

22 September 2026

Newsletter

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Meare Village Primary School

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Meare Village Primary School News
and Events



Dear Families

Welcome to our new families to our 1st newsletter of the year!

We use this newsletter to communicate dates, events, celebrations, news, support... basically a lot of useful items to help you navigate your way through school-life!

We have had 20 new Pips start this year! One of our biggest cohorts of children. Despite their numbers, they have settled so quickly into our new routines, learning how to eat and play together in school. We will be teaching them about our school values of **READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE** in good time so they begin to understand what we value in our school day to day.

It's really important for you to please update your contact details and child's medical information on MCAS. We need a minimum of two contacts please. You may make changes direct on MCAS.

Cross Country will be starting Tuesday 29 September at Millfield and Tuesday 3 November at Downside School starting at 4pm. Open to all children in Years 3 to 6. Parents will need to transport and stay with their children.

You will soon be hearing about our **READING FOCUS** this year - but before then, remember that one of the best experiences you can provide your child is one of a shared story at the end of the day. **Bliss!**

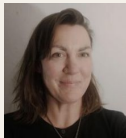
Best wishes, Ms Isherwood

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

Our Designated
Safeguarding
Lead is Ms
Isherwood



Our Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Leads are Mrs
Taylor and Mrs
Noel



Our Safeguarding
Governor is
Emma Mitchell



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

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>

Parents' leaflets | NSPCC Learning

Dear Families

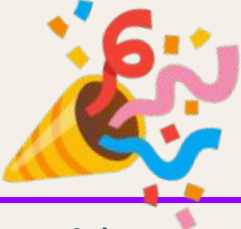
This section of the newsletter contains pieces of relevant or current information about how to safeguard children. We often use links to the NSPCC which you can click on above to navigate pages you might find useful.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me as the school's safeguarding lead.

Ms Isherwood

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23 September 8.30am	Parent helper meeting
Thursday 24 September 2026 9.30am	
Friday 2 October 2026 9.30am Tuesday 6 October 2026 5.30pm	Prospective Reception Parents' Open Sessions
Tuesday 29 September Thursday 1 October 3.30-6pm	Parents evenings
Wednesday 30 September 8.45am	Coffee morning - SENCO and Pastoral Lead
Monday 5 October	Flu vaccine
Tuesday 13 October 9am	Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 21 October	Wells Festival of Literature - Blooms Class
Thursday 22 October	Halloween Disco 5-5.45pm Pips/Seedlings 6-7pm Blossoms/Blooms
Thursday 22, Friday 23 October	Bikeability Y6
Monday 2 November	Inset
Tuesday 10 November 2.15pm	Remembrance Assembly
Friday 4 December 3.30-5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Lunch



Let's Celebrate!

A huge congratulations to Sue Hicks for completing **20 years service at Meare!**

Mrs Hicks is well-known to many of our families and has dedicated much of her life to teaching our youngest children.



We are a unique school in that Mrs Hicks is the 4th member of staff to be recognised in the last year for long service in one setting. Aren't we lucky?!

SEND News

Our School SENCo is Polly Slade, who works on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If there is something you would like to talk about, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

For concerns related to Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), after speaking with the class teacher, please contact Mrs Slade.



Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C

Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C is a parent-led organisation, with all the people working for them having a child or young person between birth to 25 years with additional needs and disabilities. They offer advice and support to families of children with SEND, have coffee mornings and put on community events and other things.

somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/

SEND News

Please speak with Mrs Kingdon if you are interested in helping create the group and she will provide you with more information and put you in touch with the MHST Educational Psychologist who will help you with the first steps!

Somerset Council
County Hall, Taunton
Somerset, TA1 4DY
Tel: 0300 123 2224



Peer-to-peer Support Groups for parents/carers



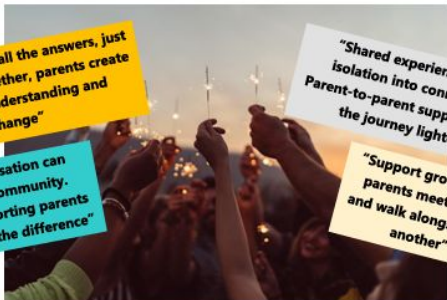
Could you help create one for your school?

"You don't need all the answers, just each other. Together, parents create strength, understanding and change"

"One conversation can become a community. Parents supporting parents can make all the difference"

"Shared experience turns isolation into connection. Parent-to-parent support makes the journey lighter".

"Support grows where parents meet, listen, and walk alongside one another"



What is a peer-to-peer support group?

A small, informal, friendly group where people with similar experiences come together to share, listen, and help each other.

They help reduce isolation, build confidence and create a sense of community.

How do I set one up?

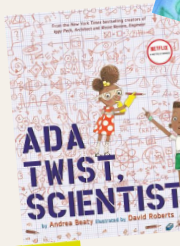
If your school doesn't already have one, host a small, informal meeting for parents – just pick a time, place, and invite others to join.

Ask school staff if they know any other parents who might be interested to help you start a peer-to-peer support group.

READING

WHAT WE'RE
READING
THIS TERM...

