

3 March 2026

# Newsletter

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and Events



## Dear Families

Spring is definitely here and it has been amazing to get back on the field!

We have some exciting plans to develop the playtime equipment - Pentagon Play will be coming in shortly to construct Trim Trail 2! This is a welcome addition to our popular Trim Trail 1... We will also be building a climbing wall and installing a full size table tennis table on the front playground! The children have seen the designs and are SO excited about this. Thanks to the School Council for their involvement in making this happen, and thanks to all the families as some of the Summer Fair funds have gone on making this project happen. Please see the pictures of the design on the next page...

With World Book Day coming up on Wednesday we are really looking forward to seeing the children's book-in-a-jar and a hint of an idea about their favourite story on their attire!

It is Women's History Month and we kicked off March with an assembly about why there is still a need to recognise this in our country and around the world. We will be holding another exhibition after the success of last year, all about our own "Trailblazing Women". More details to follow from Miss Veale...

Speaking of Miss Veale, as you now know, she is sadly leaving us to explore the world of teaching in a very large school after Easter. Miss Veale is a very well-loved member of staff at Meare, and we shall miss her! But of course we wish her well in her new role.

We very much welcome Mr Denton who will be Class Teacher in Blossoms from the Summer Term. Change can be tricky for some, but like the seasons change, we learn to embrace change and grow with it.

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.



OUR NEW  
PLAYTIME  
EQUIPMENT!



# Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms Isherwood



Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Taylor and Mrs Noel



Our Safeguarding Governor is Emma Mitchell



Parents/Carers can access this **FREE** online session to

- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Scan me to book for the 19th March

Scan me to book for the 30th March

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.

Let's Prevention Officer Aash Medical Negligence and Child Exploitation team

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](http://www.cypsomersethealth.org) which is the Somerset Wellbeing Framework for useful links for the health and wellbeing of Somerset families and young people.

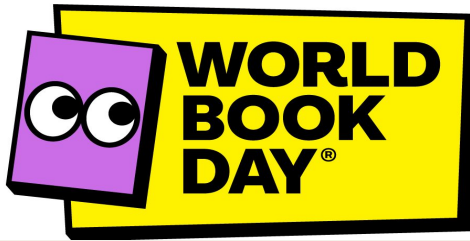
**If you have a safeguarding concern, or need to contact the school's Safeguarding Team in the school holidays, please email [safeguarding@meare.school](mailto:safeguarding@meare.school)**

**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

<b>Wednesday 4 March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Thursday 5 March 1400-1515</b>	PINs Coffee Afternoon
<b>Wednesday 11 March 1230-1430</b>	Seedlings visit to Millfield
<b>Thursday 12 March</b>	International Women's Day
<b>Monday 16-Friday 20 March</b>	Science Week
<b>Monday 16 March</b>	Height and weight checks R and Y6
<b>Monday 23 March</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Thursday 26 March 1530-1800</b>	Parent consultation meetings
<b>Tuesday 31 March 1400</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade and Church Service, St Mary's
<b>Wednesday 1 April 1530-1800</b>	Parent consultation meetings
<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	Last day of term - children may be collected at 1.30 (please let the office know) or 3.15pm
<b>Thursday 23 April</b>	Blooms visit to Glastonbury Rural Life Museum
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	Rags2Riches collection day
<b>Monday 11 May</b>	SATs week
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	Sports Day
<b>Friday 5 June - 10 July</b>	Y5/6 swimming
<b>Friday 12 June</b>	Seedlings visit to Carymoor
<b>Tuesday 16 June</b>	Class and Y6 leavers' photos
<b>Wednesday 17 June</b>	Blossoms Class visit to Taunton



We'll be celebrating on Wednesday 4 March. This year, we will be running a 'Book in a Jar' competition. All children are encouraged to collect a jar and represent a book or story inside (and outside?!) their jar...see pictures for inspiration! Prizes will be awarded in EYFS, KS1, KS2 and 'my Mum/Dad/Granny etc. really got stuck in with this' categories!

