



# The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022



## Term 6, Week 7

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swimming for selected children</li><li>• Year 6 Children to Kilve Court - 3 night residential</li></ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.30pm - Bees and Butterflies Graduation</li></ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y6 children return from Kilve Court</li></ul>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00am – Hilperton Year 6 Leavers Assembly – school hall</li><li>• 9.15am – Wingfield Year 6 leavers assembly at St Mary's Church</li><li>• 3.15pm – End of Term 6 – children finish at the normal time</li></ul>

Dear Parents and Carers

With Year 3 trip to Thoulstone on Thursday, Year 4 residential at Braeside on Thursday and Friday, plus all of the preparation for Year 6's three night residential at Kilve Court next week, it's fair to say that Term 6 is ending on a high. Thank you to all of the staff who have enabled the residential, either by attending or covering back at school.

Transition has been a major theme this week, with all children experiencing time in their new year group. We also welcomed our new families to Reception. The children coped brilliantly with the move around and we are all now looking forward to school year 22-23 – after a bit of a break from next Friday! The team will answer any questions you have about next year to try and allay any little worries.

This summer we welcome Mr Smith, Mr Browne, Mis Mumford, Miss Usherwood, Mrs Greswell and Miss Miles as new teachers to the team. We also welcome back Miss Lister from maternity leave and congratulate our own Miss Glover on becoming our music teacher. Our new TAs are Mrs Gadsby, Mrs Betreen, Miss Khamouni, Mrs Thatcher, Miss Johnson and Miss Stacey, who has already joined the Wingfield team. Mrs Davison and Mrs Kerdikova join us as Cook and Assistant Cook respectively. Mrs Webber, who is already at Wingfield, joins us permanently as the site's general assistant.

We say goodbye this summer to Miss Johnstone, Miss Studd, Mr Webb, Mrs Westray, Mrs Asprey and Mr Andrews. We thank them all for their service to the school and the Trust, and wish them all the very best for the future.

Next week I will be publishing an extended newsletter to cover the new school year and more details about the team and our roles. We will also include lots of photos from the trips, residential and the school year as a whole.

Finally, well done to Year 6 – our leavers assemblies are going to be emotional to say the least ...

Exciting times ahead, and thank you as always for your support.

Mark Stenton  
Headteacher

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Hilperton Facebook and twitter are now both @MeadatHilperton  
Hilperton Nursery Facebook and Twitter are now both @MeadatOrchard

## September 2022 – Monday Night is Club Night

Have you booked a club yet?

It is our aim to provide every child in KS2 with the opportunity to participate in a club after school. Clubs will be available from 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and finish the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 with the exception of Young Voices, which will remain on a Thursday and After School Care which runs every school day.

Places are limited so this is on a first come, first serve basis. Please ensure you only make one choice as selecting additional clubs will result in no club being allocated. Club bookings will close on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

During this spell of hot weather and particularly in anticipation of the extreme heat forecast for the weekend and the early part of next week, there are key points for schools and to consider. The local authority advice is to consider the following mitigation measures ([our notes in blue](#)):

1. To reduce or avoid time spent in direct sunlight as far as practicable. [We will be using well ventilated classrooms and shaded outdoor areas – with limited time in open areas at cooler points in the morning.](#)
2. Make use of shaded areas and ensure children wear hats, drink plenty of water and if necessary, are wearing sunscreen. [In line with our usual summer weather risk assessment.](#)
3. Adaptations to school uniforms requirements. [Children can wear secure sandals and should wear light cotton uniform items such as the t-shirts/polo shirts, shorts and skirts and summer dresses.](#)
4. School and settings should make clear to parents exactly what your sun protection policy is. We would expect parents to apply before school or session and if necessary, send the child with an additional supply. Staff should oversee the self-application of sunscreen by children but should not generally apply it onto children themselves unless suitable safeguarding measures are in place. [This is in line with our policy for sun cream protection.](#)
5. Postpone non-essential activities that would otherwise mean excessive exposure
  - Sports days
  - Sports training or matches
  - After school clubs
  - Educational visits and off-site activities – please see additional advice on the LOTC Service page and EVOLVE to help risk assess this decision [We have undertaken rigorous risk assessments for hot weather yesterday, using EVOLVE, to ensure any events, including our Y6 residential next week, are safe.](#)
6. Ensure first aiders are aware of the signs and symptoms of sunburn, heat exhaustion and heatstroke, and know appropriate treatment. Check that the school has appropriate first aid materials and arrangements in place. e.g. cool packs. [Training has taken place.](#)
7. Follow advice from the other information sources: you can get health and safety advice from [schoolhealthandsafety@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolhealthandsafety@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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### The Summer Reading Challenge

- Free to join either in person at Trowbridge Library or online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- For children aged 4- 11 years old
- Read six books (or more!) and earn a medal and certificate

Children often have a dip in their reading over the summer, however, the Summer Reading Challenge (produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries) has been proven to stop this as well as changing children's attitudes in a positive way towards reading and libraries.

