



# Studley Green Newsletter 24.04.26

**Beyond Expectation**



**EQUA Mead**  
Learning Trust  
Every Child, Every Chance

## Letter from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful sunny week, full of great learning, lovely singing and lots of smiley children. As the weather becomes warmer, children are spending more time outdoors within the local community after school and at weekends. We would like to take this opportunity to remind pupils and families of the importance of safe, respectful and sensible behaviour when out and about on the estate. This includes being considerate of others, listening to trusted adults, staying within agreed boundaries, and keeping safe near roads. We ask for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home so that children represent themselves, their families and the school positively within our community.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we would also like to remind families about the importance of monitoring online activity at home. Please check age ratings on games, apps and films, and ensure that content is appropriate for your child's age and maturity. We strongly advise that children do not use social media platforms until they are at least 13 years old, in line with most platform guidelines. Talking regularly with your child about what they do online, who they communicate with, and how to report concerns is one of the most effective ways to keep them safe.

We are pleased to let you know that from next week we will be introducing a new range of cold lunch options. These have been developed to give children more choice while continuing to meet our nutritional standards. We hope this provides a welcome alternative as the weather becomes warmer.

We would also like to remind families of the importance of providing healthy break-time snacks. Nutritious snacks such as fruit, vegetables or plain crackers help children maintain energy, concentration and focus throughout the morning. We kindly ask that sugary snacks and sweets are avoided, as these can impact both learning and wellbeing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Orr

## Important Information



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### *School Office*

*The school office operates during designated hours to support parents, carers, pupils, and visitors with administrative enquiries.*

*During term time, the office is open **Monday to Friday**, from **8:30 to 15:30**. Staff are available during these hours to manage correspondence, respond to telephone and email enquiries, and provide general administrative assistance.*

*Outside of these hours, including evenings, weekends, and school holidays, the office remains closed. Messages left via voicemail or email during closure periods will be addressed when the office next reopens.*

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### **A reminder about school drop off arrangements.**

To help keep everyone safe and ensure a calm, orderly pick-up and drop off, we operate a one-way system at the start and end of the school day. Please enter the site through the main gate by the zebra crossing and exit via the nursery gate. We also kindly remind families that children should not ride scooters or bikes until they are fully off the school grounds. This helps prevent accidents in busy areas and keeps all pupils and adults safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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### *Dates for the Diary*

*Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday*

*Friday 15th May - ECCO/PTA Cake Sale*

*Friday May 22nd - End of Term 5*

*Wednesday 17th June - KS1 Dance Festival at The Forum*

*Tuesday 23rd June - ECCO/PTA meeting - all welcome at 2pm*

*Friday 10th July - School Disco - KS1 5pm-6pm*

*Friday 10th July - School Disco - KS2 6:15pm-7:15pm*

### ***TD Days***

*Monday 15th June*

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#### **Attendance**

Jupiter - 94.31%

Mars - 97.25%

Neptune - 97.22%

Saturn - 94.14%

Well done to Mars for this week's highest attendance!

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*\*\*\*\*\*Studley Hub\*\*\*\*\**

*Drop-in sessions with Mrs Anne Taylor*

*Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.45am - 9.30am*

*Community Health Drop-in*

*Every Wednesday 3pm - 4pm*

*Supporting -Healthy eating and nutrition*

*-Sleep tips and routines*

*-Emotional wellbeing and stress*

*-Relationships*

*-Bedwetting and toileting support*

*Please keep your eyes peeled for up and coming Coffee mornings.*

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## Reporting Child Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the office as soon as possible.

You can do this by calling the school office on 01225 752713 and leaving a message, on ParentMail under Absence, or by sending an email to [admin@studleygreen.equamead.org](mailto:admin@studleygreen.equamead.org). This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures the safety of all our pupils.

Thank you for your support.

## Helping Your Child with Handwriting



We often think of handwriting as just a "finger activity." However, at Studley Green, we teach handwriting from the **ground up**. To write clearly and for a long time, a child needs a strong "physical foundation."

Think of it like a crane: if the base isn't bolted to the ground, the arm can't lift heavy things. In handwriting, the "base" is the body.

