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Dates for your diary



This week...

Monday 21 September - Autumn Term clubs begin

Monday 21 September at 2.30pm - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Event

Tuesday 22 September - 4B library visit

Wednesday 23 September - Year 5 to Holocaust Centre

Thursday 24 September - School Council Elections

Thursday 24 September 6pm - Y5/6 Open Evening at Meden School

Friday 25 September - £30 deposit due for Y6 residential

Next week...

Tuesday 29 September - 4H library visit

Details for any future trips or events will be provided nearer the time.

Autumn term 2026-2027

Monday 5 October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6 October - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6 October - 5S Library Visit

Monday 12 October - deadline for World of Wonder poetry competition

Tuesday 13 October - 5P Library Visit

Friday 16 October - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 16 October - last day at school

Monday 19 October to Friday 30 October - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 2 November - children back to school

Tuesday 10 November - 3M Library Visit

Monday 16 November - Year 6 Parent SATs meeting 2:30pm

Tuesday 17 November - 6BL Library Visit

Tuesday 24 November - 6B Library Visit

Wednesday 2 December - Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10 December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 10 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 15 December - Christmas Performance

Wednesday 16 December - Christmas Performance

Thursday 17 December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 18 December - Carols in the playground

Friday 18 December - last day at school

Monday 19 December to Friday 1 January - Christmas holiday (school closed)

Spring term

Monday 4 January 2027 - children back to school

Friday 12 February - last day at school

Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February - Half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 22 February - INSET (children not at school)

Tuesday 23 February - children back to school

Monday 15 March - Tuesday 16 March - Year 4 Residential: Sherwood Forest

Thursday 25 March - last day at school

Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April - Easter holiday (school closed)

Summer term

Monday 12 April - children back to school

Monday 3 May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 May - Year 5 Residential: The Mill Adventure

Friday 28 May - last day at school

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June - half term holiday (school closed)

Monday 7 June - children back to school

Monday 5 July to Wednesday 7 July - Year 6 Residential: Hagg Farm

Friday 23 July - last day at school

Monday 26 July - INSET (children not at school)

Tuesday 27 July - INSET (children not at school)

Wednesday 28 July - INSET (children not at school)

Thursday 29 July - school holiday (school closed)

[Look at our new books!](#)



Thanks to the fantastic support from families at our recent Scholastic Book Fair, we have been able to purchase a wonderful collection of brand-new books for our school. The rewards earned through your purchases have allowed us to make a significant investment in reading resources for every year group.

Each year group has received a range of exciting new texts, including popular favourites such as Dog Man graphic novels, exciting stories by authors including Tom Fletcher, and books that help children understand and celebrate neurodiversity. The collection offers something for every reader and reflects the wide range of interests across our school.

We are incredibly grateful for your support, which has helped us enrich our classrooms and corridors with high-quality reading materials. We hope the children enjoy exploring these new books, discovering new favourites and developing an even greater love of reading.

[Early Collections](#)

We would like to remind parents that collecting children before the end of the school day should only take place in **exceptional circumstances**, such as medical appointments or unforeseen emergencies.

Requests to leave early in order to collect siblings from other schools do **not** constitute exceptional circumstances and can have a significant impact on a child's learning. Even

missing a short part of the school day can result in children missing important teaching, instructions for future lessons, or key end-of-day activities.

We have noticed an increase in requests for early collection and would ask all families to ensure appointments are arranged outside of school hours wherever possible.

Where early collections become frequent or persistent, the school may request evidence, such as appointment letters, text confirmations or other relevant documentation, to support the absence.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maximise learning time for all pupils and ensure that every child benefits from a full school day.

Parking and road safety around school

The safety of our children, families and staff is always our highest priority. We would like to remind all parents and carers to park considerately and legally when dropping off or collecting children from school.