**The challenge is for 4-11 year olds to read 6 library books over 8 weeks of the summer in return for various fun prizes, including a medal and certificate on completion.**

**This year the challenge runs from Saturday 16 July to Saturday 10 September** - there will be a registration period in the first two weeks of the challenge, where children will receive a pack of resources; after this period (from 1 August) and once children have completed the challenge, they are invited to return to collect their final sticker, medal and certificate and to talk about their reading experience.

This year's theme, 'Gadgeteers', is all about science and innovation. Developed in partnership with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will inspire children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday and celebrates the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences. Although there is a science theme, children can read any six library books of their choice; they don't have to be linked to science and they can read more than six books! They also don't have to be able to read, reading with a parent/carer also counts.


It's free to join the challenge and if you need to take out a library membership before you visit the library, just visit <https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/arena/join-the-library>

Children can also take part in the challenge online via the website: [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk), where they can rate and review books, download activities, and access video content, games and quizzes.

Good luck! Your teachers can't wait to hear about all of the books you read over the summer!

Mrs Emma Baber  
English Lead and Year 6 Class Teacher

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A read aloud habit over the summer can halt the "summer slide" and, even lead to gains in reading and knowledge building.


**Read Aloud IS MINUTES**

**IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE 15 MINUTES IN A ROW**

You don't have to finish the book.  
You don't have to read all the words.  
Talk about the pictures instead.  
Exclaim as you turn the pages.  
Just engage, do it every day, and for at least 15 minutes.

**Read Aloud IS MINUTES**

The "most important" thing...



Experts agree: Reading aloud is the single most important thing a parent or caregiver can do to help prepare a child for reading and learning.

**Read Aloud IS MINUTES**

Dates for your Diary	These dates are all <u>subject to change</u> Parents are invited to all Community Assemblies
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Autumn Term begins
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Welcome with Mr Stenton
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Conversation Week
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Wiltshire Air Ambulance Emergency Awareness Training for all Hilperton Site children
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Tiger Martial Arts
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Disco - Y1, Y2 & Y3 5.15pm – 6.15pm, Y4, Y5 & Y6 6.30pm – 7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am - Hilperton Site Community Assembly - Remembrance
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly – Christmas Celebration
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Young Voices Event in Birmingham
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly –
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Conversation Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of the Day Sharing with Parents (both sites)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Sports Day

### **Reminder - After School Care Bookings**

Please note that the ASC booking system on Arbor is not available from 11am for same day bookings. However, bookings for future dates can still be made. We will of course be able to make bookings for exceptional circumstances, but you will need to phone the school office to arrange this.

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Hilperton Site Fall Back Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wingfield Site Sports Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wingfield Site Fall Back Sports Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	8.50am – Hilperton Site Community Assembly
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 to Kilve Court – 3 night residential
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 to Braeside – 1 night residential
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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### INSET DAYS

2022 -2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
<https://www.themeadtrust.org/news-and-dates/term-dates/>

### SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022 -23



September 2022					October 2022					November 2022								
M		5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22	29	
W		7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	W	2	9	16	23	30	
Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	Th	3	10	17	24		
F	2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	F	4	11	18	25		
Sa	3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	Sa	5	12	19	26		
Su	4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		

December 2022					January 2023					February 2023								
M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22		
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F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26		

March 2023					April 2023					May 2023								
M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu		2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	W		3	10	17	24	31
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	Th		4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	F		5	12	19	26	
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June 2023					July 2023					August 2023								
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Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Term dates summary:		
Term 1	01 September to 19 October 2022	35 days
Term 2	31 October to 16 December 2022	35 days
Term 3	03 January to 10 February 2023	29 days
Term 4	20 February to 31 March 2023	30 days
Term 5	17 April to 26 May 2023	29 days
Term 6	05 June to 25 July 2023	37 days
TOTAL		195 Days

Bank and Public Holidays 2022/2023	
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2022
Christmas Day Holiday (substitute day)	27th December 2022
New Years Holiday	02nd January 2023
Good Friday	07th April 2023
Easter Monday	10th April 2023
May Day Holiday	29th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	29th August 2022

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