

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

21/07/2023



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A message from the Chair of the Academy Advisory Board

Dear Parents and Carers

So, we come to the end of the school year. With the legacy of the pandemic, the rapid rise in the cost of energy and inflation pushing up the price of food, it has been a challenging time for all of us. Thank you for your continued support through this difficult time.

The end of the school year is a time for goodbyes. Our Year 6 are leaving us and there are a number of other children who will be moving on to other schools. I would like to wish all of them, wherever they are going, every success in the future. Please keep in touch and let us know how you get on.

It is also a time when we say goodbye to staff; Lisa Penfold, Resource Base Lead and class teacher has supported the development of the Resource Base since the school became River Mead. Her skill for understanding the needs of children with complex SEN are intuitive and she has given these children opportunities to succeed. We wish her well on her travels to see family and for future opportunities..

Teresa Owen, Lead Nursery Teaching Assistant, who has been working on-site in the nursery provisions for a considerable number of years. She has helped scores of children begin their education and supported their development. Teresa has traveled from Wales to River Mead every day throughout this time and will enjoy being closer to home. We are also saying good bye to Sammy Parker, T Katie Coward, Teaching Assistants and Amy Bath teacher, all who are coming to the end of their contracts and off for adventures new!

Finally we are also saying farewell to Karen Austin our Headteacher. In the last five years Karen's contribution to the school resulted in Ofsted's inspection raising it from Requires Improvement to Good. She navigated the multiple challenges posed by the pandemic with patience, skill and determination. Her commitment to providing a high quality learning experience for pupils and an environment in which each individual feels safe and valued has been outstanding.

She leaves behind an experienced Deputy Head who will become the Acting Headteacher, and Senior Management Team who will provide continuity and support for the next academic year. With this and the continued support of the Mead Academy Trust I am sure that the school will build on the strong foundations Karen has laid and continue to make excellent progress.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer

Colin Kay

Chair of the Academy Advisors Group

Message from Mrs Austin



Roarsome!

Well done to the cast of "The Lion King" what an absolutely amazing set of performances this week. The children performed to the rest of the school on Wednesday then two performances on Thursday for friends and family.

The children had all learned their lines, and some complicated words for the songs as well as some solo's. Amazing acting and fabulous singing all together making the audience stand in applause and wipe a tear or two away.

I know there were proud teachers, proud parents, families and siblings.

These things don't just 'happen' the children had to practice, take direction and learn the songs and words. They were ably guided by Miss Veitch, Mrs Udakis and Miss Tanner; thank you to everyone involved.

Quote from a member of our AAG

"It was a real joy to attend the afternoon performance today. I was impressed how confident the children were and how it was evident that they were really enjoying the experience. Great casting and some shining stars who acted with lots of passion."

I was impressed how loud the singing was with a small cast of 30. Many of these songs are quite complex, with tricky words and rhythms but you could tell the children had learnt them well and were able to keep with the backing and sing in parts- very impressive. So special to hear some solos too."

I am sure those who watched will agree, it was fantastic!

Time to say goodbye.....

As you are aware I am leaving as the Head Teacher of River Mead School, It was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make, and thank you to those of you who have already spoken to me; Tuesday 26th July will be my last day. I am moving to a part time role in September with Wiltshire Council where I will continue to utilise my skills and knowledge supporting Head Teachers as a School Improvement Advisor.

I have been very fortunate to work with some wonderful people, some brilliant teachers and some fantastic children over the last 27 years as a teacher and school leader and none more so than here at River Mead. It has been a privilege to lead such an amazing school and I will miss working with such a great group of staff and children. I have always enjoyed coming to work and there is not a day goes past when I do not get to see the talents, skills and enthusiasm of our children in some way or another. It is watching young people grow and develop, achieving their potential, realising their ambitions, becoming responsible young citizens that drives every teacher and it has been a great pleasure to contribute to making this happen.

I take immense pride in the progress we have made and the positive impact we have had on the lives of the children at River Mead.

We have been working behind the scenes to ensure a smooth handover of role from myself to Miss Harrison who will be Acting Head Teacher for the next academic year. Whilst a change of Head Teacher can be unsettling, she and the team will be focused on ensuring that the school continues to provide the high standard of education and care that you, as parents, would expect from us.