### **How you can help at home:**

**Posture First:** If they are colouring or writing, ensure they are sitting at a table rather than lying on the floor.

**The "Pinchy" Grip:** We encourage the "tripod grip." Think of the thumb and pointer finger as a "bird's beak" pinching the pencil, resting on the middle finger.

**Strength over Speed:** Fun activities like using playdough, tweezers, or even Lego help build the tiny muscles needed for a steady hand.

When supporting handwriting at home, the biggest mistake is focusing solely on "holding a pen." For EYFS and KS1, the best support comes from building **gross motor strength** (shoulders and arms) and **fine motor dexterity** (fingers).

Think of it as building the "scaffolding" before you try to paint the house. Here are some exercise to try at home.

### **The "Big Muscle" Activities (Gross Motor)**

If a child's shoulder is weak, their hand will tire quickly. These activities build stability.

**Animal Walks:** "Crab walks" or "bear crawls" across the living room are excellent for core and upper body strength.

**Wheelbarrow Races:** Hold their legs while they walk on their hands. This is the ultimate "shoulder stabilizer" exercise.

### **The "Busy Finger" Activities (Fine Motor)**

These activities develop the tiny muscles in the hand that control the pencil.

**The "Tweezers Challenge":** Use kitchen tongs or tweezers to move pom-poms, dried beans, or pasta shapes from one bowl to another.

**Playdough Gym:** Don't just "play"—have them "squish, roll, and pinch." Specifically, ask them to make tiny "peas" by rolling dough between only their thumb and index finger.

**Spray Bottles:** Let them help water the plants using a trigger spray bottle. This builds the exact muscle group used for a tripod grip.

**Coin Slots:** Pushing coins into a piggy bank or buttons through buttonholes helps with "in-hand manipulation."

### **Letter Formation (The "Sensory" Way)**

Before moving to paper, let them feel the shapes of the letters.

**Shaving Foam or Sand:** Spread a thin layer on a tray. Have them "write" their name using their index finger. It's easier to correct mistakes, and the sensory feedback helps the brain "lock in" the shape.

**Back Writing:** "Write" a letter on your child's back with your finger and have them guess what it is. Then swap!

**The "Magic Wand":** Use a stick or a literal wand to draw huge letters in the air using the whole arm.

**Have fun!**

# Reading Matters

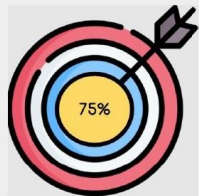


Reading Matters  
24th April 2026



## Whole School Reading Challenge

Our target is:



of our school will read at home 4 times or more.

Week 1: 100/212 = 47%

Luna:

Pan:

Metis:

Pandora:

Atlas:

Ganymede:

Titan:

Hydra:

Callisto:

Oberon:

After a lovely week full of sunshine it is easy to see that spring has sprung. Our National Year of Reading theme this month is "Green Reads".

April is the perfect time to celebrate the natural world! As the days grow longer and flowers begin to bloom, our "Green Reads" theme encourages children to explore stories about nature, wildlife, and caring for our planet.

### Why Green Reads?

Reading books about the environment helps children:

- Develop curiosity about the world around them
- Understand the importance of protecting nature
- Build empathy for animals and ecosystems
- Feel inspired to make small, positive changes

### School Challenge

This month, we challenge every pupil to read at least one "green" book and share one new fact about nature with their class!

Let's grow our love of reading - and our love for the planet - this April!

Happy Reading! 📖❤️

### Book Reviews - Year 6

Holes by Louis Sachar

You would like to read Holes because it is exciting. You would also like to read Holes if you have seen the movie because it is just like the movie. It is made in Texas. I would give this 10 stars.



Zander

The Danger Gang



I think the Danger Gang book is super good because they do ghost hunts and they do lots of great missions. I would recommend this book to people that like mysteries.

Joan



### Did you know ...?

There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth.

### Hot Choc Book Spot - Term 5





Our next Hot Choc Book Spot draw will take place on Friday 15th May. Winners and their family member or friend will be invited to our next HCBS event on Tuesday 19th May. All you need to do to get your name in the draw is read 4 times or more in a week to win a ticket.

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."



