Date: 23 September 2025

Newsletter

Link to school website:

https://meareprimary.co.uk

Link to Facebook: Meare Village
Primary School

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=6 1551313980171



Dear Families

We are firmly into the first term and the children are well-versed in their routines across the school. Even our Pips can tidy up in record time now!

It's been super to welcome new children to Breakfast Club - do take advantage of our free voucher in this newsletter! They are really enjoying eating breakfast, socialising and playing before the day begins.

Our first event of the year for families to attend is our **Harvest Festival on Tues**day 7th October in the hall. We hope you can come along (see the list of donations further on that you can donate to the food bank).

Our on-site Outdoor Learning area on the field has been cleared by Mr Richard and is being used! This is great news for the children who love to learn outside... Blooms have already been out to create woodland sprites!

Finally, here is a useful poster for families to understand Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium Explained - poster for parents October 2024 (002).pptx Historically, our school has achieved exceptional result for our Pupil Premium cohort - if you think you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please ask the office for a form, or you can quickly apply online: Early Years pupil premium information for parents Best wishes.

Ms Isherwood

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: 0808 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. If you have a safeguarding concern, or need to contact the school's Safeguarding Team in

the school holidays, please email

safeguarding@meare.school

Our

Designated

Safeguarding

Lead is Ms

Isherwood



Our Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads are Mrs
Taylor and
Mrs Noel



Our Safeguarding Governor is Dr Gutteridge



The School Code of Conduct is an important document that outlines how we expect people to behave on our school site. We all have a duty to be good role models at school - please take the time to read it on our school website (*Parent Page*, *Useful Information*). code of conduct school community[3023].docx

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike. We will take action where necessary.

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

Diary Dates

Monday 22-Tuesday 23 September	Bikeability - Year 6
Wednesday 24 September 8.30-10am	PINs Coffee Morning
Thursday 25 September 9.30-10am	Prospective Reception Parents open session
Tuesday 30 September	Individual school photos
Wednesday 1 October 3.30-6pm	Parents' evening
Thursday 2 October 3.30-6pm	Parents' evening
Friday 3 October 9.30-10am	Prospective Reception Parents open session
Monday 6 October 3.30pm	Residential information session for Year 5 and Year 6 parents - Blooms class
Tuesday 7 October 9am	Harvest Assembly in school hall families welcome to join Donations to hall please
5.30pm	Prospective Reception Parents open session
Wednesday 22 October	Y6 to Wells Literacy Festival, Cedars Hall
Thursday 23 October	Disco
Friday 24 October	INSET

SEND News





Come to The Potting Shed after dropping off your children.

All welcome!

We will be looking at the Somerset Graduated Response.

We are delighted to share our parent group which is part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend).

We will be joined by reps from Somerset Parent Carer Forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

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Wednesday 24th September 8:30 to 10:00 Parent Coffee Session



Pastoral News

As part of the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools Project (PINS), we have some online training available to parents / carers:

- Sleep Challenges in Children - This session will discuss some of the common issues and strategies that can be used to support your child. There will be an opportunity to discuss your personal challenges around sleep and come up with an action plan.

Booking Link: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams

 Autism and Eating Difficulties - Covering sensory sensitivities and their role in eating; the role of anxiety in eating, the difficulties we usually see and strategies that work to help a child.

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Please see the link below for the MHST Autumn Webinar Booklet, which outlines a range of sessions available that all parents / carers can attend: https://bit.ly/AutumnWebinars25

School Photos

The photographer will be in school to take individual pupil photos on the morning of **Tuesday 30 September**. If you would like your *OUT OF SCHOOL* siblings to be photographed, please bring them to the school hall at 8.20am.

All children will have their individual photo taken during school time.

If you would like younger <u>non-pupil</u> siblings to be photographed together with their sibling, please come to the school hall at 8.20am.





Harvest Assembly Tuesday 7 October at 9am in the School Hall



Our Harvest celebrations will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 7 October at 9.30am, which you are all welcome to join us.

