

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 14th November 2025

At Meadowside, we are:

*A*spirational *E*nvironmental *I*ndependent *O*ppportunistic *U*nderstanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
87	114	107	126

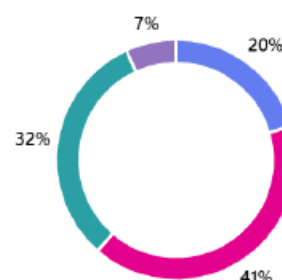
Message from Mr Port

Thank you to Friends of Meadowside, volunteers and staff for all your effort with the school discos! They were a GLOWING success. A lot of work goes into making sure these are safe and fun. I attended the recent FOM meeting and all I can say is... WOW! We are so lucky to have such an awesome PTA and we all really appreciate it. If anyone wants to get involved please email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk. Read their section below, with an update on the awards ceremony. Well done guys!

Below I am sharing some of the results of our safeguarding survey that Gloucestershire County Council put together for a sample of our Key Stage 2 children. I have focused these results on anti-bullying, given that has been the theme of the week! I think you'll agree that these are positive results but there is work to be done. I would always acknowledge that bullying happens at all schools across our country, including Meadowside. What is important, is how we aim to prevent it and how we tackle it. I'll continue to share the results of the survey over the coming weeks.

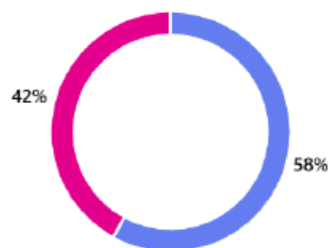
14. Is bullying a problem at your school?

● It doesn't happen	18
● It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it	36
● It happens and teachers are good at resolving it	28
● It happens and teachers are not good at resolving it	6
● It happens and teachers do nothing about it	0



15. I have experienced bullying at this school?

● Yes 51
● No 37



This week I've included some information at the end of this newsletter. Keep an eye out for it!

Attendance

Headlines

- Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **95.7%**
- Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0.4%**
- Well done to **Year 3 (again!)** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **98.8%!**
- There have been a total of **41** lates so far this term
- Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **95.7% (National 95.4%)**
- Whole school attendance for 2024/2025: **96.2% (National 94.8%)**

Mr Port

Attendance Champion

Nursery Rhyme Week

This week, not only have we celebrated Anti Bullying week but we have all been learning (or practising) our Nursery Rhymes. These are a brilliant British tradition and help us with rhyme, rhythm and speaking clearly. They even help us to remember facts about key events (Ring-o'-Roses and London's Burning to name just a few!)

Each class shared their favourite in assembly today and Mr Port challenged the children to share some with you over the weekend to see if you can still remember them from your own childhood- we bet that you can as they are designed to be easily memorable!

Meadowside Class News

Reception – Apple class

It is the time of year when the Reception class is full of monsters as we start our topic Marvellous Monsters. There were mystery footprints leading to the classroom. We used our

imaginations to think about what it could be. Then we discovered a book with the same footprints in it, we deduced that it had been left by the monster in the book. Since then we have thought about where monsters live and how they feel. The colour monster has been very popular and has even featured in our puppet shows this week.

In maths we have been looking at dice and the different arrangements of spots on them. This has led to lots of fun dice games.

Every day is full of new ideas and interesting projects as the children learn through their play, interacting with each other and the Reception staff.

Year 1 – Cherry Class

Year One had a very exciting week last week! Not only were we sent a parcel containing a very old teddy bear and an invitation to host a teddy bears' picnic, but we also went on our first school trip! We had a fantastic time at the museum in the park and have spoken lots about our experiences there this week too! We have made a page in our topic books with lots of photos and captions of all the fun that we had!

In English this week, we have been focusing on instructions. We looked at lots of instructions, followed some instructions and are now moving on to writing some instructions on how to make a teddy bear! We have also been enjoying learning some nursery rhymes for nursery rhyme week and reading traditional tales too.

In maths, we have continued to consolidate our recognition of numbers up to 100 and we have been learning to count in 10s and 2s. We will continue to work on this next week too, but this is a really easy thing to do at home. You can climb stairs and count in 10s or 2s on each step, you can play catch and keep score in 10s or 2s, you can even get some sneaky jobs done in a fun way by doing things like target throwing laundry into the washing basket and scoring points for it too!