Reading Matters  
20th March 2026



Bronze	Bronze	Bronze
	Awaiting photo	
Gracie Luna	Jaxon Luna	Luca Luna
Bronze	Silver	Silver
		Awaiting photo
Pola Luna	Scarlett Luna	George Atlas



Reading Matters  
24th April 2026



Gold	Gold	Platinum
		Awaiting photo
Esme Pandora	Amelia Atlas	Dominic Atlas

Reading Raffle  
Winner



Sophie Pandora

## Parent Leaflets and Flyers



**Family and Community Learning**  
Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions 

**Helping My Child  
with Anxiety and Worry  
Online** 

**Book your  
place by  
Tuesday  
5 May** **Monday 11 May  
4:00-6:00pm** 



- ✓ Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- ✓ Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- ✓ Positive and realistic help for the family
- ✓ Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: earning less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478  
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk  
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

 **Wiltshire Council**



Online Course

Wiltshire Council

# Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Wednesday 11 June 12:45 - 2:45pm

Booking closes Wednesday 4 June 2025



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with anxiety and worry
- Strategies to support attendance
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make
- Group discussion with education psychologist

For bookings and enquiries:  
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact  
[familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
or scan the QR code



Our courses are free, if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt), have a Wiltshire postcode and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability.  
Please see our website or contact us for more information

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Online Course

# Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Thursday 18 May 12:30-2:30pm



Book by  
11 May  
2026

- Understand the challenges teens face and how anxiety affects them
- Learn practical ways to boost your teen's emotional wellbeing at home
- Discover strategies to help your teen manage anxiety in everyday life

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## Middle School Family Taster Morning Saturday 9 May

For girls looking to join us in Year 7, come and find out more about our new flexible Middle School model which launches in September 2026.

Book your place



Start in the Middle.  
Finish Ahead.



## Mighty Girls Holiday Club

### TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

SCOUT HUT, BRADFORD ON AVON  
10AM - 3PM.  
AGE 8 TO 12 YRS

**MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB  
JUST £35**

**Fun, craft, adventures and  
empowerment with the Mighty  
Girls team.**

Further details visit [www.mightygirls.co.uk](http://www.mightygirls.co.uk)



# SUNDAY BRUNCH



## SOISY GARDENS (next to the library)

26th April - Circus | 31st May - Dog Show | 28th June - World Cup  
26th July - Westbury Festival | 30th August - Vintage

- ★ LIVE MUSIC
- ★ GOOD FOOD
- ★ FARMERS MARKET
- ★ KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

LAST SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
10AM-2PM

## Dance/Movement

# SEN

TROWBRIDGE  
Paxcroft Mead  
Community Centre

Age  
7-17 (£6)  
This may vary

Thursdays  
4.45 - 5.30pm  
Followed by refreshments

ALSO RUNNING IN -

- Melksham
- Devizes
- Salisbury
- Westbury



### SOCIALISE & STAY ACTIVE!

JOIN US WEEKLY FOR A FUN UPBEAT MOVEMENT BASED SESSION. WID PROMOTES PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEND, OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-EXPRESSION, CREATIVITY, AND SOCIAL CONNECTION. WE ALSO FOCUS ON IMPROVING GROSS MOTOR SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE. INCLUSIVE DANCE PROGRAMMES PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE NEURODIVERGENT INDIVIDUALS CAN EXPLORE MOVEMENT, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF MOVING IN THE SPACE.

Email us - [wiltshireinclusiveactivities@hotmail.com](mailto:wiltshireinclusiveactivities@hotmail.com)

### Book now!




**CHARACTERS**  
STAGE SCHOOL

**HOLIDAY CLUB!**

**Z-O-M-B-I-E-S**

**BOOK NOW!**



LEARN "LIKE  
THE ZOMBIES  
DO"  
"SOMEDAY"  
"WE OWN THE  
NIGHT"

**£25 PER  
CHILD**

**TUE 26 MAY**

**AGES 7 TO**

Time: 1pm to 4pm  
Where: The Courtroom, The Old  
Town Hall, Trowbridge

**14**

Email: [moira@charactersstageschool.com](mailto:moira@charactersstageschool.com)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



## Contact Us



If you are contacting us, your enquiry will initially be dealt with by a member of the office team. If necessary, they will redirect your contact to the most appropriate person to support you.

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