Please **do not stop, park or drop off on the yellow zig-zag lines** outside the school gates. Similarly, **do not park, stop, or overtake on the white zig-zag markings by the zebra crossing**. These markings are in place to keep the area clear, improve visibility and ensure that children can cross safely. This applies even if you are only stopping for a moment to let your child out of the vehicle. These road markings form part of the Highway Code and breaking these rules can lead to a fixed penalty notice, a council-issued penalty charge notice, fines up to £100, and penalty points on your licence.

The area around school can become extremely busy at the start and end of the day, with large numbers of children, parents and other pedestrians moving around the site. Parking on restricted areas can significantly increase the risk of accidents and makes it more difficult for everyone to stay safe.

We kindly ask all members of our school community to allow extra time for their journey, use designated parking areas where possible, and be mindful of our neighbours and other road users.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children safe

Meden Y5/6 Open Evening



MEDEN SCHOOL

Y5/6 OPEN EVENING

Come and see why Meden School is the **RIGHT** choice for your child at our Y5/Y6 Open Evening on

Thursday 24th September 2026

Doors open at 5:30pm with refreshments in the canteen. Evening starts promptly at 6pm with a brief introduction, followed by a carousel of taster sessions, led by our staff & current students.
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

ASPIRATION EXCELLENCE ACHIEVE

The poster features the Meden School crest, a photograph of four students in school uniforms standing outdoors, and a background image of the school building.

Please see the details in the image of the upcoming Open Evening at Meden School on Thursday 24 September.

Parent/Carer Connecting event



Carers Hub Service

Parent Carer Connecting Event

Are you a Parent Carer of a child with additional needs?
Are you looking for advice and support within your caring role?

Carers Hub Service are hosting a Parent Carer Connecting event in Mansfield where carers can go to get information, advice and guidance all in one place.

Tuesday 6th October
10.00am to 1.00pm

Civic Corner
Mansfield Civic Centre
Chesterfield Road South
Mansfield
NG19 7BH

To book or get more information email carershubinfo@carersfederation.co.uk or call 0808 802 1777

The poster includes the Carers Hub Service logo, a stylized graphic of two interlocking loops, an illustration of a hand holding three people, and a teal banner at the bottom with contact information.

Primary MHST Parent Event



This one hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. The MHST will explore common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. They will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.

A World of Wonder - Writing Competition



Young Writers have launched an exciting new competition based on poetry called: A World of Wonder - Where could their imagination take them?

Give your child the chance to explore an idea they love and turn it into a poem of their own. *A World of Wonder* is an open-themed poetry competition where anything is possible. Their poem could take them into space, deep underwater, into a magical kingdom, or it could be

inspired by friendship, animals, nature, a favourite place, history, or something they'd love to change. **Any theme. Any poetic style. Plenty of ways to make it their own.**

For the pupils who take part, their poems could be published in a real book, giving them a real boost of confidence and motivation to write, which they'll carry forward into their next piece of work. There are also prizes to be won for their favourite stories, and the school with the best set of entries will win an incredible £1000!

So, if your child would like to take part, here are the rules:

- Only one entry per pupil.
- They need to ensure their name, age and school name are included on the entry form (Initials or first names only can be supplied if necessary.)
- 100-word limit (this does not include the title).
- Pupils' poems must be their own work!
- Please note on the entry if there is anything they need to take into consideration when reading the work.
- UK entrants only.
- Free to enter.
- Copyright remains with the author.

Entry forms will be available from your child's class teacher and must be returned to school by **Monday 12 October LATEST** (your child's entry can be returned to their class teacher or to the school office).

Happy Writing!