Miss Harrison is an experienced Deputy Head Teacher, starting alongside me 5 years ago, and has a long association with The Mead Trust. She will be ably supported by a very strong leadership team and we can be confident that the school will have a successful future under her guidance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out on the playground after school on Tuesday and I will apologise now, in advance, for the tears that will undoubtedly flow!

I would also like to thank you for your continued support of the school.

Best Wishes to you all

Mrs Karen Austin



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This is a great opportunity to keep reading all through the summer, so sign up and join in!!

Sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at Melksham Community library from **15 July**.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The challenge is for 4–11-year-olds to read 6 library books over 8 weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a medal and certificate on completion.

This year the challenge runs from Saturday **15 July to Saturday 9 September**. There will be an initial registration period in the first two weeks of the challenge, where children will receive a collector's folder, then after this period (from 31 July) they are invited to return to talk about the books they have read and start collecting their stickers. Children can also continue to register throughout the summer.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library or online)

It's **FREE** to join the challenge and to take out a library membership, visit: [Join the library - Wiltshire Council](#) and library staff will be on hand to support reading choices. Children can also take part in the challenge online via the website: [Summer Reading Challenge](#) where they can rate and review books, download activities, and access video content, games and quizzes.

KEEP READING!

Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Dear Parents and carers

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up at Melksham Community library from 15 July.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Children often have a dip in their reading over the summer, the Summer Reading Challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, has been proven to stop this as well as changing children's attitudes in a positive way towards reading and libraries.

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Any queries email: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Attendance - every child, every day!



The last data shows

School overall 92.2% compared to National 94% - Lets not let it drop again - every child, every day, right up to the very last day!!

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.

Curriculum Booklets

What is my child learning in school?

Our children benefit from an exciting and engaging curriculum which has been developed to ensure that learning is irresistible for children. Follow the link below to find out more about your child's curriculum for the year and to see photos of their learning environment.

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

Tesco - Blue tokens for River Mead School

Tesco are helping to raise funds for River Mead School, so please look out for us when choosing where to pop your blue tokens after a Tesco shop! 'Every little helps!'

Star of the Week



Otters - Rylee Guy and Jackson Tucker

Dormice - Zachary Perrin

Frogs - Mia Nealey

Key Stage 2 & Resource Base - All Lion King performers!

Hot Chocolate with The Senior Leadership Team



Otters - Oliver Lowe

Dormice - Tayah Walton

Frogs - Millie-May Willis

Hérons - Maximus

Kestrels - Imogen Gould

Badgers - Jak Powell

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



Dormice:

125 - Rowan Mustali

250 - Zachary Perrin

Frogs:

150 - William Eanes

175 - Corin Remington

250 - Taylor Busby

275 - Freddie Wild

Writer of the Week



Otters - Arabella Gill

Dormice - Alora Brownsell

Frogs - Corin Remington

Kestrels - Murdoch Remington

Badgers - Sam Cousins

Mathematician of the Week



Otters - Harper Whittaker

Dormice - Macaiden Penfold

Frogs - Ava Lilley Sears

Kestrels - Leo Plumb

River Mead Nursery

A vertical poster for River Mead Nursery. The top half features a photograph of a child's legs in blue polka-dot trousers and bright yellow rubber boots, splashing in a puddle while holding a colorful umbrella. To the right of the photo, the text 'RIVER MEAD NURSERY' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters, with 'PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023' in smaller yellow capital letters below it. The River Mead School logo is in the top right corner. The bottom half of the poster has a dark blue background with white text. It starts with 'WE HAVE NURSERY PLACES FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS.' followed by 'WE PROVIDE:'. Below this are four yellow circular icons, each with a white dot in the center, representing the services listed. The services are: '15 AND 30 HOUR FUNDING DURING TERM TIME', 'LEARNING LED BY A QUALIFIED TEACHER', 'ENGAGING AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES', and 'A FRIENDLY, FAMILY-LED ENVIRONMENT'. A paragraph of text follows, stating that River Mead School invests in early education and that the friendly team of Early Years professionals support children to learn, make friends, and become more independent. It ends with 'Pop in to the school or call us to arrange a visit.' At the very bottom, a yellow bar contains the phone number '01225 703428', the website 'www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk', and the location 'Lowourne, Melksham, SN12 7ED'.

