

Link to school website: <https://meareprimary.co.uk>

Dear Families

Thank you all so much for your kind donations of chocolates and gifts for the fair! Our next Non-Uniform Day is Friday 13 June and donations for our bottle tombola would be gratefully received.

Our children are getting familiarised all the time with their new teachers - we are spending some of our weekly Friendship Time getting to know our new cohorts and classes. By the time Moving Up Day comes about, we hope all children will feel really happy 😊 We are also looking forward to welcoming our new families to the school in July for Stay and Play!

As you will see later on in this newsletter, we have some **fantastic school development news** that will support so many of our children across the school... Read on to find out more! 🌟

Finally, please come along to our **Parent Forum** on Wednesday 18 June at 5.30pm to learn more about the ongoing and escalating dangers of children going online. You are very welcome to **bring friends** who do not attend school who are keen to find out more...

Very best wishes
Ms Isherwood

ATTENDANCE:

	Pips %	Seedlings %	Blossoms%	Blooms %
W/C 19/5/25	95.45	93.75	95.45	96.15
W/C 2/6/25	90.91	93.10	90.34	97.22

Today a seedling - tomorrow a flower

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If you are late (after 8.40am when the gates shut), you must bring your child to reception to sign them in for their safety. Please do not let your child come in by themselves after 8.40am.

Safeguarding

The safety and welfare of all children is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare or safety please speak to any of these people immediately. To report a child or an adult at risk, including weekends and public holidays please call Somerset Direct on: 0300 123 2224. The NSPCC also has an advice line available on: 0800 800 5000. Please visit: www.cypsomersethealth.org, which is the Somerset Wellbeing Framework for useful links for the health and wellbeing of Somerset families and young people.



Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms Isherwood



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
are Mrs Taylor and Mrs Noel



Our Safeguarding Governor is Dr Gutteridge

Concerns: parents' views are taken seriously at Meare. Almost all issues between parents and school are dealt with informally, simply by parents talking through their concerns with their class teacher or relevant school staff. Approach them and explain your concern to them. Suggest an action you would like to happen and we will be happy to work with you to find a solution.

If you feel things have not been adequately resolved, please read our Complaints Procedure <https://meareprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Complaints.pdf>



Wednesday 18th June, 5.30pm

Parent Forum: the real and present dangers of children going online



All parents welcome

(This is not suitable for children to attend)

To present to families real-life experiences from a school perspective about children's access to the internet; to explain in detail how going on social media REALLY works and the content children become exposed to; to allow parents to share their experiences and concerns in an open and safe capacity.

All families, **and friends of families**, very welcome to join us in the school hall: **Wednesday 18 June 5.30pm**
Tea and cake provided

(*This is not suitable for children to attend*)



Diary Dates



Monday 19 May - 7 July	Yrs 5 and 6 Swimming at Millfield
Thursday 12 June	Seedlings visit to Rural Life Museum
Friday 13 June	Non-uniform day - items for summer fair bottle tombola
Tuesday 17 June	Return sponsorship money to school
Wednesday 18 June	Athlete visit - children to come to school in PE kit 5.30-6.30pm Parent Forum: The real and present dangers of children using the internet
Thursday 19 June	Blossoms Forest School
Friday 20 June	Whole school trip - Wells Theatre
Thursday 26th June 9-12.30	Sports' Day
Friday 27 June	INSET
Monday 30 June	INSET
Wednesday 2 July	Moving up day
Thursday 3 July 1.30-2.30pm	Seedlings Forest School Stay and Play new Reception starters
Friday 4 July 3.30-6pm	Summer Fair - please bring donations for cake stall to school in the morning. Please label ingredients for home made cakes.
Wednesday 9 July 2-3pm	Information session for new Reception parents/ Stay and play for new Reception starters
Thursday 10 July	Pips Forest School
Thursday 17 July 1.30-3pm and 6-7.30pm	Blossoms and Blooms Summer Production
Wednesday 23 July 11am	Leavers' Assembly
	Children may be collected at 1.30pm please let the office know if you will be collecting at 1.30pm
Tuesday 2 September	INSET
Wednesday 3 September	Back to school
Wednesday 3-Friday 5 September	8.30am-12.30pm New Reception starters



Meare Village Primary School Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year



September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
M	1	8	15	22	29		Mo	6	13	20	27		M	3	10	17	24			
Tu	2	9	16	23	30		Tu	7	14	21	28		Tu	4	11	18	25			
W	3	10	17	24			We	1	8	15	22	29	W	5	12	19	26			
Th	4	11	18	25			Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th	6	13	20	27			
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Sa	6	13	20	27			Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29		
Su	7	14	21	28			Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30		
December 2025							January 2026							February 2026						
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March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
- Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
- Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
- Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
- Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
- Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

Mrs Beverly Hecks... is retiring!