Mrs Burton

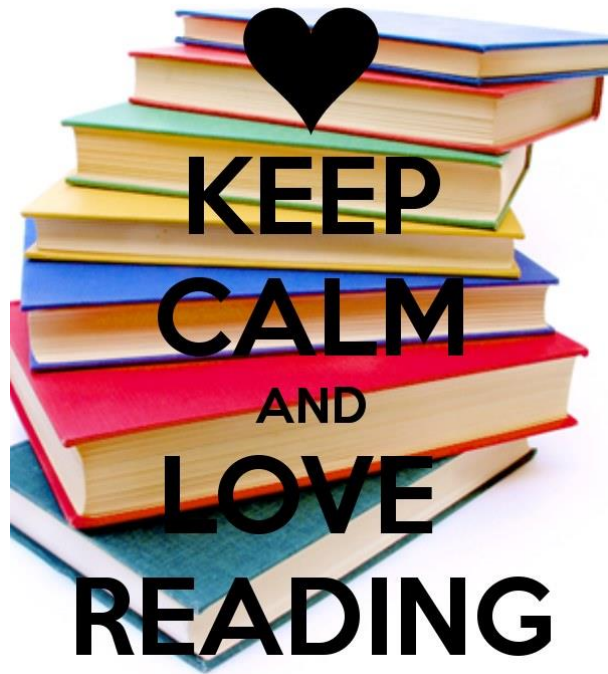
Reading Volunteers - Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who have generously given their time to support reading across the school.

Volunteering in school is a valuable way to support our children's development, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive contribution our volunteers will make each week. Your time, enthusiasm and encouragement are greatly appreciated by both staff and pupils.

Thank you to Mrs Higgins, Miss Sands and Mrs Stokes for supporting our 1:1 reading programme. We look forward to seeing the positive impact of your work throughout the year.

Your support helps us to create a strong reading culture and provides children with additional opportunities to develop their fluency, comprehension and enjoyment of reading. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community - if this sounds like something you want to get involved with, please see the school office or Mrs Burton.



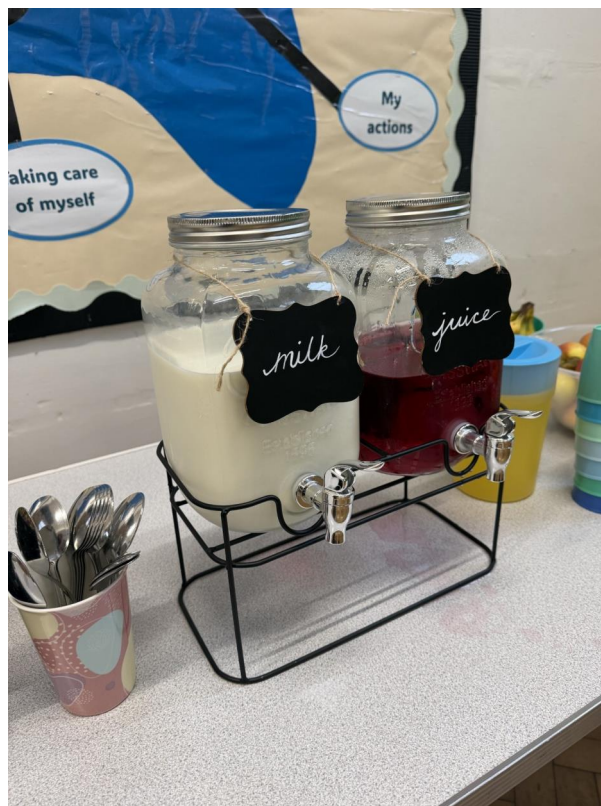
Residential Updates



Sherwood Forest Residential is now **full** and we have a waiting list.

There are 7 places left on the Year 5 Residential to The Mill Adventure - please speak to your child's teacher or pop into the office for more information.

Breakfast Club





Reminder - We now offer a **FREE breakfast club** for **all children**, starting **30 minutes before school**.

Details

 **Time:** From **8.15am**

 **Arrival window:** Children **must arrive between 8.15am and 8.25am**

 Children **will not be admitted after 8.25am**

 **Food available:** Toast, cereal, fruit and juice

 **No booking required** – just turn up!

 Children who already attend our usual *paid* Breakfast Club from **7.30am** will automatically be included in the *free* breakfast provision from **8.15am**.