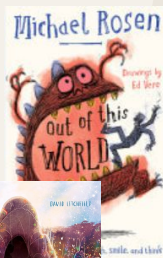
BLOSSOMS

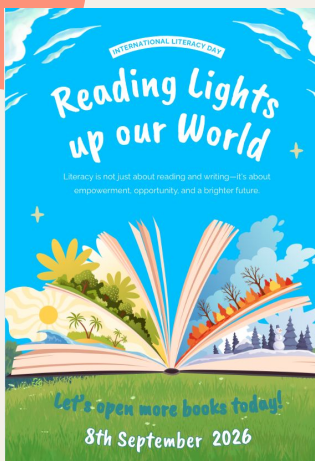


SEEDLINGS



BLOOMS





WE LOVED LIGHTING UP OUR TUESDAY BY ENJOYING A FAVOURITE STORY IN ASSEMBLY ON WORLD LITERACY DAY!

FROM 5 TO 11 TO ... MUCH OLDER YEARS-OLD - WE ALL LOVED JOINING IN!



Pastoral Support

We are pleased to share details of a series of **free online webinars** being delivered by Somerset's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) this Autumn term. These practical sessions are designed to help parents and carers support children's emotional wellbeing, resilience and mental health at home.

The webinars are free to attend and open to any parent or carer in Somerset. Registration is required at <https://canva.link/mhstautumn2026>

FREE PARENT & CARER WEBINARS

AUTUMN TERM 2026

- ✓ CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
- ✓ EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
- ✓ RESILIENCE & SELF ESTEEM
- ✓ SLEEP
- ✓ EXAM STRESS

REGISTER AT:

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Led by the Mental Health Support Team



Self-Care September 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	
7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would be to a loved one
14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No phone day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories
21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans
28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

COFFEE MORNING



Come along to an informal coffee morning with Mrs Kingdon and Mrs Slade to find out what Pastoral Support is available for pupils and families at our school.

Wednesday 30th
September
8:45 - 9:45am

Pastoral Support

Healthy Little Ones

Getting to know
your Health
Visiting Service



Free drop in group for Bump to 5's, their parents and carers

A friendly and fun drop-in session run by the Health Visiting team, where you can access free health and development advice, practical and emotional infant feeding support, self-weigh your under 5, meet other parents / carers, and play!

North Sedgemoor & West Mendip | 0300 790 6836

Highbridge | Highbridge Childrens Centre | Tuesday | 09.30 – 11.00

Glastonbury | Glastonbury Library | Alternate Wednesdays | 09.30 - 11.00

Wells | Seagar Hall Wells | Alternate Thursdays | 13.00 - 14.30

Yeovil | 0300 323 0119

Westlands | Wednesday | 10.00 - 11.30

Birchfield Community Hall | Thursday | 13.30– 15.00

(Starting Thursday 21st May)

Taunton | 0300 323 0115

Norton Fitzwarren Village Hall | 2nd/4th Wednesday each month | 09.30-11.00

Temple Methodist Church | Monday | 11.30 – 13.00

Bridgwater | 0300 323 0116

Sydenham Childrens Centre | Wednesday | 09.30 - 11.00

Hamp Recreation | Monday | 09.30 – 11.00

East Somerset | 0300 323 0118

Wincanton | The Nest Balsam Centre | Thursday | 10.30 – 12.00

Shepton Mallet | Shepton Mallet Library | Wednesday | 10.00 – 12.00

Frome | Colliers Court | Thursday | 13:00-14:30 (Starting from the 25th June)

South Somerset West | 0300 790 6839

Chard | Chard Hub, The Boden Centre, Chard | Tuesday | 13.00 – 14.30

Langport | The Levels Children Centre, Langport | Wednesday | 09.30-11.00

West Somerset | 0300 323 0115

Wellington | Kings Arms Community Hub | Tuesday | 10.00 – 11.30

Williton West Somerset House | Thursday | 10.00 – 11.30



**Somerset
Council**



For further group information, please visit
our Social Media pages on Facebook &
Instagram: **Somerset Health Visitors**

HARVEST ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER AT 9AM

Our Harvest celebrations will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 13 October at 9am, which again 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
pies, stewed meat
- 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



Parent Helper Team

SAVE THE DATE! Halloween Disco!

School Hall

Thursday 22 October

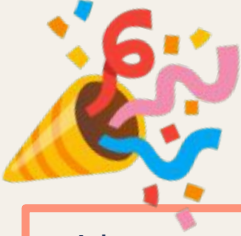
Times 5-5.45pm Pips/Seedlings

6-7pm Blossoms/Blooms

Tickets available to buy from the school office £2.50

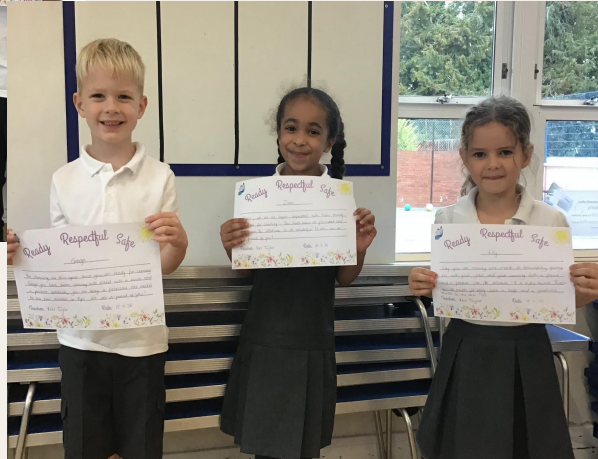
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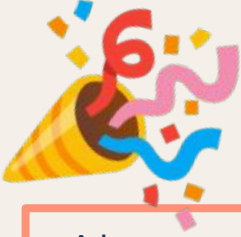