Children should come to school in uniform as usual, however, we also invite them to wear ONE thing that is a clue or hint towards a favourite character from a book. This might be a badge, a particular colour or pattern, a hat, a hair accessory or even a tail ... be as creative and as cunning as you can to keep your classmates guessing!





# READING At MEPS



National Year of  
Reading 2026

## National Storytelling Week

Early February saw our school come to life with stories shared and celebrated. The week began with a special storytelling assembly where Mrs Noel told a story that she invented on the spot using mystery objects that teachers had brought in - and of course with the help of the whole school's imagination. Can YOU make a story using some or all of the objects?

CAN YOU TELL A STORY USING SOME OR ALL OF THESE OBJECTS?



## Go All In For Reading

If you're into it,  
read into it

Everyone knows reading expands worlds, sharpens  
minds, and fuels creativity. But fewer of us are making  
time for it.

It's time for the nation to Go All In.

## Sharing stories to feed our imaginations!

Every class kept a record of all the stories they'd enjoyed throughout the week - see the picture featuring Mrs McCabe for scale! A wonder-filled afternoon was also spent in our house groups, sharing books and acting out stories of the heroes of our houses: Guinevere, Lancelot, King Arthur and Merlin.



## Caught Reading!

We'd love to update our library displays to feature pictures of YOU, caught reading! Get an adult or sibling to take a picture of you reading in your favourite or a most unusual spot! You could also challenge others by hiding your face in the picture and just leaving a few clues on display such as the title of the book, that EVERYONE knows you love or perhaps the back of your head would be a give away?!

Send your pictures to Mrs Noel via Class Dojo.

Well done to Lilly B, Bella and Bryce who all won a £5 book token in our last quizzers' prize draw! Get quizzing to be in with a chance to win at the end of this term!



# SEND News



As well as meeting other parents and carers, the SENDCO and PFSA will also be available for any informal discussions.

We are also lucky to be joined by Mellisa from The Community Inclusion and Activity Team, who provide inclusive activities across Somerset for children with a disability or additional need.  
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/children-with-disabilities-service/>

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

## Parent Coffee Session



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.

**Meare Village Primary School**

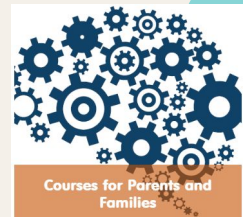
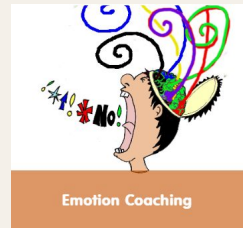
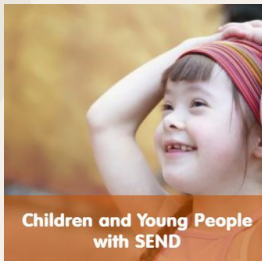
**Thursday 5th March  
14:00 to 15:15**

# Pastoral News

The Somerset Wellbeing Framework is a useful resource for parents / carers that includes a wealth of information on emotion coaching, managing relationship conflict, family activities and wellbeing and much more.

The website can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/>





# Let's Celebrate!

Congratulations to  
*Alyshia, Brooke, Henry and Alfie*  
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.*

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*Jenny*  
for their Certificate of Excellence!