NEW Prices for Services - from 01/09/2023

Due to many costs rising such as energy and food we have needed to review the charges we make for our traded services. We have tried to keep this increase to a minimum, as we do appreciate that our families are also battling with all these increased costs.

From 1st September 2023, the prices for the following services will be as follows:

- Nursery: Half Day (3.75hrs) - £21.80. Full Day (7.5hrs) - £43.75. Nursery Breakfast - £4.65
- Meals: Cost per meal - £2.70
- Before School Club: Cost per session - £2.55
- After School Club to 4:15: Cost per session - £1.75
- Lettings: Hall (per hour, min 1.5hrs) - £12.00. Kingfisher Court Weekdays - £12.00. Kingfisher Court Weekends - £18.00
- Music Lessons : £8.00 per 15 min individual lesson, or a 30 min group session

Keeping Safe Online Over the Holidays

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media **A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures** **A Parent's Guide to Gaming** **A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming **A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers** **A Parent's Guide to Fake News** **A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational
Web: www.skipssafetynet.org 142 Newton Road
Email: info@skips.com Great Barr
Tel: +44 121 227 1941 Birmingham B43 6BT

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with:


Skips
www.skipssafetynet.org

Keeping children safe online

Friends of River Mead

We are delighted to announce that the Summer Fair raised a grand total of £600!

We were completely blown away by the support we received for this event; not only from the Friends who worked hard to pull everything together for the big day, but from teachers, parents, carers, siblings, aunts, uncles...even some River Mead children mucking in for the lightning speed setup! Thank You ALL So Much for helping to make this event a thoroughly enjoyable success.

In order to continue improving the events that we organise, could we kindly ask you to spend just a couple of minutes completing the following survey, which is completely anonymous: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K7SQQKQ6>

Finally, if you think you would like to get more involved with the work the Friends do, please feel free to approach one of us or email rivermeadfriends@gmail.com

We also put regular updates including any meeting dates on our social media....

Follow us on Instagram - <https://instagram.com/friendsrivermead?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

Join our Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1816646455251366/>

THE BIG HELP OUT

We would love to make this event a more regular thing, we achieved so much in so little time last time school asked us all for support with this! THANK YOU!

- PAINTING SHEDS & FENCES •
- PLANTING, WEEDING & WATERING •
- LITTER PICKING •
- POWER WASHING & HEDGECUTTING •
- PLUS ANY CREATIVE IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS! •

Please email rivermeadfriends@gmail.com or let the Friends know if you would be happy to give a small amount of time on SUNDAY 16th or SUNDAY 23rd July to help with this

The poster features a vibrant blue background with white wavy lines representing water. At the top, there are illustrations of a red crab, a starfish, and a pair of red sunglasses. A yellow flower is on the left, and a beach ball is partially visible at the bottom left. The text is centered and reads:

**WATER FIGHT
FUN
YEAR 6
LEAVERS**

Monday 24th July 3:30 to 5:30

Bring a towel and spare set of clothes,

Thankyou from River Mead friends



Family & Community Learning

Spurgeons

Course Dates July 2023

Request your place: 0800 970 4669

Please note details may be subject to change. Information correct as of 02/06/23

We have even more sessions coming up across Wiltshire in August and September. Dates out soon!

Ready To Start School

Helpful tips and strategies to prepare your little one for starting school. Join us for our 2 week programme starting:

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Tuesday 11th July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Wednesday 12th July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Five to Thrive

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

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Wednesday 5th July, 10.00am - 11.00am

Online via Microsoft teams
Thursday 6th July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Being a Parent

Via Microsoft Teams

7pm-8.30pm, Wednesdays from 5th July

Baby Massage

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

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Monday 3rd July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Wednesday 5th July, 10.00am - 11.30am

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
Thursday 6th July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
Monday 31st July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Bookstart

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

Tidworth Library
Monday 3rd July, 10.30am - 11.30am

Devizes Library
Tuesday 4th July, 10.00am - 11.00am

Salisbury Library
Tuesday 4th July, 10.00am - 11.00am

Marlborough Library
Thursday 6th July, 10.00am - 11.00am

Spurgeons

Course Dates July 2023

Request your place: 0800 970 4669

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Play and Connect

Play and connect with other families weekly during this play session.