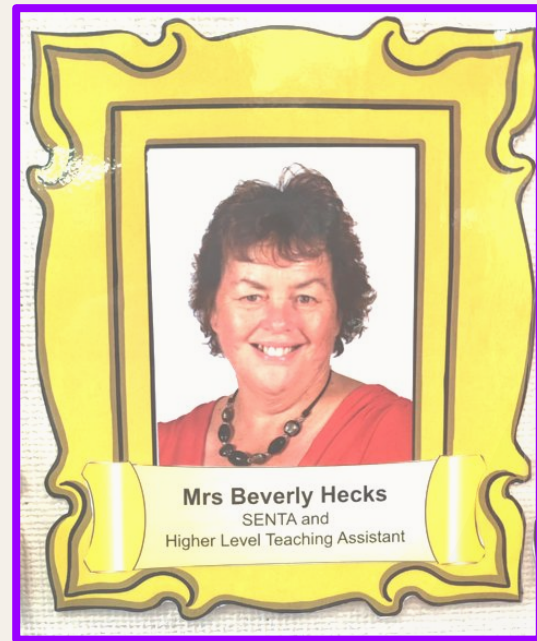


Our much-valued and long-serving member of staff, Mrs Beverly Hecks, is retiring from her role here at Meare at the end of this academic year!

We will be so sad to see her go!

As you know from the newsletter in April this year, Beverly is currently the longest-standing member of staff at our school, having served over 25 years of her career with us.

I am sure many members of our school community will find the time to bid her a fond farewell and best wishes for her future.

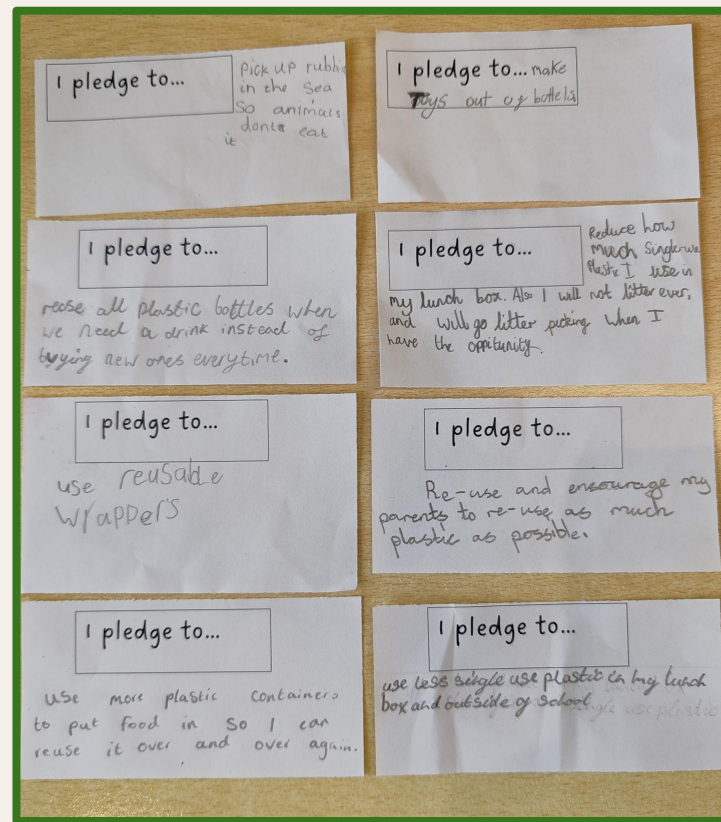


Environmental Awareness

This week, we have been learning about World Environment Day where we made a school pledge to make a small change that makes a BIG difference in helping our environment.

For World Oceans Day on Monday 9 June, we made individual pledges after reading the story about the sea creatures that were infested with plastic in their ocean.

What can you do at home to make a small difference? Maybe you can make a pledge as a family to make a little change to reduce plastic waste?



