

River Mead School Parent Newsletter

06/10/2023



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

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

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

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Message from Miss Harrison

It has been another busy week in school with lots of lovely learning happening, and lots of smiley faces in the classrooms and on the playground.

I have been particularly impressed with the children learning in Computing this week - we had a curriculum review and the children were very knowledgeable and confident to talk about their learning. We have been having a particular focus on online safety as well this week. I have included SMART rules which we are using to support all classes.

I have also enjoyed hearing all about the Honey Bees trip to the park on Wednesday! They have been learning about what makes a good friend and went to the park to meet their new friends from Castle Mead Resource Base. All the children were amazing and the staff have been talking about what a great learning opportunity it was.

Next week we have Year 1 trip off to Longleat and also selected Y4/5/6 children representing the school at a Rugby Festival

Attendance

This week our attendance has been affected by lots of illness. We know there are lots of cold and flu type bugs doing the rounds. Please remember to call the office and let them know if your child is poorly each day they are off. If we don't hear from you, and can't make contact, we will come to your house to check that you and your children are safe. This is part of our safeguarding procedure.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Harrison





CLEANERS NEEDED

PART-TIME, TERM-TIME ONLY POSTS
AVAILABLE



- 3.00-5.00PM OR 3.00-5.30PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY
- £10.60 PER HOUR
- GO TO WWW.THEMEADTRUST.ORG OR CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 01225 703428 FOR MORE INFORMATION
- APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 19 OCTOBER 2023 AT 9.00AM

Parking Reminder



A reminder to **please be mindful** when you are parking to collect your children. The car park is a general public car park, and does not belong to the school.

Whilst we appreciate the car park is small, **please refrain from parking where you are blocking cars from exiting.**

Please do not park on the grass next to the school entrance.

Be kind, park with others in mind.

Have your say and enter our Prize Draw!

We are currently inviting all parents of all children in Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to contribute to a parental survey to help us improve the work we do at River Mead School. Please complete this by the end of this term - before 12pm on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

Please follow the correct link below to submit your answers (please complete both forms if you have children in Reception AND in Year 1-6):

Reception

<https://forms.office.com/e/R9Qa9CiFcg>

Year 1-6

<https://forms.office.com/e/VcM1UkKtMu>

If you complete the survey, your name will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win a **£20 Amazon Gift card**. The winner will be drawn at random in the afternoon on Wednesday 18th October and the winner will be contacted to collect their prize. The name of the winner will also be announced in the newsletter.



Star of the Week



Dormice - Milena Sledz

Frogs - Florence Jarman

Hérons - Arabella Antoni-Turner

Kestrels - Kobey Wild-Bryant

Badgers - Delilah Holbrook

Buzzards - Charlie Smith

Bumble Bees - Eli Patterson

Honey Bees - Evie McCallum

Busy Bees - Spencer Swayne

Hot Chocolate with The Senior Leadership Team



Dormice - Reeva Linington

Frogs - Ava Mullis

Hérons - Taylor Busby

Kestrels - Sophia Quintin

Badgers - Kiera Vincent

Buzzards - Lillie Goddard

Bumble Bees - Arthur Jardine

Busy Bees - George Rainford

Honey Bees - Evan Dowsett

Kingfisher Reading Challenge



Bumble Bees:

25 reads: Lucas Goddard

Dormice:

5 reads: Jenson Nealey

10 reads: Dottie-Rose Cook, Lincoln-Jai Ward-Storey

15 reads: Janella Cubagee, Eddie Edmunds

20 reads: Milena Sledz

25 reads: Noah Hunt, Kevin Marino, Eddie Sharp, Archie Wild

30 reads: Reeva Linington, Nela Salamonska, Mila- Rose Tuck

Frogs:

25 reads: Alice Edwards and Zachary Perrin

Hérons:

25 reads: Taylor Busby, Freddy Wild, Jacob Brewer

Writer of the Week



Dormice - Escher Remington

Frogs - Effie Antoni-Turner

Hérons - Jeremiah Cubagee

Kestrels - Ashton Boydell

Badgers - Noah Cargill

Buzzards - Martha Southall

Bumble Bees - Riley Stevens

Honey Bees - Finley Parker

Busy Bees - Khary Wyatt

Mathematician of the Week



Dormice - Dottie-Rose Cook

Frogs - Thomas Sievwright

Hérons - Mia Nealey

Kestrels - Joeli Maritiro

Badgers - Lily Mai Guy

Buzzards - Sasha Razdobarova

Honey Bees - Tommy Gamble-Williams

Bumble Bees - Jake Burnett

PE timetable - Please see changes below

PE Days

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

Otters, Honey Bees, Badgers - Monday

Frogs, Kestrels - Tuesday

Buzzards - Wednesday

Dormice & Herons - Thursday

Bumble Bees & Busy Bees - Friday

Dates to Remember - Term 1



Wednesday 11th October: Rugby Festival for selected pupils

Thursday 12th October: Dormice Longleat Trip

Friday 13th October: Butterflies Nursery Stay & Play 10am-11am

Sunday 15th October: FORMS AGM

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 15 January 2024

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

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a primary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at **wiltshire.gov.uk** or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is

12 midnight, 31 October 2023

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

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

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

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 2023/2024. 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:

30th October 2023

4th January 2024

3rd June 2024

From the Office

Absence: If your child is unwell please let the school know by contacting the office on 01225 703428 or emailing office@rivermead.wilts.sch.uk as soon as possible in the morning

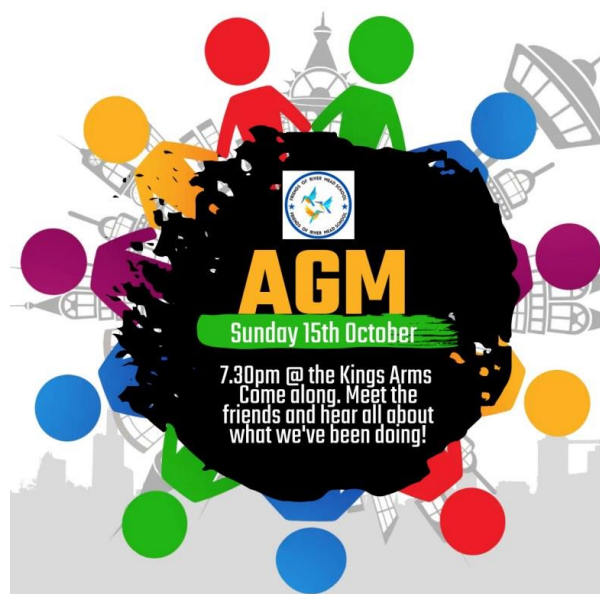
Arbor: Arbor is a great tool to use to update any contact information, choose school meals, and consent to clubs and trips. If you need help with accessing Arbor and how to use it, please pop into the office so we can help!

Meals: The winter menu is now available to make choices for the next 3 terms. Please select choices for term 2 as soon as possible.