Westbury Community Project, Westbury
Mondays from 3rd July
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Fridays from 7th -21st July
10.00am - 11.00am

Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Fridays from 7th -21st July
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Windmill Hill Children's Centre, Tidworth
For children with SEND
Fridays from 7th July
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Devizes Children's Centre, Devizes
For children with SEND
Tuesdays from 11th July
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Play, Talk and Grow Together

This group is for forces and civilian families with children of 0-5 years.

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

Make and Create with Scrapstore

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

Tisbury Library, Nadder Centre, Weavefield Road, Tisbury SP3 6HJ
Wednesday 5th July, 10.30-11.30am

Mere Library, Barton Lane, Mere BA12 6JA
Wednesday 12th July, 10.30am-11.30am

Bradford-on-Avon Library, Bridge Street, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1BY
Wednesday 19th July, 11.15am-12.15pm

Feel confident to
help your child



July 2023 - online courses



Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Friday 7 July 10:00 -12:00

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Friday 14 July 10:00 -12:00

Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change

Friday 21 July 10:00 -12:00

Our courses are free, if you are over 19 years old, a resident in UK/EU for over three years, live in Wiltshire and meet any of the following criteria:

- less than five GCSEs grades A-C
- in receipt of benefits
- a military family
- a family with SEN child / children
- are unemployed and seeking employment
- have certain types of immigration status

To find out more

visit workwiltshire.co.uk/events,
call **01225 770 478** or email
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk



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Join Us:

Online via
Microsoft Teams

Wednesdays from
5th July

7pm-8.30pm



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Spurgeons
Together with families

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 6th July - Thursday 27th July 2023

1.30pm - 2.30pm

1:1 support available to join online sessions

Opening 31st July in Melksham



Classroom based tuition for children aged 4-18

- 1 to 1 tuition
- Small group tuition
- Summer clubs
- Back to school refresher courses
- Homework Hub
- Home-school support



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Join a Swim Academy Class Local to YOU!

Are you looking for swimming lessons for your child?

Puddle Ducks Bristol & Bath is a professional child-led swim school local to you!
Discover our pools near Melksham – Why not secure your child's September classes before the holidays!



Why swim with Puddle Ducks?

- Fun and expert-led Swim Academy classes for primary school aged children. Teachers are in the water in Levels 1 and 2, with one teacher to every four children.
- Fun & progressive baby and preschool classes also available – we have sibling discounts.
- Toasty 32-degree heated pool – perfect temperature for children to thrive in.
- Never miss a class if you're going on holiday – with our courtesy classes.
- Enjoy large family changing rooms, pool spectator viewing area, and ample on-site free parking.
- Did you know we are celebrating our 15th birthday this year – join a class this summer and take part in our birthday celebrations and competitions.

Book a space or find out more at: puddleducks.com/bb/ / 0117 971 7165 / [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#).



Course Dates Aug 2023
Request your place: 0800 970 4669



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Ready To Start School (2 weeks)

Helpful tips and strategies to prepare your little one for starting school. Join us for our 2 week programme starting:

Studley Green Children's Centre, Trowbridge
Tuesday 1st August, 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Canberra Children's Centre, Melksham
Thursday 3rd August, 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Baby Massage

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

Warminster Garrison, Warminster
Thursday 3rd August, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Thursday 3rd August, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Nadder Centre, Tisbury
Monday 7th August, 10.30am - 11.30am

Ready To Start School (1 week)

Helpful tips and strategies to prepare your little one for starting school. Join us for our single sessions.

Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Tuesday 1st August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Friday 4th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Tuesday 8th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Friday 11th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Tuesday 15th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Little Folly Children's Centre, Salisbury
Friday 18th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Tuesday 22nd August, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Bulford Children's Centre, Bulford
Friday 25th August, 10.30am - 12.00pm

Healthy Me
A fun approach to wellbeing

Healthy Me is a programme for families with children aged 5-18 years, designed to help empower and make small changes towards life-long healthy habits.
Healthy Me is FREE and available for families in Wiltshire who would like help with making healthy choices around Eating, Lifestyle and Physical Activity.

