

December 2025

Newsletter

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Meare Village Primary School

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News and Events



Dear Families

This is the last newsletter before the Christmas Holidays! We've had yet another busy and successful term with Blossoms museum trip, Seedlings and Art Council Bishop Palace trip, winning the largest exhibit in the competition against other schools, numerous cake sales, The Nativity, Christmas Carol singing, the Christmas Fair, Christmas Service in the church - all this around lots of fabulous learning in the classrooms. No wonder we are in need of a break!

Your kind donations raised a whopping £1352.39 at the Fair! What an incredible amount! Thank you to the PHT for all their hard work - Jade Geatches, Clare Whitcombe, Zoe Masterson, Gemma McMillan, & Sarah Barry. Thanks also to DJ Rebbie, Avalon Star Mobile Disco.

There is a large amount of unnamed lost property including coats. Please check to see if any items belong to your child. Any items remaining will be recycled during the Christmas break.

Please see photos of the Nativity on the next page - the children were fantastic! They sang and danced and acted their hearts out and should be very proud... Not all children would have found that easy, but they all had a go and were very brave.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a brilliant New Year.

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

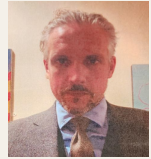
Our
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead is [Ms
Isherwood](#)



Our Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads are [Mrs
Taylor and
Mrs Noel](#)



Our
Safeguarding
Governor is
[Dr Gutteridge](#)



Safeguarding Children over the Christmas and New Year period

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[- Safeguarding Support](#)

Christmas can be a joyous time for many but it can also create a time of uncertainty for families around finances, isolation and routines to name a few things. This website has many links to support if you think you need it or if someone you know needs it.

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

Tuesday 16 December 9.30am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 16 December 2pm	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Lunch and Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 December 8.45am	David Shapter, new owner of Little Starlings - school hall
Friday 19 December 1.30pm	Children may be collected at 1.30pm from outside classrooms
Monday 5 January	Back to school
Wednesday 11 February	Pips Class trip to Museum of Somerset
Friday 24 April	Rags2Riches collection day

IMPORTANT:

Please now book your school meals for the Spring Term on MCAS. January 30 is Chinese New Year meal, please select this menu from the drop down.

Pips Class has a trip on Wednesday 11 February. Please Select the school trip menu from the drop down.

SEND News

In the New Year, you will receive your child's APDR Outcomes by email.

We would really value your views on how you feel your child is doing in school. Please could you complete the short questionnaire, using the link below

[APDR Parental Views - December 2025 – Fill in form](#)

If you would like to discuss these further, please contact your child's class teacher.

FREE Parent and Carer Workshops: Talking to your children and teens about their bodies, feelings and relationships

What's This Session About?

Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships with your SEND child or teen can feel overwhelming—but you're not alone.

Each session will be a safe space for parents and carers to be seen, valued and heard. You only need to attend **ONE** workshop:

In person: 26th February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, **1pm—2:45pm**

Online (live only): 11th February 2026, **7pm-9pm** (please login by 6:55pm)

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

about their bodies, feelings and Relationships – Fill in form

For further enquiries please email:

admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk



Pastoral News



The Young Somerset Wellbeing Support Team recently came to Meare Primary School to deliver “How I Shine” workshops for some of the children across KS2. We have had fantastic feedback from the children, their parents and Young Somerset who described the children as ‘**a real credit to the school with their behaviour and attitude to the sessions**’

Mindline Somerset is Open 24/7 for Christmas

No matter what challenges Christmas might bring, remember that you’re not alone. **Mindline Somerset 24/7** is here to support you during the festive season and beyond. Reach out for mental health support at any time of the day or night and get the help you need when you need it.

Mindline is a confidential service and provides a safe place to talk if you or someone you know is experiencing mental health difficulties. Talking through difficult feelings can often be the first step in feeling a little better.

No problem is too small, and you’re not wasting anyone’s time. Call Mindline Somerset locally on **01823 276 892** or freephone **0800 138 1692**.

Alternatively, **Mindline Live Web Chat** is available on the Open Mental Health website every day from 8 pm to 11 pm.

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>

READING

70 years ago, this woman **changed the course of History** with one **brave and defiant** act. There are many books for children, which can help us to share this powerful story with our young citizens. Click on the image for more books about bravery in the face of discrimination.



GUESS THE TEACHERS' FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS STORY ...



