

Summer Term Edition

Friday 11th September 2026

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational Environmental Independent Opportunistic Understanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
56	60	50	49

Message from Mr Port

It's been so lovely to have Meadowside full once again! A very special welcome to Maple Class, who have begun their journey at Meadowside! It has been a joy to meet our new families.

My child is happy at Meadowside Primary School

Strongly agree	30
Agree	23
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0



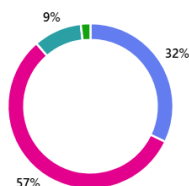
My child is safe at Meadowside Primary School

Strongly Agree	26
Agree	27
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0



Meadowside makes sure its pupils are well behaved

Strongly agree	17
Agree	30
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	1



Over the next couple of editions of the Friday Fortnightly, I will be sharing the results of the Parent and Carer Survey that went out in June. You can see from these results that Meadowside is a safe and happy place. Managing behaviour continues to be a challenge in all schools. We are strong on expectations and always challenge children if they do the wrong thing. It is important to remember that some children have additional needs that require unique approaches, but the expectation does not change. We work on improving behaviour every day and will always work with you. Please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about behaviour.

Good luck to the Year 6 children who are sitting the Grammar Test tomorrow. **Try your best!**

Have an awesome weekend!



Headlines

Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **96%**

Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0.6%**

Well done to **Reception** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an amazing **97.7%**! A great start for our new little people!

There have been a total of **17 lates** so far this term

Whole school attendance for 2025/2027: **96%**

Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **95.3%** (National **94.7%**)

You may have seen attendance in the news headlines over the summer. Our aspiration is that children attend school every day. We are here to support your child in their attendance. Children are great at spreading germs and illness happens. This handy guide from the NHS tells you when to keep your child off school: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Mr Port

Attendance Champion

Operation Encompass – Safeguarding

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. Operation Encompass places a statutory obligation on police forces to share notifications with schools/educational settings. You can read more [here](#).

Staff news

Congratulations to Mrs Bowvier, who has achieved her long service award! She has worked at Meadowside for TWENTY FIVE years! I am sure you join me in a big thank you to the wonderful Mrs Bowvier!

Mrs Whitlock has achieved a nationally recognised qualification in Special Educational Needs. She has been working on this for two years and has had to write essays, dive into education research and attend training. It proves that learning never ends for anyone! Well done, Mrs Whitlock.

Year 6 Parents!

A message from Severn Vale, who are one of our main feeder secondary schools:

Severn Vale School's Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 17 September 2026 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**. As this is usually a busy event, parking can be difficult therefore we ask that if you are able, could you please walk?

Open Mornings will take place on **Tuesday 22 September and Thursday 1 October, from 9:30 – 11:00am**.

There is no need to book, just simply turn up for the event that is most convenient for you. We look forward to showing you, and your child, our school.

Meadowside Class News

Reception – Maple class

It was great to welcome in the new Maple class with their parents and carers. Stay and play sessions were lots of fun and our classroom was soon decorated with drawings by all our new starters. This week the children been fantastic, they are all interacting well, exploring the classroom and the outside area. We have played listening games, read stories, been on the bikes, used the computer suite, done cutting and sticking as well as lots of playing and having fun. On Thursday the floor was lava in the outside area, so we built stepping stones and a balancing circuit so that we could get around without burning our feet. I love working with small people, they have amazing imaginations and you never quite know what you will be doing.

Year 1 – Apple Class

Apple Class have made a brilliant start to Year One life! We have been spending time learning the new rules and routines of our classroom and refamiliarising ourselves with our Meadowside values! We have found out a little bit about our house groups and the planes they are named after and enjoyed some activities in forest school. Next week we begin the more formal element of learning, but this will still include lots of practical aspects and the opportunity for the children to unwind and play too. Please don't forget to send in wellies or trainers if you have not yet done so as these are particularly helpful for wetter days so we can still use the field and forest school.

Year 2 – Cherry Class

Cherry Class have had a great start to life in Year 2- there are always a lot of new routines and responsibilities that come with being the eldest children in Key Stage 1 and they have risen to the challenge very well indeed! We have been working on learning more about our school values this week – what they mean and how we can live them through our actions. We have practised being independent in our learning and have discussed being aspirational about what we hope to achieve this year. Ask your child what things they are looking forward to learning this year- we all had very similar ideas about this on Tuesday this week!

Our maths work focuses on number and place value to start off our term. We work with numbers up to 100 and have been discussing the parts of these numbers- the 10s and 1s. Try spotting and reading these numbers when out and about.