Normal booking via ParentPay is still required for attendance between **7.30am and 8.15am**.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about payments

Breaktime Snacks

We would like to remind families about our expectations regarding playtime snacks and drinks.

Children are welcome to bring their own snack for morning playtime. We strongly encourage healthy choices such as fruit, vegetables, breakfast biscuits or other nutritious snacks.

As an allergy-aware school, **children must not share food with others under any circumstances**. To help keep all pupils safe, **nuts and nut-containing products are strictly prohibited** in any snacks brought into school.

Children should also bring a **named and refillable water bottle** each day. Water bottles can be refilled throughout the school day. We do not allow fruit juice, fizzy drinks, milkshakes or energy drinks in school. If your child would like to bring squash, this is permitted; however, they will only have access to water when refilling their bottle.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for all children.



Bikes and Scooters



We think it is fantastic that so many pupils are utilising our bikes and scooters shed so early in the school year, but we would just like to remind those children that they need to be safe and considerate of others when not only entering the school premises, but on the way to and from school.

We would also like to remind all pupils to be safe, considerate and polite to other pedestrians. Bikes and scooters should be pushed through the playground and not rode through. We would also like to encourage those children travelling to and from school on a bike or scooter do so whilst wearing a helmet.

Any bikes or scooters left in our bike shed are there at the owner's own risk and school takes no responsibility for loss or damage.

May we also remind parents/carers that e-scooters are **completely prohibited** from school site.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Year 6 Trip to One Call Stadium

Year 6 are planning a visit to Mansfield Town Football Club as part of our RSHE unit 'Think Positive' on **Wednesday 18th November 2026**.

Our day will be divided into two parts. Half the day will be spent touring the stadium, learning the history of Mansfield Town Football Club and then playing some team games on the astro turf with the coaches. The second half of the day will be spent in a workshop exploring equality, acceptance and positive attitudes towards each other and ourselves. **The cost of the trip per child is £10.00.** Please make payment via ParentPay.

You must also give consent for your child to attend the trip and provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip via ParentPay. If you are experiencing financial difficulties at this time and would like to discuss this, please contact the school office. The coach will leave school at 9:00am so pupils will need to arrive on time to be registered prior to the trip. We will arrive back at school for the normal finishing time of 3:20pm, however if this changes significantly we will contact you by text.

Children are expected to wear their PE uniform and trainers, but no football shoes or astro trainers are to be worn. They will also need a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf as part of the day will be based outside. Children will need a healthy packed lunch and drink (no fizzy drinks) in a bag or lunchbox. If your child receives free school meals and you would like school to provide a packed lunch, you will have the opportunity to order one via ParentPay.

Any parents with a DBS check carried out by school, who are available to support us on this day, please let us know. Please make payment via your ParentPay account along with the necessary consent and contact details by Friday 6th November 2026.

Many thankss

Mrs Bradbury, Miss Benson-Loydall

Year 6 Teachers

Sports Achievements

If your child has a swimming certificate, dance award, gymnastics award, a new belt in judo, anything at all related to being active, we would love for them to share it with us and we will celebrate them in our newsletter.

Golden Tickets



Golden tickets are awarded by our Senior Leaders (Mrs Stevens, Mrs Burton, Mrs Naylor, Mrs Bradbury & Mrs Seals) to individuals, groups or the whole class for demonstrating our school core values, including their attitude to learning and behaviour. Each of the 5 staff members have 20 golden tickets to present each week. Each class collects their golden tickets and a weekly total is shared in assembly. The overall scores are displayed on our leader board in the upper hall. The class with the most golden tickets at the end of the half-term receives **£50** to spend on a treat!

Well done to **6BL & 3M** for being golden ticket winners for this week and achieving an amazing **7** golden tickets!