Topics covered include:

- Making your own goals
- Eating habits (food choices, portion sizes, meal planning)
- Physical activity and sleep
- Self-confidence

For more information please contact:
0300 003 4566 (option 1) healthyme@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council

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 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)- Monday

Dates to Remember



TERM DATES REMINDER

The last day of term is Tuesday 25th July 2023. Please can you ensure you are visiting the correct River Mead site when looking for term dates: <https://www.rivermead.wilts.sch.uk/>

The first day back to school for Yr 1 to Yr 6 is Tuesday 5th September.

For our new Reception starters, you will receive a home visit during the first few days (Tuesday 5th September - Friday 8th September) and then staggered starts as follows:

Monday 11th September - Friday 15th September 8:40 - 12:00

Monday 18th September - Friday 22nd September 8:40 - 1:00 (staying for lunch)

Monday 25th September - full days 8:40 - 3:15

Please see the table for our updated and confirmed dates to remember including Sports Day and our Lion King performance

Monday	19 th June	Y2 Trip to Hengistbury head
Tuesday	20 th June	Y3 Trip to Roman Baths
Wednesday	21 st June	New intake (Year R in September) parents information meeting 6:30-7:30pm
Monday	26 th June	Year 6 Geography field trip - local area
Tuesday	27 th June	Year 5 Geography field trip - local area
Tuesday	27 th June	Y6 Melksham Oak transition day
Tuesday	27 th June	New intake (Year R in September) visits: Group A 9:30-10:30 Group B 11:00 - 12:00
Wednesday	28 th June	Year 5/6 - World War 2 Enrichment Day
Thursday	29 th June	Y5 Melksham Oak taster day (parents to arrange child to meet River Mead staff at Melksham Oak)
Monday	3 rd July	Sports Day (if raining, back up day - 17 th July) timings tbc
Tuesday	4 th July	New intake (Year R in September) visits: Group A 9:30-10:30 Group B 11:00 - 12:00
Wednesday	5 th July	Abbyfield Year 5 taster day (transport provided - leave River Mead 9am)
Wednesday	5 th July	Life Bus visiting - PSHE
Thursday	6 th July	
Friday	7 th July	
Monday	10 th July	Transition morning with new teachers/TAs (not RB)
Wednesday	12 th July	New intake (Year R in September) visits: All children 9:30-11:30
Wednesday	12 th July	Y6 Abbyfield transition day
Wednesday	12 th July	Y5 Sheldon taster day (parents to book places for child to attend)
Thursday	13 th July	Y4 field work - walk to library
Friday	14 th July	Summer Fair 3:30-5:30pm
Monday	17 th July	Parents/carers - meet your child's new teacher (Music Studio) 8:45-9:15 Mrs Udakis (year 2 to Year 3) 2:45-3:15 Miss Coates (Year R to Year 1) 2:45-3:15 Mrs Boddington (Miss Veitch) (Year 3 to Year 4) 8:45-9:15 Mrs Sones (Year 4 to Year 5) 8:45-9:15 Miss Bartlett (Year 1 to Year 2) 2:45-3:15 Miss Woods
Tuesday	18 th July	
Thursday	20 th July	
Friday	21 st July	
Friday	21 st July	
Tuesday	18 th July	Transition Day with new teachers/TA (not RB)
Wednesday	19 th July	Lion King dress rehearsal to EY/KS1 2pm
Wednesday	19 th July	New intake (Year R in September) teddy bears picnic 3:45-4:30pm
Thursday	20 th July	Lion King performance to KS2 & parents (siblings under 5 years) 2pm
Thursday	20 th July	Lion King Performance (no children under 5 years) 6:30pm
Monday	24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9:00am parents welcome
Monday	24 th July	Year 6 water fight and end of year celebration 3:30-5:00pm

What's on



MELKSHAM CRICKET CLUB YOUTH SESSIONS 2023

THURSDAYS KS1 5pm-6pm

SATURDAYS KS2 & KS3 10am-11am

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST NOW OPEN.