Ms Isherwood, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Outfield, Mrs Hooper, Miss Veal Mrs Morgan-Parry and Mrs Noel have all got a favourite Christmas book. Can you guess whose is whose?!



Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to
Lilly
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.

28/11/25





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Congratulations to
Noah, Caden, Daegun, Hazel, Etta, Winnie and Evie
for their Certificate of Excellence!

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5/12/25





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Congratulations to

Brooke, Lily, Jasmine and Ruairi

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.*

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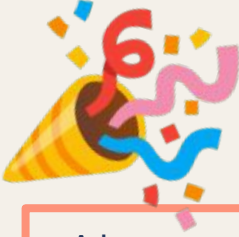
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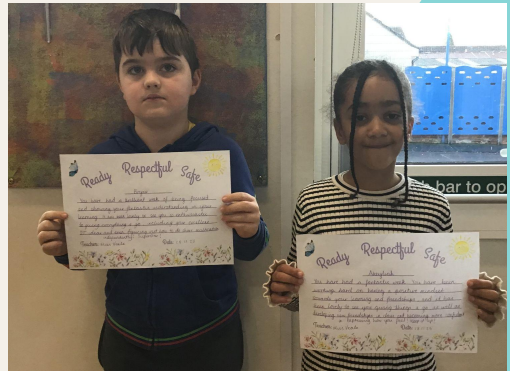
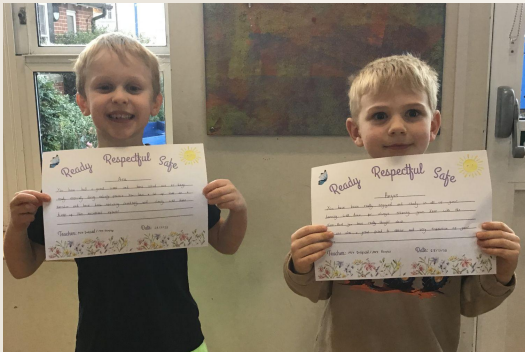
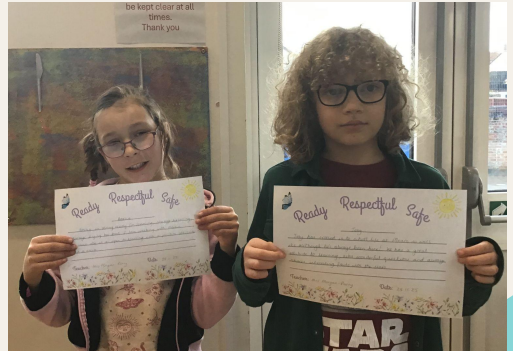
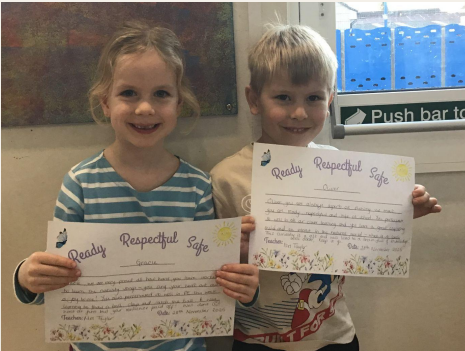
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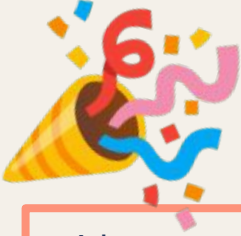
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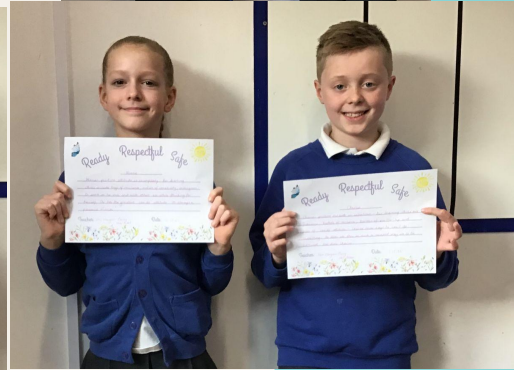
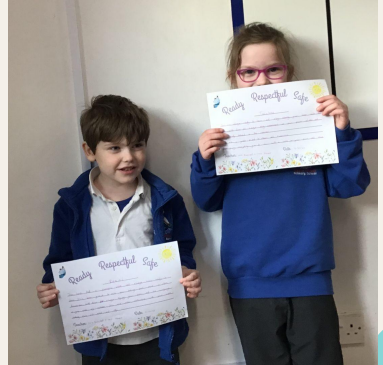
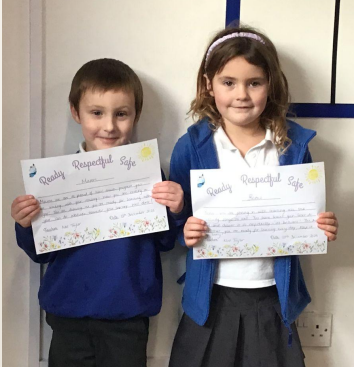
Blooms: Tobin and Amelia
Blossoms: Bryce and Akeyliah