Meare & Westhay Fundraiser News!

As many of you know, our school was approached by the Meare & Westhay Ladies Group about fundraising for the school. The Fair was held on 17 May at the local park and I can now share the brilliant news that they raised:

£900 FOR THE SCHOOL!

Our School Council were particularly keen on raising money for a permanent school playground fixture: a slide on the school field!



Everyone at Meare Village Primary School is incredibly grateful to the Ladies' Group for organising the event, and for all those who supported the event.

THANK YOU!!!

SEND News

▼ You should have received your child's recent APDR document by email.

If you have not already done so, please share your views by clicking on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/D1z3SfJYRr>

It is really helpful to have your views, as it provides us with additional information that enables us to better support your child.

If you have any questions about the APDR document, or would like to discuss this, please contact your child's class teacher.

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Exciting news!

We have been selected to take part in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in schools project.

Our first parent / carer session will be held at school on Wednesday 25th June 11:00 - 12:30.

We would love for you to be able to join us.

More information to follow.



Partnership for
Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in
Schools

EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT SCHOOL!

At Meare, we are proud of our strong and dedicated team. We were able to inform you early with our 2025-26 teaching structure as we are again retaining all our teaching staff going forward into next year.

I am now pleased to announce other staffing posts for September.

Our SENDCo, Mrs Polly Slade, has made such a positive impact on our school community this year, making a difference to many families by supporting them with her knowledge and expertise in SEND. As of September her time in school will be increasing to **2 days per week as SENDCo**. Getting provision and support right for children with SEND gets provision right for ALL children in our school, and we are fortunate to be able to make this happen.

Mrs Heidi Kingdon, our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant), Mental Health Lead, Parent and Family Support Advisor (PFSA) will be given a new title of **Pastoral Lead**. Whilst she will continue carrying out the roles listed above, Mrs Kingdon will no longer work in classrooms, but from The Cabin!

We are in the process of completely re-developing this space to become a base for Mrs Kingdon to work directly with children who may need a short time away from the classroom to decompress or regulate, to complete their work or activities, then enable them to return successfully back with their peers. This adds to Meare's nurturing and inclusive ethos: by recognising that children learn in different ways, and that all behaviour is a form of communication, we are opening up another space for children to learn and be successful within the school grounds. Work on The Cabin commences mid-June and will be ready for September!



SUMMER FAIR 2025

Dear Families

The Summer Fair will be held on Friday 4 July 3.30-6pm.

If you would like to have a stall at the summer fair please contact the school office.

If you are able to lend the school a gazebo for the fair please also contact the school office.

Thank you to those of you that have come forward and offered to help.

Ms Isherwood

MEARE VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR 2025



Friday 4 July
3.30 – 6pm

*Come and join us for plenty of
fun for the family!*



*Entertainment
from the
children!*



*Yummy food
and drinks!*



*Fun games
to play!*

*BGG raffle
prizes!*

Music

*Enterprise
Stall!*



CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL?

Do you like socialising?

Are you good at organising events?

Do you like working in a team?

We are looking to grow our team of Parent Helpers so that we can continue to raise money for the school for special projects!

There are many events that schools like ours put on that not only bring the community together and are super-fun, but raise vital funds for particular school improvement projects.

What events could you put on?

The list is endless!

*Bingo... Film nights... Discos... Fetes... Silent Auctions... Quiz Nights... Board
Game Nights... Bake Sales... Raffles... Concerts... Read-a-thons...
Walk-a-thons... Clothes swaps... Karaoke Night...*

Contact the School Office on 01458 860228 or
office@meare.school to express your interest.

Our staff would very much appreciate your support!



Meare Village Primary School

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NOTICE BOARD

We have been kindly donated a pair of Clarks shoes. They are brand new and a size 4. If anyone would like these please contact the school office.



Plan C Training

New Classes

St Benedict's Junior School Glastonbury

Monday Evenings

Martial Arts & Self Defence for all the family

Yoji (3 to 9 years old) 5:15-6pm
Kohai (10 years and over) 6-7pm
Ladies Only Self Defence 7-8pm

Book your place by following this QR code and get your first **TWO WEEKS FREE**

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes. This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child.

Call us on **01823 356 903**

Fill in our online form www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice

Contact us via email choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk or scan the QR code

Do you have odd jobs that need doing? Are you after a handy-person to fix something up? Have you got a garden that could do with some upkeep?