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Congratulations to

**Alyshia, Gracie and Nahla**

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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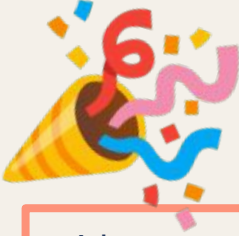
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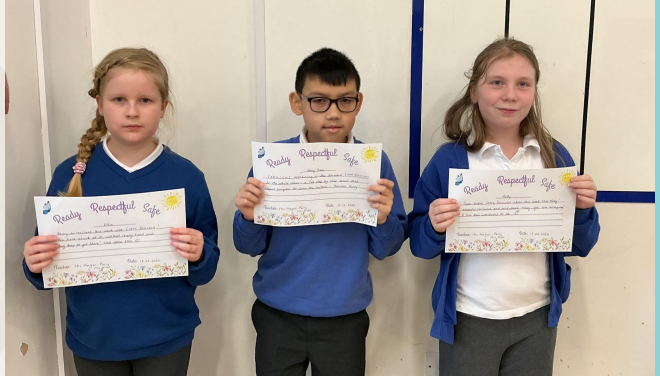
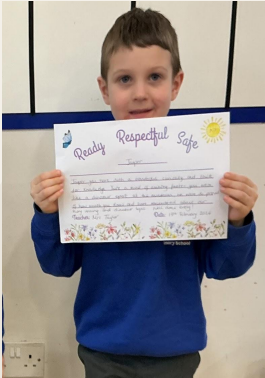
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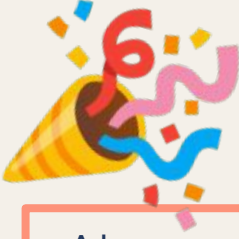
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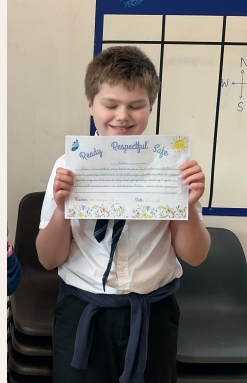
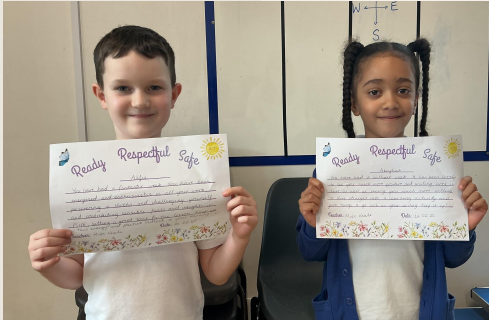
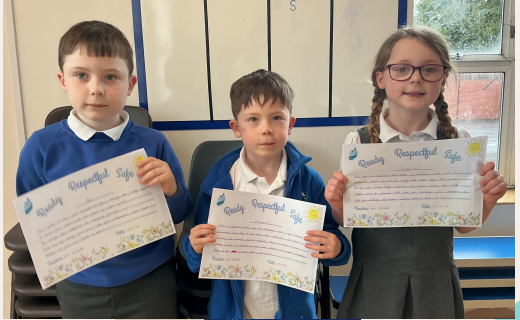
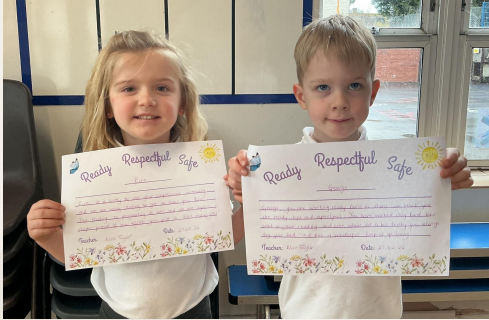
Pips: Jasper  
Blossoms: Elizabeth and Isla

Seedlings: Sadie  
Blooms: Etta, Henry and Molly



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Pips: Eira and George  
Blossoms: Alfie and Akeyliah

Seedlings: Dio, Roman and Poppy  
Blooms: Rufus



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Chess  
Tournament:  
Toby, Henry,  
Isaac, Arlo,  
Liam and  
Oakley



Olympic  
Maths: Janet,  
Buddy,  
Isabelle,  
Rufus, Arlo  
and Jasmine

# PARENT HELPER TEAM



## Meare Village Primary School

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Website: [meareprimary.co.uk](http://meareprimary.co.uk)

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"><li>• Clean, good quality, dry reusable clothing</li><li>• Adults, children's &amp; babies clothing</li><li>• Paired shoes and footwear</li><li>• Jewellery and accessories</li><li>• Belts and Handbags</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poor quality items such as dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothing</li><li>• Uniform or sports kits</li><li>• Socks</li><li>• Pillows</li><li>• Duvets</li><li>• Curtains</li><li>• Books or CD's or bric-a-brac</li></ul>

**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

## Why Recycling Clothes Matters

Recycling textiles is one of the simplest ways to create a positive eco and social impact:

- **Reducing landfill waste:**
  - Synthetic fibres do not decompose.
  - Natural fibres (like wool) decompose but release **methane**, which fuels global warming.
- **Saving resources:**
  - Less cotton, wool, oil, and chemicals are needed to produce new fabrics.
- **Lower pollution:**
  - Reduces water and energy consumption.
  - Decreases pesticide and fertilizer use in textile farming.

