day

You will find Read Write Inc. Storybooks in your child's bookbag for them to read to you. Choose a quiet time when they are wide awake.

Help your child to:

- read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story
- sound out any new words as they read the story.

Read back each page to them, after they have read it. If the child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency.

Most importantly...do it all with patience and love.

Your support matters. Thank you

Kate Miller

Year 1 Teacher

Assistant Head Teacher

Star of the Week



Otters - Cillian Jenkins

Dormice - Tommy Sieviewright

Frogs - Sophia-Rose Carroll

Hérons - Joeli Maritiro

Kestrels -Lexie Tadhunter

Badgers - All Year 5s!

Buzzards - All Year 5s!

Bumble Bees - Sky Edmunds

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 - Lincoln-jai Ward-Storey

Dormice - Ayaansh Doneria

Frogs - Finley Peckover

Hérons - Adam Shahzad

Kestrels - Esther Maritiro

Badgers - Archie Brown

Buzzards - Jess Taylor

Busy Bees - Lukas Hann

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



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

Dormice

5 reads - Alora Brownsell, Freddie Hill, Elia Duli, Bentley Pepper, Tommy Sievewright

75 reads - Rowan Mustali

100 reads - Freddie Hill, Ava Mullis

Busy Bees

50 reads - Ashley Lloyd

100 reads - Marc Taylor, Carl Gillett

150 reads - Sky Edmunds

Writer of the Week



Otters - Kevin Marino

Dormice - Alice Edwards

Frogs - Sophia-Rose Carroll

Hérons - Darcie Merritt

Kestrels - Jack Swann

Badgers - Sydney-Jo Brewer

Buzzards - Roxy Mitchell

Mathematician of the Week



Otters - Jackson Tucker

Dormice - Keira Parker

Frogs - William Eanes

Hérons - Emily Sievewright

Kestrels - Rosie Allum

Badgers - Lacey-Mae Ward

Buzzards - Harvey Aylsesbury

On-Line Safety Advice



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Telegram

With more than 700 million users worldwide, Telegram is a popular alternative to the likes of WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger; indeed, in some countries, it's overtaken that pair to become the most-used instant messaging app. Telegram's no stranger to controversy, however, and has occasionally been made unavailable for download in some nations (including the UK).

There are various reasons for these suspensions, but the primary trigger for the authorities' concern has been that Telegram's robust encryption, sadly, all too often encourages the app's use as a conduit for extremist political material and illegal sexual content. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week brings trusted adults the lowdown on Telegram.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks including a lack of age verification, inappropriate content and cyber-bullying.

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

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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

22nd May - Reception trip to Stowford Farm

24th/26th May - Year 6 Residential

June

6th June - Y3 Science Show, Clarendon School

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

19th June - Y2 Hengistbury Head Trip

20th June - Y3 Roman Baths Trip (TBC)

26th June - YR Height and Weight screening

27th June - Y6 Melksham Oak Transition Day

27th June - New YR Sept 2023 Visits

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.

WWW.MELKSHAMCRICKET.CO.UK

FACEBOOK/MELKSHAMCRICKET

FACEBOOK/THEBOUNDARYMELKSHAMCC

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

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



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ACTIVE KIDS CAMP

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,
SHINPADS, PACKED
LUNCH, WATER
BOTTLE

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED



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For families of children aged 0-5 yrs

Five To Thrive

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



For more information or to book a space contact the children's centre central line on: 0800 970 4669
www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Join us online via Microsoft Teams.
 Thursday 18th May 2023 - Thursday 8th June 2023.
 7pm to 8pm
 1:1 support available to join online sessions

Braeside Half Term Activity Days!

Adventure - Challenge - Fun



ALL DAY - £36 **Age 8 – 12 years**
 (Siblings up to 14 years)

Dates: Tuesday 30th May – Friday 2nd June 2023

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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High Ropes - Leap of Faith High Ropes – High All Aboard Low Ropes Orienteering	Survival Day Shelter Building Fire Lighting Camp Fire Cooking	Water Sports Day Canoeing Paddleboarding Kayaking	Climbing Wall Zip Wire Abseiling Life Line

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

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

THE CORSHAM SCHOOL
ACADEMY GROUP

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The Corsham School, The Tynings, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9DF

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 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 and 01225 350001 ext. 242. Or you can apply direct to Wiltshire Council.