

**Summer Term Edition**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational Environmental Independent Opportunistic Understanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
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### Message from Mr Port

Welcome to the **Friday Scorchnightly!** I'll begin with a huge thank you to all the staff for keeping Meadowside running smoothly for the children in what has been a very challenging week for them all. I have been equally as impressed with the children, who under the guidance of staff, have managed their health very well. Everyone is exhausted and I hope sleep is a little easier to come by this weekend! I will update you on Sunday if we have to postpone Sports Day (no news is good news!).

### The weeks ahead

We are approaching a very busy three weeks at Meadowside with transitions between classes beginning, including Year 6 visiting their new schools and our Reception team meeting the class of 2026/2027! Sports Day is **Monday** and is always a great event for the children. Assessment week begins next week, where the children will have the chance to show off how much they have learnt. Final touches are coming together in Oliver and all children will get a chance to see the dress rehearsal next week. I am very excited to see it!

Next week, I am also meeting with Miss Mellersh, Mrs Whitlock, Craig and Anamika (chair and vice-chair of our Governing Body) to map out key events next year.

Have a restful weekend and thank you for your support,

Mr Port

Headteacher



### Attendance

This has not been a week where attendance has been the most important thing! My message this week is see you on Monday for a much more comfortable week for everyone!

Mr Port

Attendance Champion

## **Meadowside Class News**

### **Reception – Apple class**

This week we have been amazed, looking at google earth. First we looked at the school and were very interested in all the things around the school. As we zoomed out further we could see how small our school is in Quedgeley. The wow as we zoomed further out to see the Earth from space was brilliant. We created some simple maps and had a great time imagining what we could put on a pirate's treasure map.

To help us keep cool we have set up a camp in the outside area and on the grass. In the early part of the day it has been a great place to share a story or play imaginatively. Paddling in the tough tray and playing with water balloons was also a lot of fun. We have not done much PE this week due to the heat but we did a very quick practice of the relay for sports day. We set up the circle in the shade and had a very quick try at it first thing in the morning when it was much cooler. We are now ready to wow you all with our great relay skills on Sports morning. We hope to see you there to cheer us on.

### **Year 1 – Cherry Class**

As we draw ever nearer to our trip to Weston and the end of our topic, Year 1 have had a great time finding out more about the different roles on board a pirate ship! It turns out that, while many of us thought the pirate life could be quite fun, once we looked into it, it was not as great as we thought! Ask your child about some of the different roles a pirate could have on board a ship!

In English, we have been continuing with our book "How To Find Gold" and have been roleplaying as Anna and Crocodile. We loved pretending to go on a diving adventure and exploring the sea!

In maths, we have been concluding our work on money and moving on to some more work on measure. We are beginning to understand mass and how this is measured.

The children have been brilliant in the hot weather and have really listened carefully to the advice they have had about staying calm and cooler in the shade. I could not be more proud of how well they have done in this unbearable spell of hot weather!

### **Year 2 – Oak Class**

On Monday this week, we had some very tiny and very interesting visitors! We have adopted 35 little caterpillars to look after until they hatch into butterflies! This hot and humid weather has been very good for them and they have exploded in size since then! We could not believe our eyes at how much they have grown each time we studied them! It is looking very likely that the next time we write to you, we will have a habitat full of butterflies rather than babies!

Thank you to everyone who sent in photographs from the 1970s to 2000s- we very much enjoyed researching the destination, accommodation, transport, entertainment and clothing from this era. We are busily creating our final report for our topic books in English and your photos gave us some great information!

In maths, we are working hard to learn our 2 and 5 times tables off by heart so please continue to practise these at home too. We have been using the [Numberjacks](#) videos which use a great rhythm that can be beneficial when trying to commit things to memory.

### **Year 3- Beech Class**

What a hot week it has been! As the classroom has been so hot, we have spent much of the week having our lessons underneath some trees! I must say that I am so impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of everyone. They have worked so hard despite being so hot! We have continued our learning about Ancient Egypt, and I think this weather has helped the class with their understanding about life there! We have been thinking about the treasure found in Tutankhamun's tomb and how it has helped our understanding about what life was like. We finished reading The Egyptian Cinderella and have been retelling the story, and today we have been planning our own versions, which we will write next week! In Maths, we have been working on measure and have been learning about right angles - we made RATs to help us identify them. We will continue with our work

on angles next week. Today we revisited telling the time – this is still something that most of the class find tricky – please keep practising at home to support your child's learning!

#### **Year 4 – Elm Class**

This week, Elm class said a sad goodbye to Miss Ford, who has been with us for 8 weeks! She will be missed and we wish her the best in her new job! In English, we finished writing our recounts of on time during the residential and we shared these with the Year 3 class (the audience we had in mind) to let them know what they can expect next year! We have now begun looking at adverts, focussing on alliteration, rhyming, superlatives, rhetorical questions and a play on words. In our topic lessons, we have looked at the cam mechanism and will be using one of these to make a toy suitable for a Year 1 child. We have surveyed the Year 1 children to see what sort of toy they might like and completed our design models. In Maths, we have been converting measurement eg. Litres to millilitres, which has linked to our times tables, mental addition and division and multiplication by 10, 100 and 1,000! We had our final ukulele lesson before our concert to you next week, which we are thoroughly looking forward to! Please come and support your children from 2:30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June if you are able to. Thank you!

