

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of another wonderful year at Netherhall Mead. So much has happened, it is difficult to capture it all. Please enjoy some of our highlights.

I would like to thank you, our families, for your continued support. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our pupils shine.

I firmly believe in the TMET mission: *Together we make a positive difference*, something we see lived out every day across our school community. Thank you for being such an important part of Netherhall Mead.

**MEAD Awards:**

The MEAD Awards are presented annually at a ‘BAFTA’-style ceremony celebrating pupils and staff across TMET who embody the Trust’s values: Challenge, Creativity, Culture, Collaboration, Community, Character and Courage.

We are delighted that pupils, Dominic (Character) and Jasmine (Community) along with Evie, one of our fantastic lifeguards (Courage), were shortlisted this year. It was especially lovely to see Jasmine and Evie recognised as winners on the night, and we could not be prouder of them all.



**Staff News:**

After more than 40 years at Netherhall Mead, it is impossible to fully capture the difference Heather has made to our school community. On behalf of all pupils, families and staff, past and present, thank you, Heather. You will be missed more than you know.

I would also like to thank several members of staff for their commitment to the school and wish them well for the future. Claire, one of our teachers, is moving away from the area, while teaching assistants Rhianna and Paris are moving on to pastures new.

Finally, we send our very best wishes to Farzana, who is taking some time away to extend her family.

We are delighted to welcome Emily back as she balances her teaching career with being a mum. It has been wonderful to have her return. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming new members of staff to the Netherhall family: Kate, Assistant Principal, and teaching assistants Hannah, Anezka, Kamaljeet and Laci.

**Netherhall Mead Values:**

I’m really excited to share our new school values graphics with you which have been designed by several members of our school community. A big thank you to Shannon for creating them, and to our pupil voice group for selecting the final designs. You will soon see these appearing in different areas around the school.



We have enjoyed another exciting year on our outdoor learning field and were thrilled to discover we share this special space with some amazing wildlife. With the addition of two wildlife cameras this year, we have spotted muntjac, badgers, foxes and a wide variety of birds all enjoying the outdoors as much as we do.



We love our field and learning in our new outdoor classroom. **What do you think we should do next?**



**Sporting Excellence:**

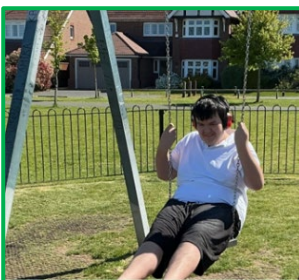
Pupils recently competed at Saffron Athletics Stadium alongside other schools from across Leicester. They took part in a range of events, including javelin, 100m, 200m, 400m races, as well as shot put. Their hard work and determination paid off, with an impressive number of medals brought back to Netherhall. Well done to everyone involved!

Pupils have also shown great bravery in trying a number of new activities, including archery, darts, axe throwing, ultimate frisbee and Zumba.



**Other news:**

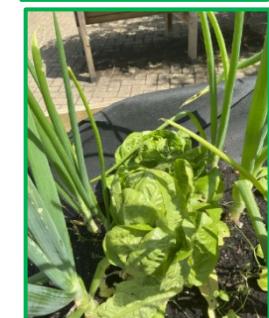
Pupils in P2 and P4 have enjoyed spending time playing outside together, sharing and building new friendships. Pupils in S6 have been getting out and about more, with visits to the park, bike rides, music concerts, bus rides and sports events. Well done to everyone for being *brave and safe*.



SF9 pupils have been busy with their growing and cooking project. From planting tiny seeds to caring for their crops, they have successfully grown lettuce, which they now enjoy each week in simple sandwiches during their cooking sessions. They continue to nurture tomatoes, potatoes, onions and runner beans as they grow and develop.



It has been wonderful to see the pupils' excitement and pride as they learn where food comes from and develop healthy eating habits.



**Musical Opportunities:**

It's been a full and busy term for the music department. We've had trips out to De Montfort Hall to see beatboxers and steel pan bands, as well as full orchestras performing both classical, popular and dance music. Our singers have performed alongside other schools in Singclusive Live, and some of our sixth form pupils have successfully completed their Discover and Explore Arts Awards.

