Meadowside Primary School

Growing at Meadowside Primary School

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Meadowside Matters

A Note From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of half term, I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff for their commitment to our school community. As one of the newest members of staff I understand the importance of the community in our school. From staff working diligently in the early mornings and late afternoons in our wrap around care; the parents lining up patiently outside to 'deliver' their children to our school; our pupils whom I meet weekly in assemblies and our dedicated teachers; our community is a positive example of the work we all do to improve the learning experience for children.

This half term has been particularly busy for Meadowside as we have had weekly visits from a team of experienced educational advisors who are adding new challenges, advice and ideas to our curricular programmes. None of us are too old to learn!

Education continues after school of course and the single most important factor contributing to success in school is reading. Over the holiday we encourage families to dedicate a regular reading time for their children. Please click the phonics link here for more information on how you can help your child with reading.

I extend a special thank you to our Parent Teacher Association, (P.T.A.) who, as I write this, have organised a 'Mufti' day and a 'Paint and Plant' morning. Look out for P.T.A. events throughout the year. As a registered charity the P.T.A. organises fund raising events for a variety of special projects throughout the year.

I wish our families and staff a restful half term break.

Kind regards,
Mr A Hill, Interim Head Teacher

Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them. The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being **97%** or above.
This term our attendance was **95.50%**

Attendance Winners

Well done to the winners of this half term:

KS1 Swan Class - 97.66%
KS2 Kingfisher & Swift Classes - 97.91%

Well done!

Year Group Round Up



Buttercups

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Buttercups! The children have settled in beautifully, made new friends and become familiar with our daily routines. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow and personalities shine.

We have been busy in our garden, exploring, investigating and growing vegetables. We have planted garlic, onions and broad beans, and already have cauliflowers growing! We also collected sunflower seeds to plant next year.

Inside Buttercups, our Talk for Writing topic has focused on dinosaurs, helping develop the children's language, imagination and storytelling skills. There has also been plenty of messy play, painting and creative activities.

One highlight was reading Pumpkin Soup and making our own pumpkin soup from scratch, alongside freshly baked bread. Every child tried it, and it went down a treat! We certainly have some budding chefs! To finish the half term, we celebrated WOW Week with autumnal activities and spooky fun. The children enjoyed pumpkin carving, making ghost biscuits, slime and jelly play, and dressing up in spooky costumes. It was a lovely end to our first half term together. We are incredibly proud of our little Buttercups. They have achieved so much, embraced new experiences and made our classroom a happy place to learn.

A big thank you to all our wonderful Buttercup families for your continued support and encouragement. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your little ones, and we look forward to sharing many more special moments.

Well done, Buttercups! Have a lovely half-term break, and we look forward to our next adventures!

Reception

To all our Reception families "Welcome to Meadowside", from Mrs Dainty, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Faram and Miss Moore.

We want to say a huge well done to all of our Robin and Owl children. They have settled in very well to Reception and are working really hard learning all of our new routines.
We have learnt all of our single phonic sounds and in **Maths** we have been learning about numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. The children have shown their amazing knowledge of body parts and facial features. We have loved learning nursery rhymes and singing in class.
Have a restful half term everyone.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled into the transition from EYFS to Year 1 really well. We have been very proud of the resilience, patience and respect they have shown as they have adapted to their new routines and learning.

In **English**, we have been learning from the model text 'Whatever Next' and have enjoyed innovating the story with our own ideas and exciting adjectives.

In **Maths**, we have been recognising, sequencing and comparing numbers to 10, using the correct mathematical symbols.

In **Science**, we have been learning about our bodies, including the names of bones in our skeleton and our five senses. The children particularly enjoyed our science experiments, including smell pots and taste testing, which resulted in some very funny faces!

In **Geography**, we have been using maps to locate our school and creating maps of our classroom and playground. We then reviewed our playground and thought about how we could develop and improve it.

In **Religion and Worldviews**, we have been learning about Christianity, listening to the story of Creation and exploring how Christians believe God wants us to care for our planet and each other.

In **Computing**, the children have been introduced to Purple Mash and we have also been learning about internet safety, understanding how to stay safe online and what to do if something online makes us feel worried, scared or sad.

In **PE**, we have been developing our fitness and fundamental movement skills, including using our arms when running, dodging others safely and learning how to jump safely.

Please don't forget the importance of listening to your child read at home and recording this in their reading diary. Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of reading. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child to make the best possible progress.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting term! The children have settled in wonderfully and are working hard to become more independent and confident in their learning.

In **English**, we have enjoyed exploring traditional tales, learning about story openings and endings, adjectives, noun phrases and time connectives. The children used these skills to write their own imaginative traditional tales.

In **Maths**, we have focused on place value, partitioning numbers, comparing numbers and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In **Geography**, we explored hot and cold places, learning about the Equator and comparing the UK with Kenya. In **Science**, we investigated materials and their properties, while in **DT** we explored structure and made Baby Bear's Chair. We have also been developing our coding skills and learning how to stay safe online in **Computing**.

Throughout the term, we have focused on keeping safe and healthy, linking British Values to our school values, and exploring how Christian teachings encourage kindness.

In **PE**, we have practiced our fundamental movement skills and teamwork, while in **Music** we enjoyed using body percussion to create rhythms. We have also worked hard on our handwriting and enjoyed listening to our class novels, George's Marvellous Medicine and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

We are very proud of the children's hard work, creativity and progress this term. We wish all our families a wonderful and restful half-term break!

Year 3

Year 3 have settled in beautifully!

In **English**, we have written traditional tales with alternative endings and, in **Maths**, we have finished our place value unit and are now working on addition and subtraction. We are continuing to practise our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and are looking forward to getting stuck into the 3 times table in Autumn 2.

