The Mead Community Primary School

Monday 2nd February 2026

Term 3, Week 5

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"BE ON TIME, QUARTER TO 9"
Gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am

Monday 2nd February	• Swimming – selected children
Tuesday 3rd February	•
Wednesday 4th February	•
Thursday 5th February	• Longleat Outreach visit - Wingfield Site • YR Height and Weight checks – Both sites

Friday 6th February	• Numbers Day at The Mead
	• Star of the Week assembly – by invitation only
	  • Hilperton - 1.25pm
	  • Wingfield - 2.45pm

For future diary dates please click the link below

Diary Dates 2025.docx

INSET DAYS - 2025/2026
Monday 23rd February 2026, Monday 15th June 2026
https://themead.wilts.sch.uk/news/term-dates/

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Safer Internet Day 2026 – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

During the week beginning Monday 9th February, The Mead will join other schools nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2026, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,' focuses on teaching children and young people the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights available support.

From voice assistants, to chatbots, to algorithms, AI technology is playing an increasingly large role in all our lives. It is important that we find time to discuss these tools and the impact they can have on our own and our families' online experiences, including:

- the news and content we see
- the way we work, including using AI for homework or studies
- the risk of misuse of AI, for example to create realistic scams or non-consensual nude images

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. Here are some helpful resources:

- You can complete the UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes with your child.
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's tops tips for parents and carers here.
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for children and young people with your child.

There are two other things I would also like to bring to your attention. Firstly, I would like to encourage each of you to look at the **'Smartphone Free Childhood'** website. There is a growing community of parents in the school that have decided to follow the campaign and through the website parents can connect with one another to offer help and support.

Secondly, on **Thursday 12th February** we will be holding a **'Digital Safety Drop-in'** after school in Foxes classroom (Mr Browne's classroom). There will be a few resources available that you might find useful and there will also be staff available to answer any questions or queries.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, myself or any member of the schools Senior Leadership Team.

Kind regards,

Mr. Browne
Computing Lead

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Calling all young artists...

LAST YEAR a member of our school was chosen to exhibit... This year will it be you?



Would you like the chance to exhibit your art work at The Royal Academy of Arts in London?
Create a piece of art work over the half term, ready to bring into school for Miss Penny to submit on your behalf!

Please Note all entries must be submitted to Miss Penny by Wednesday 25th February for the school to upload.

Guidelines for Art work.

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a wonderful opportunity for UK-based artists and schools to engage creatively in the making and sharing of a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and artists aged 4-19 can submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, or surprise us! Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, artworks that closely or identically reproduce another artist's work or ideas won't be selected. Please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters or submitting the same artwork again year on year. We also do not accept AI-generated works.

Good luck to all and we look forward to seeing your wonderful pieces of art!