Seedlings: Angus and Asa
Pips: Gracie and Oliver



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Blooms: Winnie and Charlie

Blossoms: Alfie and Honor

Seedlings: Ruairi and Tazahna

Pips: Mason and Beau

PARENT HELPER TEAM

Please sign up for
Easyfundraising and raise funds
for the school while shopping
online:

[Friends of Meare Village Primary
School - Glastonbury Fundraising |
Easyfundraising](#)

Easyfundraising partners with over
8,000 brands who will donate part
of what you spend to a cause of
your choice. It won't cost you any
extra. The cost is covered by the
brand.

Friends of Meare Village
Primary School -
Glastonb... had 24 new
supporters this week on
easyfundraising!



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4 November 2025

Dear Families

We are taking part in the **Rags2Riches4Schools** clothing collection to raise funds for our school and help families around the world access affordable clothing.

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? Let's give them a new life!

What they collect	What they don't collect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean, good quality, dry reusable clothing• Adults, children's & babies clothing• Paired shoes and footwear• Jewellery and accessories• Belts and Handbags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor quality items such as dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothing• Uniform or sports kits• Socks• Pillows• Quilts• Curtains• Books or CD's or bric-a-brac

STOP & THINK – would you pass it on to a friend to wear? If not, it's not suitable to donate. **Even** one item makes a difference, and don't forget to ask your friends, grandparents and neighbours to join in!

Please bring your donations to school by: Friday 24 April 2025

Did you know? Every bag we fill helps reduce textile waste going to landfill. Clothes are sent to Europe, Africa and beyond, where they are resold at affordable prices, giving them a second life and helping families in need.



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts!

With thanks,
Meare Village Primary School



Today a seedling – tomorrow a flower

NOTICE BOARD

2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)

All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins (No appointment is needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection Please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Minehead Community Hospital, Luttrell Way, Minehead TA24 6DF
Monday	15 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	16 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Bridgwater Community Hospital, Bower Lane, Bridgwater TA6 4GU
Wednesday	17 th December	14:00 – 17:00	Frome Community Hospital, Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH
Monday	22 nd December	09:30 – 14:30	Victoria Park Health and Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater TA6 7AD
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Burnham-On-Sea War Memorial Hospital, 6 Love Lane, Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1ED
Tuesday	23 rd December	10:00 – 12:30	Upper Bracken House, Chard Hospital Site, Crewkerne Road, Chard. TA20 1YA
Monday	29 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Westlands Entertainment Venue, Westbourne Cl, Yeovil BA20 2DD
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN
Tuesday	30 th December	09:30 – 12:30	West Mendip Hospital, Old Wells Road, Glastonbury BA6 8JD



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STUDY SMART

Free Online Courses

Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30

STARTING
MONDAY
12TH
JANUARY

Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:
Prepare to Work in Schools
Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN



St Benedicts Junior School

ACTIVE CAMP

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DECEMBER 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31)

MONDAY 22ND Nerf Battles/Laser Tag Day

TUESDAY 23RD Inflatable/Mini Golf*

WEDNESDAY 24TH Party Day

MONDAY 29TH Tournament Day

TUESDAY 30TH Target Day

WEDNESDAY 31ST NYE Science Experiments



*weather dependent on other sites



WWW.TLESPOORTCOACHING.CO.UK

Little Starlings

Dear Families

Please come to the school hall on Thursday 18 December to meet the new owner of Little Starlings, David Shapter.

This will be an opportunity for you to understand the changes he is planning to make, including hours, charges and provision.

Please bring along your young children! We will have some mats and toys out for them :)

I look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes,

Ms Isherwood