

A new library for River Mead School

Providing a calm place for learning rooted in love



About the school

There are 262 children attending the school currently. Of those:

- 42% have Special Educational Needs / Disabilities (compared to a national average of 13%) and 20% have an Educational Health Care Plan – a document for children who need more support than is available through special educational needs support. The national average of children with an EHCP is 4%
- 49% qualify for free school meals. Of those, 95% have qualified for free school meals for the entirety of their time at the school
- 41% have had social care involvement in their life / with their families

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The school cares for its children deeply, and wants to give each of them the very best start in life.

For many of the children, and for many reasons, their lives outside school are chaotic, with limited opportunities to read – either out loud, or to themselves.

Children need to feel rooted, calm, and loved. When they do, they achieve great things.



What we want to do

Our ambition

To take a large, but sorrowful space and create an oasis of calm for learners within, and beyond, our school community.

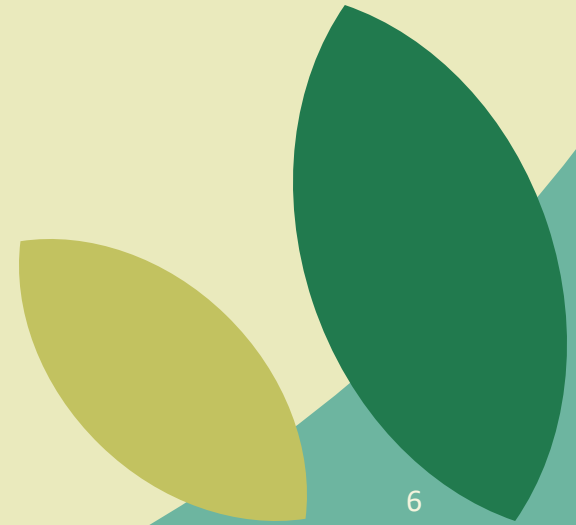
A place where children can just be. A place where they can find themselves, and dream fantastic dreams.

A welcoming space for children in our school, but also for local groups – such as baby weigh ins, Rhyme Time, and Lego club.

The room has beautiful large windows, and we want to ‘bring the outside in’. We want to create a forest-themed room, that is peaceful and inspiring.



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The space

What we've got to work with!









What we need

The ask

We are hoping to raise **£15,000** to completely renovate and equip the school library for generations of children to come. We're hoping to raise the funds in three ways:

1. If you're a local tradesman or business and can offer us a discount / preferential rates, please do! We want to support local businesses, and hope they will do the same for us
2. If you're a high net worth individual, and would like to make a contribution to our fundraising, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact us to have a cup of tea and a chat
3. If you found a loose coin down the back of the sofa, or have a bit of pocket money leftover, and would like to do something amazing with it, please consider donating it to us via our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/421c3859>

... and in return

We will be hugely grateful for all donations, and want to publicly recognise all contributors. Everyone who supports our fundraising will be credited on our website, and in our weekly newsletter to parents.

As part of the redecoration, we are going to paint a 'Tree of Thanks' on the wall, and every person who sends in a donation will be named on a leaf of the tree – a lasting legacy for everyone who gets involved!

Thank You

Please get in touch if you think you can help in any way – we would love to talk to you.



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