**Summer Celebrations:**

**The Leavers' Prom** was a fitting end to the year for our Sixth Form pupils. My goodness, we know how to party! It was wonderful to see so many of you joining the celebration. We had our first ever prom king and queen!

A huge thank you to the staff who supported pupils with planning, organising, decorating, and getting prom-ready with hair and makeup. Wonderful that past pupils were able to join us, making it an even more special evening.



**Shine Festival** Our Shine Festival is taking place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. What a fantastic, joyous way for us to finish the year, singing, dancing and enjoying being together.

**Things to do during the summer holiday:**

- Leicester Get Up and Go- [Get Up and Go! | LCC Family Hub](#)
- Leicester soft play areas- [Search results | Leicester City](#)
- Leicester Family Hubs- [Best start family hubs | LCC Family Hub](#)- Stay and Play sessions for all families
- Active Leicester- [Our classes & timetables \(Spence Street Sports Centre\) | Leicester City Council](#)
- Boost Leicester- [Boost Leicester online tickets - GENERIC.ROUTES.PRODUCTPAGE](#)- SEND sessions (every Wednesday and Sunday of the half term)
- National Space Centre- [Sensory Sessions](#)- 30 minute SEND sessions with each group accommodating up to 10 people.
- Ninja Warrior- [Ninja Warrior UK Adventure Park Leicester online tickets](#)- SEND sessions every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Concerns about a child during the Summer holiday:**

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child who attends Netherhall Mead please email the school: [safeguarding@netherhall-tmet.uk](mailto:safeguarding@netherhall-tmet.uk)

This email address will be checked everyday during the summer holiday.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child you do not know, you can contact Leicester City Council, Children's social care services: the Children's Advice, Support and Prevention team (CASP)

Phone **0116 454 1004** (24 hours, 7 days a week)

Email: [CASP-team@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:CASP-team@leicester.gov.uk)

If you believe someone is in immediate danger, please contact the police straight away.

**Autumn Dates for your Diary:**

|                               | Date                             | Focus  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Open Classroom</b>         |                                  |  |
| Autumn 1                      | Thu 08/10/2026 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Personal & Social Development (Routines) and £1 Loros Sale until 3.30PM  |
| Autumn 2                      | Mon 30/11/2026 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Problem Solving & Thinking Skills (English, Maths and ICT)   |
| <b>Parent's Afternoon</b>     |                                  |  |
| Autumn term                   | Tue 10/11/2026 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM | Discuss the start of the year and your child's progress with their teacher   |
| <b>Christmas Events</b>       |                                  |  |
| Christmas Singalong           | Date TBC                         | Join us to sing and dance along to Dan & Neil singing Christmas classics   |
| Christmas Performance         | Date TBC                         | Families invited   |
| Christmas Fayre               | Date TBC                         | Families invited   |
| Santa's Grotto                | Wed 16/12/2026 3.30 – 6.00PM     | An immersive sensory experience and a chance to meet Santa. Siblings are invited too.  |
| <b>Celebrating our Values</b> |                                  |  |
| Be brave                      | 26.08.26 – 04.09.26              | Talk about our values at home with your child. Please share examples of your child demonstrating our values on Evidence for Learning (EFL). If you do not have access to EFL or are having any issues with it, please let us know so we can help you. It is a lovely way of celebrating and sharing your child's achievements between home and school. |
| Be kind                       | 07.09.26 – 18.09.26              |  |
| Be honest                     | 21.09.26 – 02.10.26              |  |
| Be safe                       | 05.10.26 – 16.10.26              |  |
| Grow together                 | 26.10.26 – 06.11.26              |  |
| Be brave                      | 09.11.26 – 20.11.26              |  |
| Be kind                       | 23.11.26 – 01.12.26              |  |
| Be honest                     | 07.12.26 – 18.12.26              |  |

**Farewell and Summer Wishes:**

As we reach the end of term, I know you will join me in wishing every pupil and member of staff leaving Netherhall all the very best for their next chapter. Wherever life takes you, keep a piece of Netherhall with you. Continue to be amazing, and look for joy in all you do.

To our whole Netherhall Mead family, I wish you a wonderful summer. One filled with rest, laughter and many happy memories.

With my very best wishes,

Sarah Naylor, Principal