Year 2 – Oak Class

Year 2 started their new topic Step Back in Time with a *great* event- the reconstruction of the Great Fire of London! We were amazed to see how quickly our houses burned and to learn that this event really did happen 400 years ago in London. We have been learning all about just how hard life was back then and how some of these events have actually shaped our lives many, many years down the line. We have found out about the grisly topics of the Gunpowder Plot, the Great Plague and the Great Fire of London. We have learnt lots of great facts and questioned some of the terrible decisions made by the men in charge back then. Ask your child what they can remember.

Our English has been shaped by this knowledge as we are learning how to structure a diary. Next week, we will pretend to be Londoners back in 1666 and write our own diary trying to imagine what we would have been thinking and feeling.

Maths this fortnight focuses on subtraction and how we can make this easier by using known facts and our addition knowledge. We have also been practising our maths reasoning- explaining how we know something to be true OR how we know it must be wrong. Keep practising Numbots as it is this key information that will help us answer questions.

Year 3- Beech Class

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their new topic of 'History Hunters'. We started with a fantastic topic launch when the children were presented with a range of items. They had to decide whether they were historical artefacts or just rubbish! After lots of thinking it was agreed that everything around us is the history of the future! The children also had to practice their archaeology skills and palaeontology skills, whilst showing determination and resilience. Every child left school with a piece of history that was millions of years old! A real wow moment!

In English we have been reading *Stone Girl, Bone Girl*, which tells the story of Mary Anning. We have been busy writing first person recounts – why not ask your child what they can tell you about this amazing woman of history!

In Whole Class Guided Reading we have been using the book 'The Wild Way Home' by Sophie Kirtley. We will be continuing with this book for the duration of the History Hunters topic (Until February half term).

Year 4 – Elm Class

Year 4 have really embraced our new topic and have enjoyed turning our attentions to a more historical enquiry. It seems Ancient Greece is a civilisation that we are eager to all learn more about. In our spellings we have been making links with the etymology of words which in fact prove many derived from the Ancient Greeks-you will be able to spot them in this week's homework. In Maths we have just come to the end of a unit of work all about 2D shapes. We know what a rhombus, trapezium, parallelogram and many more are, along with all their properties and any lines of symmetry. Please help your child when out and about to spot a shape and describe them to you-especially triangles (isosceles, equilateral, scalene and right-angled)! In English we have absolutely LOVED learning about the infamous Greek Myth: Theseus and the Minotaur. We have read many versions, acted it out in drama, illustrated the beast himself and started to develop some poetry based on it. A wonderful

couple of weeks of such enthusiasm ending in sharing nursery rhymes in assembly as it is nursery rhyme week. Nostalgic for many of us.

Year 5 – Willow Class

Year 5 have started their new topic this week called, 'Watch this Space!' In English, the children really enjoyed listening to our class book, 'When we Walked on the Moon' by David Long. The children thought hard about what they liked and disliked about the book and they thought about any surprises they heard whilst listening. The children enjoyed the topic launch afternoon creating front cover pages for their topic books and working as a team to place the continents of the world in the correct place on a blue ball – the Earth! They had lots of fun competing against other teams in the class to see who was the most accurate! In Maths, we have been identifying cube, cuboid, pyramid and prism nets by cutting, folding and making these 3D shapes. The children have been working hard on their handwriting this week using the cursive style and their books are becoming much neater. A great start to Term 2, Year 5! Well done!

Year 6 – Maple Class

Term 2 kicked off with an unusual ball and hoop game where children had to somehow get the ball through the hoop without using their hands or feet. We then found out that we had actually been playing the Ancient Mayan game of Pok-a-Tok. You'll be glad to know that we adapted the rules so that the losers were not killed and offered up to the Gods! This kickstarted our new topic: Murderous Maya. See how much your child can tell you about how, when and where the Maya lived. Year 6 have made their teachers very proud this week with their long division. There were moments along the way where we were all wanting to tear our hair out but every single child persevered and worked so hard to master the trickiest maths we have done so far! In English, we launched a spooky new graphic novel- Thornhill. We will be using this to inspire our writing over the next few weeks before we have a go at writing an independent piece in the same style. Year 6 also took part in the next part of the orchard project on Monday. It was such a fun day which included walks to the orchard to hunt for birds, some incredible bird sketches and an afternoon of clay sculpture. Details of our exhibition to come! It has been a fantastic start to our new term; long may it continue!