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- GIRLS/BOYS
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 JUL	1	2	3	4	5	6
Musical in a Week! (4-14 yrs)						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rock the Tots - Summer Party (0-2 yrs)	Fidgety Feet Dance and Drama Workshop (3-6 yrs)	Fidgety Feet Dance and Drama Workshop (3-6 yrs)	Little Picoles Summer Workshop (2 months-5 yrs)	Frozen Dance Party (2-7 yrs)	Celebrate the Sun Art Workshop (5-9 yrs)	Screening: Frozen 2
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)	LEGO Animation Workshop (7-12 yrs)
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MON 7 AUG 11AM - 12PM
ROCK THE TOTS - SUMMER PARTY!
Sit, stand, sway or headbang - there's only one rule... have fun! Covers of the best summery pop and rock songs, with puppets, bubbles and more. A great gig for all the family, guaranteed to leave you filled with sunshine!
6 months - 10 yrs: £8 per child / £8 per adult *

MON 7 AUG - WED 9 AUG 10AM - 3PM
DEVISING DRAMA
Develop skills, build confidence and make new friends. Together you'll devise and create your own play in just three days.
7-11 yrs: £70 child

MON 31 JUL - FRI 4 AUG 9AM - 3PM
MUSICAL IN A WEEK!
Five days jam-packed with singing, acting, and dancing, to rehearse a brand-new show-stopping mystery musical to perform to friends and family on the final day with costumes and props.
4-14 yrs: £140 child

WED 9 AUG 10AM - 10.50PM
FIDGETY FEET DANCE AND DRAMA
Join Fidgety Feet for a magical adventure with all of your favourite fairytale characters!
18 months - 6 yrs: £7 child / £3 adult *

WED 9 AUG 10.30AM - 12.30PM
FLY LIKE A BIRD! STORY TELLING WORKSHOP
Wake to the sound of the dawn chorus and make flying objects. Dramatic! Scarf fall from the sun and bring music down from Heaven with the help of Quetzalcoatl the feathered serpent. Fulfill your dreams and Fly Like a Bird - listen to Michael's stories, then act and tell your own in this storytelling workshop.
5-7 yrs: £10 child

WED 9 AUG 1.30PM - 3.30PM
FLY LIKE A BIRD! STORY TELLING WORKSHOP
(see above)
8-10 yrs: £10 child

THU 10 AUG 10AM - 10.45AM
LITTLE PICOLOS SUMMER WORKSHOP
A fun mixed class introducing the fundamentals of music to babies and young children. Join the Little Picoles team this summer for a workshop based on the Kodaly method, introducing dynamics, tempo and rhythm using Italian terms, and musical notation. Expect original songs, instruments, moving to music, props, puppets and more!
3 months - 5 yrs: £8 child / £4 adult (including discount with code SBDISC at checkout)

THU 10 AUG 10AM - 12PM
BEAUTIFUL BUNTING ART WORKSHOP
Design and create a string of summer bunting flags using a variety of techniques and materials, such as paint and felt.
5-9 yrs: £12 child / £3 adult *

FRI 11 AUG 10AM - 12PM
CELEBRATE THE SUN ART WORKSHOP
Design and create as we explore the colours of the sun with 'messy' art and create a sun mask.
5-9 yrs: £12 child / £3 adult *

FROZEN DAY

**FRI 11 AUG 10AM - 10.45AM
FROZEN DANCE PARTY**
Join Jay About Dance for a spectacular Frozen dance party, where you'll boogie like the characters from the film! Whether you prefer princesses as a princess, sweeping like a snowman or rocking out like a reindeer, a fabulously fun time is guaranteed for all!
2-4 yrs: £7 child**

**FRI 11 AUG 11AM - 11.45AM
FROZEN DANCE PARTY**
(new show)
5-7 yrs: £7 child**

**FRI 11 AUG 12.30PM - 2.30PM
SCREENING: FROZEN 1**
£5 child / £5 adult / Under 2's Free

LEGO DAY

**MON 14 AUG 10AM - 2PM
LEGO ANIMATION WORKSHOP**
Have you ever wanted to produce your own animated film? With professional film director Jamie McCrewe you will learn the skills of stop frame animation, with lots of hands on activities, and even get to plan and produce your own animated film!

