

Date: 9 September 2025

Newsletter

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<https://meareprimary.co.uk>

Link to Facebook: **Meare Village
Primary School**

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

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Dear Families

Welcome back to school! It has been a joyous few days back: the children look really happy and smart; playtimes have been fun on the field; and our newest Pips have settled in well and quickly. There is a lot to look forward to!

As you can see, we have changed the format of the newsletter to 'portrait' based on feedback from parents that it is easier to read on a device or mobile phone. I hope it is better - do let me know if there are any other tweaks we can make...

Please remember to read the newsletter as it contains useful information! This is where you will find dates for your diary and updates on school developments.

Our biggest development has been the Cabin, now renamed The Potting Shed, to fit in with our school vision. There are some pictures further along in this newsletter under 'Pastoral'. It has already been well-utilised as another nurturing space and we are thrilled with the way it looks now and how we have been able to re-design a space for a brilliant new purpose.

There is a free voucher for Breakfast Club for ALL CHILDREN in this newsletter! Please use it so that it gives you more time in the mornings. Wishing you all a very happy start to this new academic year,

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](#)



What is the Online Safety Act and how will it impact children?



<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/what-online-safety-act-and-how-will-it-impact-children>

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

Wednesday 10-Friday 12 8.30am-3.15pm	New Reception starters
Monday 15 September	Flu vaccinations
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
Wednesday 22 October	Y6 to Wells Literacy Festival, Cedars Hall
Thursday 23 October	Disco
Friday 24 October	INSET

SEND News



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.

Our next PINS coffee morning with the Parent Carer Forum, school SENCO and Pastoral Lead is:

Wednesday 24th September

8.45am

All welcome!

We will be looking at the Somerset Graduated Response.

Pastoral News

We have a new section on the website called *Personal Development*. This is where we are capturing everything we offer in school beyond the classroom. Take a look! [Personal Development - Meare Village Primary School](#)

Welcome to The Potting Shed!



The Zones of Regulation Digital Curriculum

Concept	Vocabulary	Icon	Definition	Example Sentence
1	Regulate		To adjust, manage, or control something so it works well.	When I'm hungry, I regulate by eating a snack.



The Zones of Regulation is a framework designed to help children understand and manage their emotions and self regulation skills. This will be taught to all children across the school this year with Years 1 - 6 beginning their lessons this week! The first concept being taught is 'What is Regulation?' Keep an eye out for The Zones Bridge document which will help you incorporate the Zones at home.



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!

Governors

Our school Governors welcomed in the new academic year with our staff on the Inset Day, sharing their roles and responsibilities, and how they support our school and its community.

We welcome **Sarah Gosset** as Co-Chair Of Governors alongside **Dr Adam Gutteridge**. **Emma Mitchell** is now Vice-Chair of Governors; we are very grateful for her time and dedication to the school during her tenure as Chair. **Li Locke** and **Jane Turland** (who joined in September) make up the team!

**Sarah
Gosset**



**Adam
Gutteridge**



**Emma
Mitchell**



**Jane
Turland**



**Li
Locke**



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.

***** VOUCHER *****



For one FREE breakfast club
session 8-8.30am

Contact the office to book your session

For use before 24 October 2025!!



**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.

NOTICE BOARD

Open Evening 2025

 **St Dunstan's School**
GLASTONBURY

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.mmsp.org.uk
Or visit our website: www.stdunstansschool.com



 **St Dunstan's School**
GLASTONBURY

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 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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MEARE JUMBLE TRAIL

Sunday 14th September

12 noon to 4pm

Refreshments will be available in the

Church Rooms

Hosted by

Meare Parish Activities Group

Sell from your own driveway

To get on the map please email

madaboutspaniels@yahoo.com

phone 01458 860000

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!

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



*£35 per
day

Enquiries/Bookings

Tel: 01458 781595 WhatsApp: 07596 918927

Email: littlestarlingsmeare@outlook.com

www.littlestarlingsmeare.co.uk

Holiday Club Dates & Themes 25-26

Halloween and Harvest

Friday 24th October – Friday 31st October

Love & Family

Monday 16th February – Monday 23rd February

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

*£35 session is from 8.30am-3.30pm and applies to ages 5 and over, no discounts can be used with this offer, we are expecting places to go quickly so book early to avoid disappointment