

Summer Term Edition

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational Environmental Independent Opportunistic Understanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
72	86	56	94

## Message from Mr Port

My final Friday Fortnightly of the year! It has been a privilege to lead Meadowside this year. I am very lucky to have such dedicated staff, who I could give Above and Beyond bands to every day!

### Oliver!

Wow! What a performance! A huge thank you to all the staff, children and parents that made this wonderful show happen. It was one of my proudest moments as Headteacher to see so many children shine.



### Achievement

We are still awaiting our KS2 SATs results due to a delay by the examining company but I have some amazing news to share with you as we continue our aspirational mission to ensure every child reaches their potential:

- Children in Reception achieving a Good Level of Development: **76%** (this will be slightly above national)
- Children in Year 1 passing the Phonics Screening results: **93%** (well above national)
- Children in Year 4 passing their Multiplication Tables Check: **58%** (well above national)

### Mobile Phones

I would like Meadowside to become a site where mobile phones are rarely seen. Many of our children in Years 5 and 6 own phones. I often see a long queue of children collecting their phones from the office and turn them on in the car park, paying no attention to the world around them. I also see groups of younger children crowding around older children with phones before and after school. This all adds together to create some unhealthy habits. **From September, only send your child in with a phone if it is absolutely necessary.** Phones are not allowed on until children are well clear of the school gates. We all have a responsibility to promote a healthy and safe environment. In September, a form will go out to gather information on phones and going home.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Port

## Headlines

Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **95%**

Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0.3%**

Well done to **Year 4** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **98.3%**!

There have been a total of **15 lates** so far this term

Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **95.2% (National 94.9%)**

Whole school attendance for 2024/2025: **96.2% (National 94.8%)**

## Mr Port

### Attendance Champion

## Meadowside Class News

### Reception – Apple class

As usual the year has whizzed by and we are almost at the end. Just the other day during phonics the children and I were looking at how many sounds they now know, and we talked about how much they have learnt. Shuffle up day showed how ready everyone is for year one, they have all made a great start to their learning journey at Meadowside. This week we were also reminded of how far we had come when Little Meadows joined us for a mini sports morning organised by the year 5 children. Apple class were all so independent, they did not need my help at all. The Little meadows children were, understandably a little shy and more needed support. It was all great fun. A big thank you to year 5 who were great at explaining the activities and helping us all to have a go. You will make very good buddies next year. Enjoy your break everyone but make sure you keep your brains ticking over by sharing books and doing just a little bit of writing. Perhaps you could write a shopping list, a post card or a message to a friend. Give me a wave when you see me after the break. Happy holidays.

### Year 1 – Cherry Class

Year One really saw out our Setting Sail topic in style on our trip to Weston last week! They looked fantastic and really enjoyed the day – especially walking across the very wet bridge to reach the lake! They were a true credit to Meadowside! The members of Cherry Class who took part in Oliver (be it in choir, dance or behind the scenes) also had the opportunity to shine for all of our productions this week – well done for doing it so well in the heat!

We have been finishing up some maths work on capacity this week and have enjoyed making some potions and measuring the capacity of various containers. In English we have been finishing off writing our own adventure stories which were brilliant! Over the next few days, we will do some work on a few areas of maths and English we have found a little trickier so that we are as prepared as possible for our move to Year Two!

Cherry Class have been on a real learning journey during their time in Year One (just take a look at the photos in their science book growth charts to prove it!) and now we are ready to send them off to Year Two as happy, confident and enthusiastic learners. From all of us in the Year One team, we wish you a lovely restful summer and look forward to seeing you back in September.

### Year 2 – Oak Class

What a busy fortnight we have had. Our trip to Weston super Mare last week was a great success. Our favourite bits were the arcade machines and the sandcastle competition- two great classics of a beach holiday! Thank you to your costume efforts- the children (and accompanying adults) looked great!

We said our first goodbyes of this term this week when we released our butterflies to the wild! They have only been with us a very short time as they have grown so very quickly in this hot weather. On Friday last week, we had 5 fully grown butterflies and the rest appeared over the weekend! (We think they were waiting for the peace and quiet!) On Monday, they were very fluttery and we were very excited to see them but we decided it was unfair to keep them in such a small enclosure when they should be out in the wild. We released them into our meadow and are hoping to see them around over the coming few days. We are sure we'll recognise them- they are enormous!!!