Please contact school on 01458860228 or office@meare.school if you have and we can direct you to someone looking. Thank you!

It all starts with... ALLSTARS

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for 5-8 year olds.

All kids are guaranteed to develop new skills while having fun and making friends.

Participants receive a personalised backpack of goodies including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

PQA WELLS

EMERALD CITY EXTRAVAGANZA

SHOW IN A WEEK

18TH - 22ND AUGUST

EMAIL: LUCY.PAYNE@PQACADEMY.COM

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OF PERFORMANCE ARTS
IT'S YOURSELF BE AMAZING

This is our game.

Calling all 9-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamics Cricket is an exciting way for kids to play, learn cricket skills and make new friends.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today!

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JOY IN MOTION

Disco Class

Exercise that makes you happy

Silent disco fitness in nature | All welcome

Tues 12:30pm
Sat 11am Glastonbury

- Launches Tues 1st April
- 1st weeks by donation
- Booking by email essential: joyinmotionuk@gmail.com
- Side of Tor location - info on booking

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NOTICE BOARD

**Beech Catering
KS2 meal prices
increasing to
£2.75 from June.**

This is in the playing field and any money raised will be used for another piece of equipment for the play area .

Currently £50 a month is raised from a few households so if everyone did it how amazing would that be?



Looking for a worthwhile family challenge that's fun and free?

Become a member of our team for the day and come along to help us here at The Bishop's Palace and Gardens. Tasks may include:

- Welcoming visitors
- Plaque polishing
- Gardening

Two sessions each day 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 3pm.
Priority will be given to families of school age children who have not had the opportunity to visit us before. To book email:
gemma.palmer@bishopsplace.org.uk

To enhance our community focus, we are contacting you from your local leisure centre to invite the staff and parents of your school to make use of a complimentary pass* at our Leisure Centre in Street, Glastonbury, Wells and Frome.

Whether it be a free Gym Session, Lane Swim, or Group Exercise class, we would be keen to welcome you and up to three guests.

We believe this offer will provide a valuable chance for relaxation and fitness in our community.

Follow the free pass link, and our team will respond to each request promptly.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope this initiative fosters greater community engagement.

*Adults only may apply

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Fusion Lifestyle are committed to gym%2C or have a swim%2C entirely for FREE%21



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DRINKS CANS ONLY
RECYCLING THESE CANS RAISES MONEY
FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE YOUTH OF
OUR PARISH- THANK YOU ☺

Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to
*Akeyliah, Honor, Dio,
Jenny, Angus and Isla*
for their Certificate of
Excellence - *this is going
out to children who have
put in 100% effort in
handwriting and
presentation in their work
or for a significant
improvement in
something specific.*
6.6.25



Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to
**Mani, Isaac, Albie, Alana,
Winnie, Asa, Poppy,
Rufus, Nahla, Oakley and
Henry**

for their Certificate of
Excellence - *this is going
out to children who have
put in 100% effort in
handwriting and
presentation in their work
or for a significant
improvement in
something specific.*
6.6.25



Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to
*Rufus, Isaac, Arlo and
Albert*
for being our Play
Champions this week -
*this is going out to
children who have been
selected by our House
Captains for showing
kindness and being a good
friend on the playground.*

6.6.25



Let's Celebrate!



A huge congratulations to those of you who have been awarded a Ready, Respectful, Safe Award these past two weeks. You're all cooking on gas, keep up the amazing work!



6/6/25

Blooms: Freya, Rufus, Bertha, Siena, Audrey, Stan, Sam, Olive, Henry

Blossoms: Jenny and Buddy

Seedlings: Alana

Pips: Evie and Dio

Little Starlings



After-school Club

3.15pm - 5pm £11.50

Jewellery Making, Lego, Puzzles, Sewing,
Face paint, Gardening, Board Games, Loom
Bands, Cross Stitch & More

Enquiries/Bookings

Tel: 01458 781595 WhatsApp: 07596 918927

Email: littlestarlingsmeare@outlook.com

www.littlestarlingsmeare.co.uk

Summer Holiday Club

24th July - 2nd September
Sand & water play,
fun in the sun
& summer themed activities!

Bookings Also Open for;

October half term: Friday 24th – Friday 31st October