We have carried out lots of observations of soil and rocks, learning about their properties and the different types. We now know that fossils are found in sedimentary rock!

We have loved learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains in **Geography** and now know lots about what happens at a plate boundary.

In **RW**, we have been learning about Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism), exploring the big question: 'What might Sanatanis learn from the story of Rama and Sita and the celebrations of Diwali?' We are now really confident at retelling the story of Rama and Sita.

In **D&T**, we made pneumatic toys, and we hope you enjoyed playing with them when they came home.

We are looking forward to Autumn 2!

Year 4

Year 4 pupils have made good progress in their learning this term and should be very proud of all they have achieved.

In **English**, they enjoyed writing suspense stories, using exciting vocabulary and techniques to keep their readers engaged.

In **Maths**, they developed their understanding of place value to 10,000 and worked hard to improve their recall of the 3 and 4 times tables.

In **Science** and **Design Technology**, pupils particularly enjoyed building and working with electrical circuits, demonstrating curiosity, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the term, they have approached their learning with enthusiasm and determination showing they have made a great start to Year 4.

Year 5

Mr Reilly and Mr Kidd will be working through the curriculum and focusing on getting Kingfisher and Kestrel classes ready for Year six and SAT's.

We are preparing our first **Hot Write** of the term, and we are currently working on Addition and Subtraction in **Maths**.

In **PE** we have been working with a coach from Northampton Saints, and we have a few future internationalists in our classes!

We are rehearsing for our upcoming assembly and looking forward to showing everyone our skills in singing.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a cracking start to their final year at Meadowside.

We kicked things off with an unforgettable trip to Frontier Centre, where we enjoyed a range of fun activities like paddleboarding, zip lining and climbing. All of the staff were very impressed with how the pupils represented the school.

Back in school, we have been learning the four operations in **Maths**, writing gripping suspense stories, making soft toys in **DT** and learning about how living things are classified in S**cience**.

We are now ready for a well deserved week off after a long term of learning.



You are Amazing!

A big well done to everyone back at school this term, in particular all our new **Reception** intake. You have all done so well! You have amazed us with your independence and have settled in really well. We are ready for a great year ahead. Our **Year 3's** have been amazingly resilient too and have settled in beautifully into KS2! You are already getting to grips with rules and expectations.





School Tours

School tours are being held for children starting school Sept 2027. Please call the school office for more information.

Moved House? Changed email or phone number?

If you have changed your contact details recently, please contact the school office to let us know:

admin@meadowsideprimary.org



Medication in School



If your child requires medication during the school day, please contact the School Office in the first instance for advice. If the medication can be administered, the School Office will text you a medical form to complete. Once completed, this will be passed to your child's class teacher.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Road Safety



As the darker mornings and evenings approach, please take extra care around school. Many pupils walk or cycle, so please drive carefully and consider their safety.

Please avoid speeding and parking on corners, yellow lines, driveways or bus stops, as these can create hazards for pedestrians and other road users.

If your child cycles to school, please ensure their bike is roadworthy and they wear appropriate safety equipment, including lights and hi-vis clothing.

We have also received complaints from local residents, so please park considerately and respect our neighbours.



Save the Date!

Date	Event
26.10.26 - 30.10.26	**Half Term Break - School Closed**
02.11.26	**School re-opens**
11.11.26	Reception Weight and Height Screening
17.11.26 & 19.11.26	Parent Consultations
18.11.26	Year 6 Weight and Height Screening
01.12.26 - 18.12.26	Christmas Post
03.12.26 - 2.15pm	Reception Christmas Concert
04.12.26 -10am	Writing Assembly
08.12.26	Year 1 Christmas Concert - 10am Year 4 Christmas Concert - 2:15pm
09.12.26	Christmas Dinner
10.12.26	Rocksteady Concert - 9am Year 3 Christmas Concert - 2:15pm

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15.12.26	Year 2 Christmas Concert - 10am Year 5 Christmas Concert - 2:15pm
17.12.26	Buttercup Boogie - 10am
w/c 15.12.26	House Afternoon
18.12.26	Last Day of Term
Christmas Holidays 21.12.26 – 03.01.27	
04.01.27	**Inset Day - School Closed**
05.01.27	**School Reopens to Pupils**

Poppy Appeal!

We will be collecting donations for poppies during the first week back after the October half-term break. Thank you for your support!

HALLOWEEN ART COMPETITION

Get creative... show us your spooky side!



ANY MEDIUM WELCOME!

Drawing, painting, collage, printmaking... be imaginative!

OPEN TO ALL BUTTERCUPS AND MEADOWSIDE PUPILS

THEME: SPOOKY ART

Monsters, witches, ghosts, pumpkins, haunted houses... let your imagination run wild!

ALL ENTRIES TO BE RETURNED TO MRS COOPER BY MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids Eat Free October 9th - 31st via Perks App

BANANA TREE
Kids eat free this october with an adult

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS
Kids Eat Free Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

BREWDOG
Kids eat free this Oct with **KIDS EAT FREE** bookings

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO
Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE
Kids eat free Sun 18th Oct - Sun 1st Nov 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
2 Kids eat free during the October Half Term

FLAMING GRILL
1 Kid eats free weekdays this October half term

FRANKIE & BENNYS
Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

HUNGRY HORSE
2 Kids eat for £1 this October Half Term

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS
kids eat for £1 during the october half term

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TESCO
Kids Eat free weekdays with an adult purchase

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY
Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with a £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS
Kids eat free via the village app

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
Kids eat free weekdays in school holidays