<https://forms.office.com/e/vkmTDFvNJm>

Friends of River Mead School



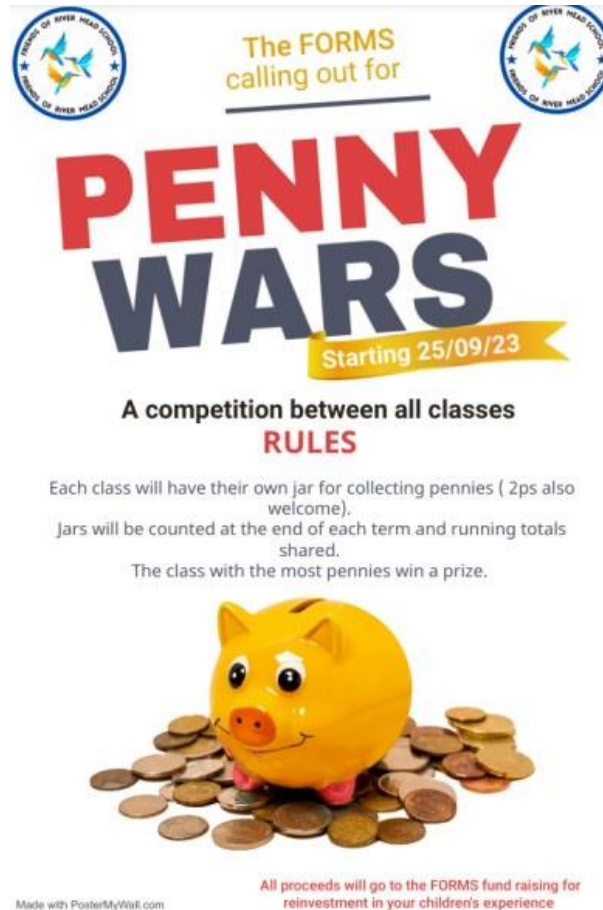
Annual General Meeting

Please join us at our 2023 AGM where we will share what we have done over the past year and our plans for 2023 / 2024. If you have any ideas or have any questions then come along and meet the team. We are always welcoming of anyone that wishes to join us in any capacity so if you are interested or want to know a little more about what we do then come say hi, or drop us an email.

Keep an eye on our Notice Board (outside the main white gates) as well as our Facebook & Instagram pages for plenty of regular updates!

If anyone is interested in taking on a committee role for the year ahead please email the friends email address or speak to the office, Marie or Karli in advance of our meeting. The roles available are - Chair, secretary or treasurer.

Don't forget to keep the unwanted pennies coming for Penny Wars!



Facebook: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1816646455251366/?ref=share>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/friendsofrivermead?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>



Email: rivermeadfriends@gmail.com

NHS MMR Information



102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



9 out of 10 unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Key messages



General

- Over 102,000 children in England (or use regional stats) are starting primary school this term (aged 4-5 years old) at risk of catching measles and becoming seriously unwell ⁽¹⁰²⁰⁰⁰⁾
- Nine out of ten children can catch measles from an infected classmate ⁽⁹⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁾
- One in five children will require a hospital visit if they become unwell with measles ⁽²⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰⁾
- Measles cases are rising across England and are over double the figures from last year
- One in 15 children develop serious complications from a measles infection, which can include meningitis and blindness
- There is no medical treatment for measles; vaccination is the best protection against becoming seriously unwell
- The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and has been used since the early 1980s.
- Over 20 million cases of measles have been prevented since the start of measles vaccination in the UK. Over 4,500 lives have been saved as a result (81 lives per year) ^{source: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/childhood-immunisation/>}
- MMR vaccination is free on the NHS with the first dose being offered when a child is one year and the second at 3 years and 4 months old. This provides long lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella which can cause long term health conditions such as blindness and asthma.
- The evidence is clear; there is no link between the MMR vaccine and autism

Call to action

- If your child has missed their first or second dose of MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.
- If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.
- For adults, it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.
- For more information visit the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/childhood-immunisation/)

Family & Community Learning

A poster for 'Young Carer Activities!' featuring a background of hands holding autumn leaves. The text is in green and orange. It includes a pink circle with 'OCTOBER 2023' and a green circle with 'BOOKING ESSENTIAL'. The title 'YOUNG CARER ACTIVITIES!' is in large green letters, with 'Carer Support Wiltshire' and 'Young Carers' below it. A list of activities follows.

OCTOBER 2023

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

YOUNG CARER ACTIVITIES!
Carer Support Wiltshire
Young Carers

- Christmas Creative Extravaganza: Monday 23 October, online and in person session in Semington. Age 11+
- Online Cooking Sessions: Monday 23 October, two sessions ages 5 - 11 and 11+
- Indoor Climbing: Tuesday 24 October. Age 6 - 10 Location: Corsham.
- Team Building Challenges: Wednesday 25 October. Ages 10 - 14 Location: Lacock.
- Archery & Axe Throwing: Wednesday 25 October, ages 14+ Location: Lacock.
- In person Cooking Workshop: Thursday 26 October, two sessions ages 5 - 11 and 11+ Location: Paxcroft Mead

Find full dates, times and locations:
carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/whats-on

**Booking essential: email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk
or call us on: 0800 181 4118**

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A flyer for Spurgeons, featuring the logo and a list of support services. It includes contact information for Facebook, a phone number, and an email address. A QR code is at the bottom right.

Spurgeons
together with families

Support we offer
We are here to help with a whole range of topics including:

- Ideas around implementing routines and setting boundaries.
- Help to understand your child's needs and build your confidence as a parent.
- Help around finances, housing applications, debt support and accessing benefits.
- Advice on local childcare and applying for funding.
- Supporting you 'back to work'.
- Introductions to other services.