We will be collecting food items to donate to the food bank in Glastonbury. Please can we ask that you **bring in any donations of food on the Tuesday and not before.**

Below is a list of suggested items required by the foodbank:

- Tea
- Coffee
- UHT Milk
- Long-life Non-dairy Milk
- Squash
- Breakfast Cereal
- Instant Porridge
- Porridge Oats
- Marmalade
- Marmite
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Cereal Bars
- Sugar
- Rice (1kg bags)
 - e.g. rice/pasta packets
- Tinned Chickpeas/Lentils
- Tinned Spaghetti / Macaroni
- Tinned Meat Meals
- Tinned Meat ham, luncheon meat, corned beef, spam
- Tinned Fish

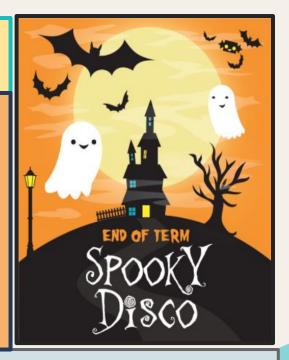
- Tinned Fruit all types e.g. mandarins, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail
- Instant Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Desserts Angel Delight, jelly cubes
- Marmalade
- Marmite
- Biscuits
- Crackers
- Cereal Bars
- Sugar
- Rice (1kg bags)
- Microwave Rice
- Pasta
- Microwave Rice
- Pasta
- Instant Mash
- Gravy Granules
- Pot Noodle
 - Vegan Meals Ready Meals



PTA

SAVE THE DATE!Halloween Disco!

School Hall
Thursday 23 October
Times 5-5.45pm Pips/Seedlings
6-7pm Blossoms/Blooms
Tickets available to buy from the school office from Monday 22
September... £2.50
Please contact the school office if you are able to help.



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 Clubs

PUPIL PREMIUM:

Children who are allocated Pupil Premium are entitled to take up **1 FREE CLUB PER TERM** (school-run club, not outside provision). They are also entitled to free school milk which they are offered each day.



FREE
VOUCHER
FOR ALL
FAMILIES:

Please use this FREE voucher to try our Breakfast Club!

NOTICE BOARD



Junior Cross Country Races at Millfield Prep and Downside School - Mendip Junior League

Races will be for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 boys and girls. Races will be split into 3 /4 and 5 /6.

Dates: Tuesday 30 September at Millfield Prep Tuesday 4 November at Downside School (4pm start tbc)

Mrs Dutfield will be there to meet the children with their parents at the venues.





25TH OCT 2025 HUTTON MOOR

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NOTICE BOARD

Open Evening 2025



Thursday 25th September 6.00pm - 8.00pm



'Come and see what makes our school such a great place to be.'

To register your interest in attending, please email: secretary@stdunstans.mnsp.ord Or visit our website: www.stdunstans



St Dunstan's offers an exceptional learning experience, blending academic rigour with a caring, supportive community.

We believe every child deserves the chance to shine.

Why Choose St Dunstan's School?

- Good outcomes for students
- High quality teaching from excellent teachers
 Strong Pastoral Provision
- · Ambition for all students to achieve their very best
- Friendly students with a strong sense of community
 Excellent links with local primary schools allowing for a thorough and
- supportive transition process

 High standards and expectations for all students

 Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, meaning we have all the
- Part of the windsorner notion schools partnership, meaning we have all the benefits of a small school, with all the advantages of being in a large partnership
- Careers support and guidance across both key stages, supporting transition from school to next steps
- Extra curricular programme and enrichment provision



At St Dunstan's, we're deeply committed to empowering every child to reach their full academic potential, inspire positive change within the community, and confidently step into the world, ready to make a lasting impact.





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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 <u>office@meare.school</u> if you have and we can direct you to someone looking. Thank you!

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: <u>littlestarlingsmeare@outlook.com</u>

www.littlestarlingsmeare.co.uk

Holiday Club Dates & Themes 25-26

Halloween and Harvest Friday 24th October – Friday 31st October

Love & Family Ionday 16th February – Monday 23rd Februa

Spring

Tuesday 7th April – Friday 17th April

Puzzles & Games

Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May

Festivals

Friday 26th June – Monday 29th June

Summer Holidays from Thursday 23rd July

*E35 session is from 8.30am-3.30pm and applies to ages 5 and over, no discounts can be used with thi offer, we are expecting places to go quickly so book early to avoid disappointment