In both English and maths, we have been busily revising some of the things that we have found tricky this year. We have practised lots of fractions and time in maths and have looked at sentence structures and types in English. These have been our Learning With Parents homework too, so please do take the time to help your children practise these at home- every little bit helps.

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

Year 3 have continued their exciting 'Tomb Raiders' topic this half term. We have been learning about the famous Egyptologist Howard Carter and his incredible discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The children have loved exploring some of the amazing treasures found inside the tomb and have enjoyed investigating the purpose of different artefacts and what they tell us about life in Ancient Egypt. We have also learnt more about Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon and had some fantastic discussions about whether Howard Carter could be considered a 'tomb raider'. Did he take artefacts from the tomb that should have been left there? The children shared some thoughtful opinions and supported their ideas with evidence from what they had learnt. In Maths, we have been studying statistics. We have learnt how to interpret pictograms and bar charts, answered questions about the information they show and created our own charts to present data. As we come to the end of the school year, please could all children make sure they return any reading books and library books next week. We would like to wish you a wonderful, relaxing summer holiday. Thank you for your support throughout the year - we look forward to seeing everyone in September!

### **Year 4 - Elm Class**

Year 4 have really enjoyed and developed our persuasive writing style these past two weeks. We have become proficient in word play, rhyming, alliteration and rhetorical questions. Perhaps ask your child what these mean? In Maths we have been looking at perimeter and area by using practical learning opportunities to showcase these skills/ It is always most impactful when we link our learning to a real-life scenario eg how much carpet would this room need and how much skirting board! Making links in our learning at this stage of KS2 really sets them up for great success in upper Key Stage 2. On that note the children had a great session experiencing what life will feel like as a Year 5 and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. But we are resistant to letting them leave Year 4 as we want to keep them for a bit longer given the amazing year we have spent together. Luckily being just over the corridor means we still see them each day. We will end the year with creating our mechanical toys in DT and evaluating their designs. After all WE ARE all ENGINEERS as we conclude this last topic which brought together our STEM subjects so beautifully and enhanced their learning so well.

### **Year 5 - Willow Class**

Year 5 have had another busy fortnight! The highlight of this week was hosting a 'mini sport's day' for the Little Meadow group and our Reception class. They were incredible with the younger children – they encouraged and supported them brilliantly throughout the ten sporting activities as well as organising the session for them. Well done, Year 5 – we were incredibly proud of you.

In our maths sessions, the children have been doing statistics where they have been reading and interpreting information from tables, timetables and line graphs. In English, the children have written a discussion text about whether dogs should be kept on leads in public parks. They ensured their arguments were balanced and they supported their ideas well with evidence.

Next Monday, the children will be going to Severn Vale School to participate in a science morning. They will get to participate in a range of science experiments in the labs which will be fun and engaging.

Have a fantastic summer break – you all deserve it!

### **Year 6 – Maple Class**

Year 6 at this time of year is always a bit mad and this year is no exception! Now that Oliver is done, we are full steam ahead with preparations for the leavers' assembly. The children have all enjoyed their tasters of secondary school life during their transition days and came back buzzing with talk of new friends and teachers. This week was Meadowside shuffle-up day and Maple Class enjoyed their shuffle-down time in Reception Class with Miss Palmer. Dressed in princess dresses, baking 'cakes' in the mud kitchen and tending to their babies in the home corner- they came back beaming! Last week the children completed their annual self-portraits in their sketch books. Wow! They were absolutely incredible and when we compared them to the ones they created at the end of Year 5 the progress was phenomenal. Mr Port came to see them and was equally impressed! **I was very impressed! They were amazing!** Next week, we are looking forward to a final get-together with our Reception buddies where we will play some games together; a maths puzzle afternoon; the sponsored walk; the school picnic and of course leavers assembly. Could children please wear a white button-up shirt for the last day. This can be signed after the assembly.

It has been a fantastic year with Maple Class and I wish all families a wonderful summer!