Friends of Meadowside

It's been an exciting week at Friends of Meadowside as we were invited to attend the Parentkind PTA awards event. There were 100s of applications, and FoM were narrowed down to 3 finalists for a Changing The Life of the School award. Our application was based around the Meadow, which 4 years ago looked like a sea of brambles, and has taken the

hard work of the committee and helpers to transform it into the wildlife and learning resource it is today. Unfortunately, we missed out on the award by coming in 2nd place - but we still celebrate the fact that we managed to get into the finals against projects from all over the UK. An amazing testament to the last 4 years of hard work and we thank everyone involved in making it such a success. We've put together a video so new parents can see the transformation over the past 4 years - take a look on Facebook to see more. The hard work doesn't stop there, and we need continuous work, particularly in Spring to help keep it maintained and accessible for the children. It will be amazing to see Meadowside parents continue to support this over the years they are at the school. Please do let us know if you can spare any time in Spring to carry out basic gardening tasks.

It's on to our busiest term of the year, kicking off with the Disco's tonight - hope everyone has a great time and we'll try our hardest to get the children dismissed / entered into the building safely with the wet weather forecasted. Please be patient with us whilst we manage this.

Our remaining events this term are -

- Thurs 27th November - Meadowside's 25th Birthday non-uniform day. Dress in silver / grey / partywear to celebrate the school's milestone, and we ask for a donation towards the Christmas market in return - tombola prizes, raffle prizes, jolly jars. All in new condition please.
- Tues 2nd Dec - Christmas Market 3.30 - 6pm. Raffle letters sent home today to support this.
- Thurs 11th Dec - Wreath making event in the evening
- Sat 13th - Sun 21st December - "Window Wonderland" Christmas trail around Green Farm. If you live on the Green Farm estate, and would be willing to decorate your window - for a chance to win the new Window Wonderland trophy, and one of 3 prizes --- please get in touch.

More information about our Christmas events will be sent next week - with tickets for everything available from our SumUp shop from Monday - <https://friends-of-meadowside.sumupstore.com/>

For all these events we need helpers - if you can help at any of the events, please let us know using friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Road safety Week 17th – 21st November

With this in mind, please ensure your parking improves as poor parking is a hazard for the children at Meadowside. On Friday 21st November, the children must wear school uniform but **one item** can be brightly coloured to help highlight this important day. All we ask in return is a small voluntary donation that can go towards a sign/signs to help improve parking around Meadowside.

Sporting News

Girls' Football

The girls played Beech green school on Monday and although they lost 5-0 the team showed excellent commitment and determination.

Boys' A Team Football

The boys battled hard against a very good Clearwater side but lost 2- 0. Both goals crept over the line in the first few minutes but hard work and talent from the Meadowside team meant they challenged Clearwater well for the remainder of the game. Unlucky boys!

The boys took part in a tournament this week. They won two games and drew two. The team only conceded one goal and just missed out on the semi-finals. Meadowside finished 5th out of 12 schools. Well done boys, you were awesome!

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2025/2026

Monday 26th January

Monday 20th July

Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st Nov	Road Safety Week
Friday 21 st November	Wear something bright to raise awareness in Road Safety Week. Donations towards local parking signs welcomed.
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5 Trip
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 2 Trip
Thursday 27 th November	Happy 25 th Birthday, Meadowside!

	Non-uniform: wear silver/grey/sparkly to celebrate the birthday!
Tuesday 2 nd December	Car Park Carols!
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.15 – 10.30 a.m. Reception and KS1 Christmas Performances will be running from the Church in the afternoon. There will be two performances. Timings to follow.
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance 1.45 – 3 p.m.
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Day!
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform) Last Day of Term 2 (finish at 2 p.m.)
Monday 5 th January	Term 3 Begins

Next edition due: Friday 28th November 2025

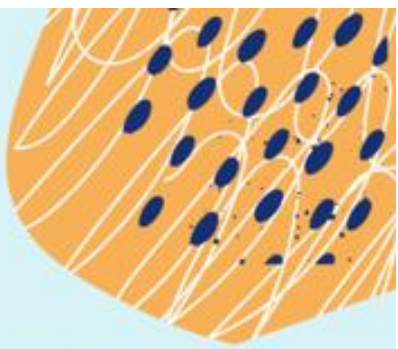
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14th January 2026

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10- 12 midday
11th February 2026

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10- 12 midday
11th March 2026

**Impact of drugs & alcohol on your child's mental
health**

10- 12 midday
15th April 2026



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23rd October 2025

Dear Claire

A Big 'Thank you!' to you and the year 1 Students, for organising the brilliant event at your school; and to all the students for their wonderful donations of money (£212.50) and other things for our cats and dogs.

It's fantastic what the children have done and we really appreciate you all thinking of us and recognising the work that we do.

Each year we provide care for over 300 animals like Max, Sasha and Brisco below. We would not be able to do this without the continued help from brilliant supporters like all of you.

All best wishes.

thank you
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