Stay with us after this workshop for a screening of The LEGO Movie in our Auditorium at 2.30pm.
7-12 yrs: £25 child

**MON 14 AUG 2.30PM - 4.30PM
SCREENING: THE LEGO MOVIE**
£5 child / £5 adult / Under 2's Free

**WED 16 AUG 10AM - 3PM
SING YOUR HEAD OFF SINGING DAY**
Come and sing your head off this summer and learn new warm-ups and songs. From choirs to Disney, and jazz to musical theatre, there's something for everyone to enjoy!
7-14 yrs: £25 child

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**THU 17 AUG - FRI 18 AUG 10AM - 4PM
SHOWSTOPPERS! INTENSIVE MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP**
Do you love musicals such as Les Miserables, and West Side Story? Do you want to perform some of the best musical numbers from these shows, complete with awesome harmony singing, dance routines and costumes? Then this two-day intensive course is for you! Learn the vocals, acting and dance routines, then perform our 'Showstoppers' to an audience on stage in full costume.
7-12 yrs: £65 child

COMING SOON...

THE MUSEUM OF MARVELLOUS THINGS

FAMILY CONCERT
SUN 12 NOV 3PM
This magical family show brings picture book to life. Discover stars in jars, catch moths like balloons, dance with Doo-Dahs in cages and sing with Noo-Nahs on stages - The Museum of Marvellous Things is made from the magic of your imagination. With giant puppets, songs, interactive storytelling, live original music and a chance to make your own special puppet, this fun-filled family show is based on the picture book by presenter Kristina Stephenson, bestselling author and illustrator of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks.
£12 adults / £7 U18s + students (inc. £2 booking fee)

BOOKING INFORMATION

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The Centre is located on the Bath side of Bradford on Avon, and is clearly sign-posted (brown panel signs) on all roads.

Parking is free on site. Additional / disabled blue badge holders parking is available off Winsley Road / Churches. Please respect our neighbours and park responsibly.

Bradford on Avon Railway Station is a 20 minute (uphill) walk or short taxi ride away: gwr.co.uk

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Camp 2
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SWINDON CC

Camp 3
2/3 AUGUST
WINTERBOURNE CC

Camp 4
7/8 AUGUST
TROWBRIDGE CC
GIRLS ONLY
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Camp 5
9/10 AUGUST
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- ✓ Great intro to the game
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- ✓ Spirit of Cricket
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Registration Links
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Lacock Scouts fundraiser

CAR SCAVENGER HUNT



22nd July 2023

10am - 4pm

Start and finish at Lacock
National Trust car park
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£10 per car

All proceeds go to Lacock

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BEAVERS

1st Lacock Scouts would like to invite all families to our Car Scavenger Hunt this weekend on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

The event starts and finishes at Lacock National Trust car park and trail sheets can be collected between 10am and 4pm. Follow the scavenger clues on your trail sheet in your car around the local area, answer the questions and crack the puzzles along the way! Great family fun suitable for all weather. Return your trail sheet by 5pm to be entered in to our prize draw. The trail should take approximately 2 hours to complete.

All funds raised go to 1st Lacock Scouts (registered charity).

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday. Thank you.

Lacock Cubs & Beavers

Lacock is such a short drive away, and many of Melksham's groups have long waiting lists, many of our group's Beavers & Cubs live in Melksham.

We meet on Fridays from 6.30 to 8 in Lacock Village Hall.

We have a few spaces for Beavers - boys & girls aged between 6 and 8 and Cubs 8 - 10.5, from September 2023 onwards.

Our Beavers gain automatic places into our Cub Group when they reach 8 years old and then in local Scout groups at the age of 10.5.

Scouting is a tremendous global movement, and our Beavers & Cubs enjoy fun activities, camps & days out at a remarkably small cost for parents.

If you would like to take up places for your child(ren) this September onwards, please contact our group scout leader Keith.Holloway@wiltshirescouts.org.uk.

Sheldon School open events for current Year 4's & 5's



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