We can help families access:

- Breast pump loan
- Baby Bundles
- Food boxes
- New Parent, New Baby programme
- Healthy Start vitamins

Facebook
Our Spurgeons Wiltshire children's centres Facebook page is another way for families to stay up to date with current services. Make sure you like and follow to stay in touch with us.
Simply click here:

Get in touch with us
If you have any questions or would like more information about our services please call us on one of our numbers below or check out our website:

Freephone:
0800 970 4669
email: wiltshirecc@spurgeons.org

Other useful numbers:
Health visitor - single point of access
0300 247 0090
National Breastfeeding helpline
0300 100 0212
Splitz (domestic abuse support service)
01225 775276
Wiltshire out of hours domestic abuse helpline
01225 712880

Click here to visit our website
<https://www.wiltshirechildrenscentres.org>

Wiltshire Children's Centres
Keeping in Touch
Autumn 2023

Spurgeons
Supporting children's development

Want To Return To Work?

Whatever your reason to return to work, our team are here to support you. Give us a call on 0800 970 4669.

Volunteering

Volunteering can be an excellent way to build your CV. It can also help you to brush up on some key skills and build your confidence.

CV & Letter Writing

We can offer you one to one support with your CV and help you towards your next steps.

We can introduce you to some of our partners for further support.

Knowledge & Skills

Thinking of a new career? What skills do you need to take you there?

Upskill
Free Courses

Want to stay up to date with our sessions, services and partner events? Be sure to like and follow our Spurgeons Wiltshire Children's Centre Facebook page

Don't forget that you can collect **FREE Healthy Start vitamins** from any Spurgeons Wiltshire children's centre.

To apply for the Healthy start scheme click here

If you'd like support with the application process please give us a call on 0800 9070 4669.

Click here to access our activity packs full of loads of ideas of things to do with your little one.

Find out more about the services we provide by clicking on the buttons

PROFESSIONALS

FAMILIES with children 0 - 5

FAMILIES with children 6 - 11

October 2023

FACE
FAMILY ADVICE - COMMUNICATION - EDUCATION

Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Wednesday
18th Oct
18:30 - 19:30
FREE



FREE SESSION

Family Meetings:
Why and How

Monday
2nd Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

Why teens think, feel and behave differently from adults

Monday
23rd Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Understanding Anger

Yours and theirs - what is anger, why do we feel it and how can we manage it?

Thursday
26th Oct
18:30 - 20:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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


**Friday 29th September -
Friday 20th October 2023**

1.00pm - 2.00pm

1:1 support available to join online sessions

What's on

October Half Term Activities at Melksham Library

Friday 20 th 2.30pm		Stories in the Dust Family Show Age 5+
Monday 23 rd 11am		Parachute Games for 3-8 year olds
Tuesday 24 th 10am		Teddy Bear Stories plus special guest
Tuesday 24 th 11am		Baby Rhyme Time
Thursday 26 th 11am		Toddler Rhyme Time
Thursday 26 th 2pm		Guide Dog visit
Friday 27 th 10.30am		Author Ben Harte Storytime & activities for pre-schoolers. Do you know the colours of the rainbow?
Saturday 28 th 11am		Spooky Stories & crafts
Saturday 28 th 2pm-4pm		Lego Club

Halloween Picture Trail on all week!

Booking essential for all activities except for rhyme times: email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk or call us on 01225 702032



Wiltshire Council

TROWBRIDGE APPLE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2023
11AM - 3PM • FREE ENTRY



EMMANUEL'S YARD TROWBRIDGE

APPLE PRESSING & TASTING
LIVE MUSIC • FOOD & DRINK • TRADITIONAL GAMES
CRAFTS & STALLS

We are a plastic-free event

ORGANISERS: THE BIG COMMUNITY GROW (Registered Charity: 1169927)

Can you make the best apple pie or cake?

Please use British apples and fair-trade ingredients

THE GREAT APPLE BAKE OFF

Anyone can enter!
Children and adults
Judging at Frowbridge Apple Festival
Entries must be submitted by 12pm on 7th October 2023
Emmanuel's Yard

ORGANISERS:
THE BIG COMMUNITY GROW
Registered Charity 1169927

Braeside Education Centre



October Half Term Activity Days!