#### **Year 5 – Willow Class**

We have had a busy fortnight in Year 5, and the children have remained focused and worked incredibly hard despite the sweltering temperatures! In maths, the children have been busy identifying and measuring angles: acute, obtuse, reflex and right. They have been working hard on their accuracy. In English, the children have planned and written their own fantasy story - the children have loved coming up with their own ideas for a story and sharing them with their peers. The children have enjoyed doing art this week. They have produced some great self-portrait sketches where they have carefully thought about how to draw their own facial features. They then drew and painted what they thought the anonymous street artist, Banksy looks like! The children have also produced some great graffiti style art using their names and a wall (all on paper though!!)

#### **Year 6 – Maple Class**

Well we managed not to melt! During the heatwave this week I have been blown away by the maturity of Maple Class. They have been fantastic despite the uncomfortable temperatures and we have all looked after each other. We have done quite a lot of learning out in the shade in the meadow which has made a lovely change. This maturity also came into play while we have been completing our RSE sessions. They are certainly showing their readiness for secondary school. In English, we have used a short film called Paperman to inspire some romance writing. This is a new genre of writing for us and the children have had to think carefully about how their sentences can convey the emotions of the characters. In reading we have continued with Varjak Paw where the children, as well as answering many comprehension questions, have had a go at writing their own questions for their peers to answer. In maths we have revisited algebra and become competent in working out what our missing numbers are and using letter to replace variables in our own equations. There has also been some creating of Oliver props and some secret work going on to prepare for our leavers' assembly on the last day. The Oliver actors, singers and dancers have also been putting in the last bit of graft ahead of next week's dress rehearsal.


#### **Bake Sale in aid of Macmillan**

We've moved the Year 5 Bake Sale to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July after school, otherwise all the children that are at Weston-Super-Mare will miss out! Our Year 6 children that are going to Severn Vale are encouraged to pop back after their transition day!

#### **🌻 Friends of Meadowside 🌻**

What a week it has been! We would like to say a massive **well done to all of our pupils, staff and families** for coping so brilliantly during the recent spell of extreme heat. When it is so hot, school life can become a real challenge.

A special thank you must go to the **amazing Meadowside staff team**, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children remained safe, comfortable and happy while continuing their learning.

 **Donated Ice-pops** - FOM were very happy to provide ice pops for every child every day this week. Not only did they help everyone stay cool, but they also brought a little extra joy and excitement to some very warm school days.

### **Sponsored Walk Postponed**

After carefully considering the weather conditions, **Mr Port and FOM** agreed that completing the Sponsored Walk on **Friday 26th June** would simply have been too much for everyone in the extreme heat.

The Sponsored Walk has therefore been **postponed until Wednesday 15th July at 9am**, when we are hopeful for much kinder weather conditions.

### **The Good News!**

There is still plenty of time to continue fundraising!

Please keep collecting sponsorship wherever you can. Every pound raised will be invested directly back into our school, helping us to continue providing exciting opportunities, resources and experiences that make Meadowside such a wonderful place to learn and belong.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### **FOM Annual General Meeting**

A friendly reminder that the **Friends of Meadowside AGM** will take place on:

 **Meadowside School**

 **Tuesday 15th July**

 **6:30pm**

Everyone is welcome to attend. Whether you're already involved with FOM or would simply like to find out more about the wonderful work they do for our school community, we would love to see you there.

 **Have a wonderful weekend and stay cool!** 

### **Key Dates for your diary**

<b>INSET Days 2025/2026</b>	<b>INSET Days 2026/27</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day (9am – 11:45am)</b>
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<b>CHANGE OF DATE →</b> <b>WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY</b>	<i>Oliver dress rehearsal (to rest of school)</i> <i>***Please ensure your child's costume is in school***</i>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 joint trip to Weston super Mare (the children do now know!)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Macmillan Cake Sale (run by Year 5 children and parents)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Oliver performance 1: 1.15 – 3.15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Oliver performance 2: 1.15 – 3.15pm Oliver performance 3: 6 – 8 pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Children meet their new teachers! Parents invited after school to introduce themselves to new teaching teams
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Trip
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Maths Puzzle Day 1 Year 5 Science Trip (am only)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Maths Puzzle Day 2 School Family Picnic! 4 – 5.30 p.m. Reports out to parents
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sponsored Walk 9ish – 9.45 ish! Parents welcome. Sign in via the hall.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (time to be confirmed) Last day of the school year! Finish at 2 pm.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Welcome back! First day for children.

Next edition due: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

For all key dates, remember to visit the school website at [www.meadowsideschool.co.uk](http://www.meadowsideschool.co.uk)



Meadowside School

**PEAK DAY**

**SATURDAY**  
11th July 10 - 4pm!

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