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A huge congratulations to those of you who have been awarded a Ready, Respectful, Safe Award, You're all cooking on gas, keep up the amazing work! 🙌

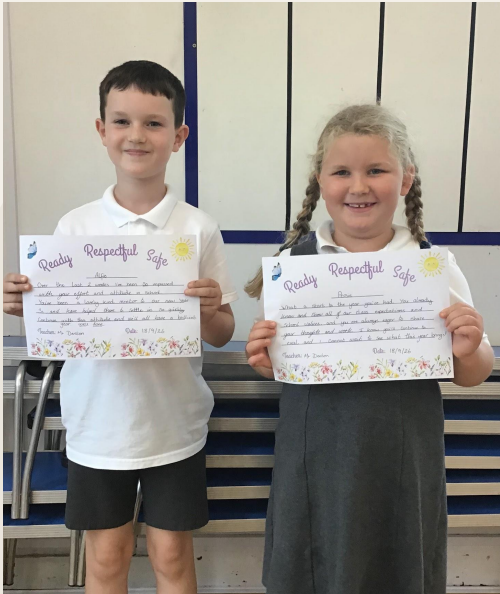


Pips: George, Zara and Lily
Blooms: Elizabeth, Alyshia and Noah



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Seedlings: Phoebe and Tazahna
Blossoms: Alfie and Persie

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PROSPECTIVE RECEPTION PARENTS' OPEN SESSIONS

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 9.30AM

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026 AT 9.30AM

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2026 AT 5.30PM

Selecting a school for your child is a very important decision for you to make. We invite you to visit our school to meet the Headteacher and staff. Pupils will show you around the school (during the morning sessions) and answer your questions so that you can see the school at work, view the children's work and the exciting lessons that take place every day. All families and prospective pupils are welcome.

Please come to the School Office where you will be met. Entry is via the front gate on St Mary's Road. We look forward to seeing you!

Tel: 01458 860228

Email: office@meare-school

COFFEE AND CAKE Join us for a Brew for the Crew



Every pound raised will help Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance to continue saving lives.

When
WEDNESDAY
14th October

Where
MEARE
CHURCH ROOMS

Time
8.30
- 11.30am

Contact
Rosie
860000

DID I MENTION CAKE!

Fundraising in aid of



**DORSET
& SOMERSET
AIR AMBULANCE**



01923 669604 • dsair@dsairambulance.org.uk
fundraising@dsairambulance.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1076685



Pipe & Sip



KINDLY HOSTED BY

Bridgford Bakes

CONTACT VICTORIA 07536061303
OR CLARE 07815 757 531 FOR
PAYMENT & MORE INFORMATION
FINAL NUMBERS NEEDED BY 10th
OCTOBER



COME & JOIN US FOR
SOCIAL EVENING
WITH A SELECTION
OF COLD & HOT
DRINKS AVAILABLE
OR BRING YOUR OWN

DECORATE 4
CUPCAKES WITH
PROFESSIONALS
FROM BRICKYARD
BAKES.



MEARE PARISH
ROOMS 6:30PM

SATURDAY 17TH
OCTOBER 2026

£35 PER
PERSON IN
ADVANCE

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INSPIRING PEOPLE THROUGH SONG SINCE 2005

AN AFTERNOON OF FEEL-GOOD MUSIC!

ROCK CHOIR

Real People. Real Voices. Real Rock.

WHERE:
St Mary's Church, Meare

WHEN:
Saturday, 19th September

TIME:
2.30pm

PRICE:
Adults £10, children free including refreshments!

TICKETS:
Phone 07947 049189
or email robinsonrachelm@btinternet.com

COME ALONG & JOIN THE JOY!

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YMCA

OCTOBER HALF TERM DAYCAMPS

Outdoor activities and high-energy challenges that make every day feel new!
Explore • Create • Discover

26th - 30th October Reception to Year Six

Yew Tree Farm, BS26 2SA
www.ymca-dg.org/ymca-daycamps

Meare Lego Club

All welcome!

Children please bring a grown up
Lego & duplo free play, drinks and cake

Saturday, 19th September 2026
10-11am
Meare Parish Rooms

Little Starlings



Summer Holidays Childcare

23rd July-1st September

£24.95 per session 8.30am-3.30pm

Small group sessions, exceptional care.



All Snacks and Lunch provided



Cooking club



Football club with coach Jenn



Gardening club

Wrap around care available 7.30am-18.00pm

Contact us @

littlestarlings1@gmail.com

01458 258242