£36 per day

Adventure - Challenge - Fun

For ages: 8 – 12 years
(Siblings up to 14 years)

Drop Off - 8:30am – 9:00am
Pick Up - 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Thursday 19th – Climbing Day
Climbing Wall, Zip Wire and Abseiling



Friday 20th – Mixed Activity Day
Archery, Life Line, Low Ropes, Bouldering



Monday 23rd – High Ropes Day
Leap of Faith, Crate Stack, High All Aboard, Parallel Poles



Tuesday 24th – Canoeing
GPS, Problem Solving Games



Please book online by visiting
www.braeside-education.co.uk/holiday-club

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

Braeside Education Centre

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



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**ACTIVE
KIDS
CAMP**

WWW.ACTIVETROWBRIDGE.CO.UK

WEEK DAYS 19TH - 27TH OCTOBER 2023 AT THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL
STANDARD DAY 9AM - 3PM £19.80 EXTENDED DAY 8AM - 4PM £24.60

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED EXCLUDES BANK HOLIDAYS



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**GIRLS
FOOTBALL**

THURSDAY 26th
OCTOBER
JOHN OF GAUNT

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY

£19.80

8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY

£24.60



5 - 14 YEARS

KIT: TRAINERS, PACKED LUNCH,
REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED



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October Half Term

23rd - 25th OCTOBER
JOHN OF GAUNT
MON - WED

9AM - 3PM STANDARD DAY
£19.80
8AM - 4PM EXTENDED DAY
£24.60



5 - 14 YEARS

KIT: TRAINERS, PACKED LUNCH,
REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED



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THE PE & SPORTS PROJECT

FROM
£12
A DAY
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

HALF TERM SPORT CAMP

ST PETER'S CE ACADEMY
LORDS MEAD, CHIPPENHAM SN14 0LL
RECEPTION - YEAR 6 - 9:00 - 3:00

TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS, FENCING,
CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY, ULTIMATE FRIZBEE, CRICKET,
MUSICAL THEATRE, DODGEBALL, ATHLETICS
AND MORE

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

[THE-SPORTS-PROJECT.CLASSFORKIDS.CO.UK/CAMP/33](https://the-sports-project.classforkids.co.uk/camp/33)

CLICK ON THE LINK OR COPY IT INTO YOUR BROWSER
TO BOOK.

EARLY BIRD INDIVIDUAL DAYS £16
DISCOUNT 5 DAY BLOCK £60
AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH

INDIVIDUAL DAYS £18
5 DAY BLOCK £80

The PE & Sports Project uses elite level coaching practice, to provide the children with a fun, engaging, successful and positive experience.

We use our advanced 'exploration-discovery-competition' model to give the children the independence and responsibility to think and to solve problems for themselves whilst supporting and encouraging their development in a wide range of different sports.

t: 0117 382 8444
e: info@thesportsproject.org

DESTINY AFRICA
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

3pm Wednesday October 25th

Spencer Sports & Social Club
Beanacre Rd., Melksham SN12 8AG



Dance, Drama, Drums and Song

Merchandise, Donations, Sponsorship

TICKETS from Ticket Tailor - <https://bit.ly/DA-Tickets>

Adults - £10, Seniors - £8, Children 4-16 - £6, Under 4's free on knee

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THE LAST POST



Fri 20th October 2023 - 7.30pm

Saturday 21st October 2023 - 2.30pm

Saturday 21st October 2023 - 7.30pm

'One of the best things I've ever seen! ★★★★★'



The Mission Theatre,
32 Corn Street, Bath, BA1 1UF
Bath Box Office: 01225 463362
www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

Tickets
£12

www.hobgoblintheatrecompany.co.uk



THE LAST POST



Saturday 11th November 2023

3pm & 7.30pm

'One of the best things I've ever seen! ★★★★★'



The Wharf Theatre
The Wharf, Devizes, SN10 1EB
0333 666 3366
www.wharftheatre.co.uk

Tickets
£8-12

www.hobgoblintheatrecompany.co.uk