Well done to **6BL** who were the overall winners for the £50 prize!

Attendance



The overall attendance for the last week was **92.8%**

161/199 pupils had 100% attendance during last week - amazing work Sherwood!

We monitor the children's attendance every day and will contact parents where there are concerns. If your child is unwell, please contact the school office to inform us of your child's absence.

Last week's attendance winners were:

1st: 6BL 99% - Excellent work!

2nd: 4H 95.7%

3rd: 3M 93.1%

Recent Illness or Concern

Information on what to look for and when and where to seek help if you're concerned about an illness that your child may have recently developed (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Health and Care)

[Child 5 - 11 Years](#)

Too ill to attend school?

Please see the NHS school checklist poster for a quick guide of when to keep your child off school

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster](#)

Pharmacy first Minor ailment

Here's a reminder about the Pharmacy First Minor Ailment information. It covers the ailments that can be assessed and treated, if needed within the pharmacy without the need for a GP appointment usually on the same day (unless the condition is particularly severe or complex) enabling the child to return to school sooner than waiting for an appointment, starting antibiotic treatment more quickly if needed or offering over the counter medication to enable the condition to be eased and facilitate return to school.

Use the link below to find pharmacies in the area providing the services.

<https://pharmacyfirstnottinghamshire.com/>



Tea Party

Well done to this week's group of Tea Party winners - you're all superstars!

Children receive a certificate, a treat and then attend a 'Tea Party' to have a drink, a treat and play games - how exciting!

Every week, our Class Teachers celebrate pupils who shine by demonstrating our Core Values—Accountability, Resilience, and Respect. Winners might show these qualities in their learning, during play or through their consistent attitude all week. It's our way of recognising and rewarding those special moments that make our school community thrive!

3M Arthur - for showing **accountability** and **resilience** in his learning.

4H Lucas - for his **resilience** at all times but especially for tying knots.

4B Erin - for **respect** and **accountability** and getting 10/10 in her spellings.

5S Valerie - for her **resilience** in swimming lessons.

5P Freddie - for being **accountable** and trying super hard to focus on his learning.

6B William - for his amazing attitude and **resilience** to learning and school.

6BL Myles P- for always being **respectful**, taking **accountability** for his learning and trying his best even when things are a little tricky!



Reading Awards

We would like to encourage all children to read regularly at home and work towards earning our exciting **Reading Awards Certificates**.

The first milestone is the **Bronze Reading Award**, which is achieved by completing **25 reads at home**. Each time your child reads, this should be recorded in their **reading diary** and signed by an adult. A member of staff will check reading diaries each week and keep track of your child's progress towards their award.

Regular reading at home helps children develop their confidence, fluency and love of books. Thank you for your support in helping your child on their reading journey. We look forward to celebrating lots of Bronze Award winners this term! 🌟📖











Birthday Books

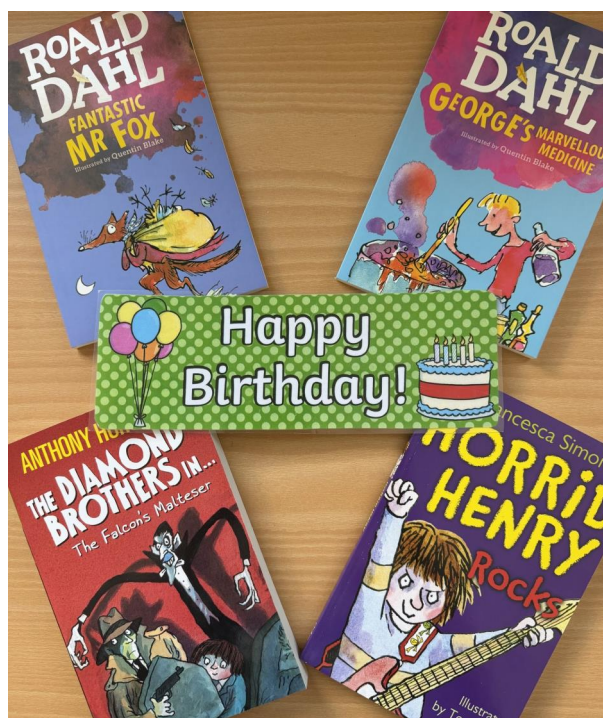
Happy birthday and happy reading to the following children:

Year 3 - Harley H-M

Year 4 - Oliver H

Year 5 - Ellie-May and Mason

Year 6- Riley F



This Week's School Dinner Menu

We encourage the children to look at the menu at home with their adults, to discuss what they might choose each day so that if they do not like the menu or jacket potato option on a particular day, they can bring a packed lunch.

This week...

Please see the 'Week 1' menu for week beginning 21 September.

WEEK COMMENCING 21st September					
AUTUMN-WINTER MENU 2026/27					
WEEK 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	Spiral pizza (v) Gluten Milk with pommes noisettes (ve) & sweetcorn	Chicken, broccoli & sweetcorn pasta Gluten Mustard Soya with garlic bread (ve) Gluten Milk Soya	Bacon steak with Yorkshire pudding (v) Gluten Egg Milk roast potatoes, (ve) carrots, green cabbage & gravy (ve)	Nottinghamshire sausage hot dog Gluten Vegetarian Gluten Sesame with jacket wedges, (ve) vegetable sticks & tomato ketchup	Fin-tastic breaded fish Gluten Fish with oven chips, (ve) tomato ketchup, peas & sweetcorn
Blue Option	Served daily Jacket potato: with cheese Milk and beans or tuna mayo Fish Egg & vegetable sticks				
Pudding	Gooney blonde (v) Gluten Milk Soya	Honey & oat cookie (ve) Gluten	Chocolate cake (v) Gluten Egg Milk & custard (v) Milk	Wobbly jelly (ve) Gluten & shortbread cookie (ve) Gluten	Swirly whirly muffin (v) Egg Milk Gluten
Bread & spread (ve) Gluten Soya, Fresh fruit					

Next week...

Please see 'Week 2' menu for week beginning 28 September.

WEEK COMMENCING		AUTUMN-WINTER MENU 2026/27				WEEK 2	
7 th September 28 th September 9 th November 30 th November 11 th January 1 st February		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Red Option	Blue Option	Cherry peony pasta (v) Gluten Milk Mustard Soya with garlic bread (ve) gluten Milk soya & peas	Cheese & tomato Pizzai (v) Gluten Milk soya with oven chips (ve) & crunchy vegetable sticks	Notts-so-silly sausage gluten Sulphur Dioxide with Yorkshire pudding (v) gluten tag milk roast potatoes, (ve) cauliflower, green beans & gravy (ve)	Chicken meatballs in a rich tomato sauce (v) with spaghetti (ve) gluten Mustard Soya & sweetcorn	Fish fingers all wrapped up gluten Fish with potato wedges, (ve) sweetcorn & baked beans	
		Served daily Jacket potato: with cheese Milk and beans or tuna mayo Fish Egg & vegetable sticks					
		Bread & spread (ve) gluten soya, Fresh fruit					
Pudding		Golden cherry flapjack (ve) gluten Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate cake (v) Gluten Egg milk & chocolate sauce (v) milk	Soft scoop ice cream (v) milk & raspberry sauce	Crunchy ginger biscuit (ve) gluten	The classic: Cornflake tart (v) gluten & custard (v) milk	

The menus can be also be found on our website [School Dinners | Sherwood Junior School](#)

Please ensure your child's ParentPay dinner money account is in credit and there is enough to pay for a school meal on the day, or the kitchen will be unable to provide a lunch.

Contact Us



To report a child's absence 01623 842545 phone school and leave a message on the absence line or speak to the school office.

Please note, the school office email should not be used to report an absence.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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