## Eye-Opening Recycling Facts

- If everyone in the UK bought just **1 reclaimed woollen garment per year**, it would save **1.7 billion litres of water** and **480 tonnes of chemical dyes**.
- Nearly **half of discarded textiles** are donated to charities.
- About **61% of clothes** collected for reuse are exported.
- In many African countries, **over 80% of the population** wear second-hand clothing.
- Collecting **just 1kg of used clothing** can reduce:
  - **3.6kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
  - **6,000 litres of water consumption**
  - **0.3kg of fertilizers**
  - **0.2kg of pesticides**

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.

# NOTICE BOARD



## Meare Village Primary School

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551313980171>

## FUEL YOUR... LITTLE HEROES!



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help! Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎ 0800 321 3248  
🌐 [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



SCAN TO REGISTER

\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Cool Milk at School Ltd | Cool Milk House | Kingsley Park | Kingsley

## Wookey Primary ACTIVE CAMPS

📅 APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> ⌚ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

- MON 13TH Target Day
- TUE 14TH Children's Choice
- WED 15TH Olympic and Paralympic Day
- THU 16TH Batting Day
- FRI 17TH Mini Golf

📍 [WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)

£20 a day! *Extra Time available;  
8.8.30am to 3.30.4pm*

## Mini Mojós

Club certificates awarded!

### Easter Holiday Clubs

Let's Play, Move, Create, Discover & Nourish

Childcare Vouchers & TTC Accepted	📍 St Pauls Junior School Shepton Mallet BA4 5LA	Tues 7th - Friday 10th April 9-3pm HHH 9-3pm
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★★★★★  
"All 3 of my children came home full of joy."

Register for our community & BOOK NOW!  
[HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK](http://HAPPYMOJOS.CO.UK)

OR USE OUR HANDY QR CODE PAID SPACES

Happy Healthy Holiday  
FREE Spaces

TO BOOK, GET YOUR CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.

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**IMPORTANT:** Please note that a new menu is now available for booking meals on MCAS. Kindly ensure that you book your child's meal ahead of their return after half term, as bookings close one week in advance.

Information about upcoming themed meal days can be found on the posters below. Please ensure you select the **special menu** on these dates. Any meals booked from the regular menu on themed days will be automatically switched to the special menu options.

Full menus and allergen details are available on our website.

## WORLD BOOK DAY MENU THURSDAY 05<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### MAIN COURSES

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS  
IN A RICH TOMATO SAUCE, SERVED WITH  
CHARLOTTE'S SPAGHETTI WEB  
& PETER RABBIT'S CARROTS

### VEGETARIAN

THE MONSTERS MARVELLOUS MACARONI CHEESE  
SERVED WITH PETER RABBIT'S CARROTS

### DESSERT

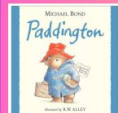
GRUFFALO CRUMBLE CUPCAKES

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE CAKE

OLIVERS FRUIT SALAD

### COLD

PADDINGTON'S PICNIC  
MARMALADE SANDWICH  
POM BEARS  
SATSUMA  
PADDINGTON COOKIE



# National Science Week



Themed puddings to intrigue the childrens minds  
into science!

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Infectious Jelly  
Sample

OR  
Science Themed  
Cakes



# Little Starlings



We would like to introduce our Easter Holiday club 2026

Here we have on offer a special discounted rate exclusive to Meare Primary school.

Easter Sessions run from 9-3 Mon-Fri w/c 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April

At a daily fee of just £24.95. This price includes a snack and a hot lunch.

Please contact [littlestarlings1@gmail.com](mailto:littlestarlings1@gmail.com) to book your child's place (spaces are limited)

We look forward to welcoming more families into our setting for Breakfast club, After School club and Holiday club 7.30-18.00.

Sessions are available 7.30-18.00.