### **Year 5 Bake Sale**

Tori, Edie, Iris, Connor and Ella raised a whopping £424.30 for Cancer Research UK! Wow! Well done team and THANK YOU for supporting us.

### **Friends of Meadowside**

As we approach the end of another fantastic academic year, we would like to remind everyone about our **Sponsored Walk on 16th July at 2:00pm**. Please continue to raise sponsorship wherever you can and help us finish the school year with a bang! Please bring in any money you have raised to school on that day so we can collect it ready for September.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has volunteered with **Friends of Meadowside** this year. We have been incredibly fortunate to have some dedicated parents supporting our events, and that support goes a long way in helping us deliver the activities and opportunities our school community enjoys. We would also like to thank all those who have supported us by attending events, buying tickets, making purchases, or simply spreading the

word. Every penny raised helps us continue our mission of making Meadowside the very best it can be for our children.

Finally, we would like to give a very special mention to a dearly valued member of Friends of Meadowside, **Rosy Francis, who is leaving us at the end of the year.**

Rosy has been a member of FOM for over 10 years and, during that time, she has served as Secretary to our charity, has had a very significant role in organising every Christmas event, two circuses, countless discos, and fundraising events too numerous to mention. Her dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm have been integral to the success of FOM over the years, and we simply cannot express how much she will be missed by both FOM and the wider school community.

Rosy, we are truly grateful for your wisdom, support, friendship, and unwavering enthusiasm throughout your time with us. You have made an immeasurable contribution to our school and the lives of so many families at Meadowside over the years. We wish you every happiness and success for the future. Thank you for everything you have done—you will be greatly missed.

**With best wishes for a wonderful summer break,  
Friends of Meadowside**

### Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2025/2026	INSET Days 2026/27
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

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 – 9.45ish! Parents welcome. Sign in via the hall.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly- 9am 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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



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Join us at partner picnics, play sessions, family events and community activities for **FREE** family fun throughout the summer

Find us in **YOUR** local community this summer!

**JULY**

<p><b>Queedgeley</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> Family Feasts 9:30am-4pm Fishers Meadow</p> <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> Play Rangers Community Play 10am-4pm Manor Farm Park Kingsway</p> <p><b>Coney Hill</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm The Vibe</p>	<p><b>Matson</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> First Blast Fun Fest 11am-3pm Three Oaks Park</p> <p><b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> Hillside Community Picnic 11am-3pm Hillside School Field</p> <p><b>Linden</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm The Lannett</p>	<p><b>Forest of Dean</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10am-12pm Sedbury</p> <p><b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> Lydney Community Event 2pm - 7pm Bathurst Park</p> <p><b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> 10am-12pm St Briavels</p>
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# Meet us at...

**AUGUST**

<p><b>Kingsway</b></p> <p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> Play Rangers Community Play Sessions 10am-4pm Manor Farm Park</p> <p><b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Kingsway Field, behind Sports Pavilion</p> <p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> Play Rangers Community Play Sessions 10am-4pm Manor Farm Park</p> <p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b> Play Rangers Community Play Sessions 10am-4pm Manor Farm Park</p> <p><b>Abbeylede</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Gleaven Way Park, next to Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Longlevens</b></p> <p><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Armscroft Park</p> <p><b>White City</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm The Venture Community Hub</p> <p><b>Tredworth</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Parry Field</p> <p><b>Kingsholm</b></p> <p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Serbert Street Park</p>	<p><b>Tuffley</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Pop Up Activity Day 10am-2pm Holmleigh Park</p> <p><b>Forest of Dean</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10am-12pm Joys Green</p> <p><b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b> Bells Field Family Fun Day 2pm-5pm Bells Field, Coleford</p> <p><b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10am-12pm Mischaldean</p> <p><b>Westgate</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> HAF Festival 10am-2pm The King's School</p>
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# The not so secret book club

by Read with me

Join our fun and free event for children of all ages, featuring storytime, crafts and a special treasure hunt. Plus, we'll have plenty of **free books** to take home and enjoy!

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**Tuesday, 25th of August**  
Drop in from **11am until 1pm.**