Year 3- Oak Class

I have been very impressed by the positive start that all Year 3 children have made! We began by revisiting the Meadowside school rules and values and I am pleased to say that every child has tried their best to implement these. This week our English has been based on the book Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura, we have thought about elements of sentences and have practised using adverbs and prepositions in sentences. We have also used prepositions to help us to write a poem about life in a Stone Age camp. In class guided reading we are studying The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta, we have read the first chapter, and it has sparked an interest in life in the Stone Age and Skara Brae - in fact our history lesson today was also about Skara Brae, so it has really helped our understanding about life in prehistoric Britain!

In maths our focus has been on number and place value. We have been looking at numbers up to 1,000, how to say them, write them and partition them in different ways! - We have been very busy! Don't forget to look at the Learning With Parents homework as this will help to consolidate our learning!

Year 4 – Beech Class

Beech Class have certainly impressed us so far by embracing Year 4 with such a positive attitude. We have spent the first few days establishing clear expectations and re-visiting our school rules and values. I wonder how many your child can remember and give examples of? Why not ask them this weekend.

We have completed some problem solving in Maths, alongside some place value work. It is lovely to see such confident and resilient learners already at this stage of the academic year. It looks set to be very successful as we move through the curriculum. In English we have shared our aspirations for the coming year and revisited what we wrote last year. It was lovely to see how far we have come. We have started reading a book called One Plastic Bag set in The Gambia and explores the topic of recycling. It is beautifully written and the children are already showing their environmental values by sharing the concern with the main character from the story. In science we have begun thinking about electricity and what uses it-identifying many misconceptions.

Finally, we have started a wonderful unit of work in History learning all about what children's lives were like during different periods of history. They were shocked to know how many had to work and learn a trade at the same age they are now. It was surprising how many fancied being a scullery maid or a carpenter instead of coming to school. They were also concerned that their teacher may have had to live through child labour and be a chimney sweep. Not entirely sure how old they thought I was, but no I was not alive in the Tudor era. Maybe their maths does need more work?

Have a great weekend and do log in and do your Learning with Parents, read and play some times tables practice.

Year 5 – Elm Class

Elm Class have made a great start to the new school year and have responded well to the new routines and expectations of Year 5. They have enjoyed reading 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' as our class guided reading text and exploring the magic and mystery presented in the story so far. In English lessons, we have focused on the story Beowulf, and the children have written some fantastic character descriptions of Grendel – a terrifying monster! The vocabulary choices they used have been amazing! In science, we have started to learn about the Sun and the Solar System as part of our Earth and Space unit. In history, the children have been learning about the Vikings and have created timelines of key events from this period of study. In maths, the children have been doing place value and reading and writing numbers in words and numerals up to one million. Keep up the hard work, Elm Class!

Year 6 – Willow Class

It has been a pleasure to begin teaching Willow Class this year. Alongside getting used to all the new routines and expectations that come along with being the eldest children in the school, we have hit the ground running with lots of learning. In maths we have revisited place value and have been reading and writing numbers with up to seven digits, placing seven digit numbers on number lines and looking at reasoning questions linked to place value. In English, last week we wrote alliterative poems about the things we did NOT do during the summer holidays (these were hilarious!) and this week we have begun a longer writing unit based on the book, The Viewer. We have explored how characters are presented in books of different genres and written our own character descriptions. One character we have all grown to love already is Stanley Yelnats, who is the main character in our guided reading book- Holes. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in to this book and shown off our comprehension skills. Our foundation focus subject for the first few weeks of this term is History and we have begun discovering more about the history of the census. Your child should be able to tell you what the census is and what we can learn about Victorian children from the census. In music this week we began to

explore syncope- we had lots of fun singing! The attitudes to learning have been excellent and the adults in Year 6 feel very proud.

Policy Updates

The **Child Protection Policy** has been updated in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children.

Allergy Safety. This is a new policy in line with Benedict's Law. We are awaiting our delivery of auto-injectors, which will become compulsory to have on site from 1st October.

These will be on the website once they have been agreed by Governors at the end of this month.

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2026/2027

Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 25th January 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Monday 14 th September	Nasal flu vaccinations
Monday 5 th October and Tuesday 6 th October	Parents' evening. In person at Meadowside. 3.30 – 6 pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Harvest Assembly (children only)
Monday 19 th October	Friends of Meadowside Bake Off
Wednesday 11 th November	Individual and sibling photographs
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need (non-uniform)
	Friends of Meadowside School Discos KS1: 5 – 6.15 pm / KS2: 6.30 – 8 pm
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	Anti bullying week
Friday 20 th November	Year 2 trip
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th November	Road safety week
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas Market and Car Park Carols
Tuesday 8 th December	Year 1 trip
Monday 15 th December	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS2: 9.15 – 10.15 am / KS1: 13:45 – 14:45

Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS1: 9.15 – 10.15 am / KS2: 13:45 – 14:45
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform)
Friday 18 th December	School closes 2pm
Monday 4 th January 2027	School opens to pupils

Next edition due: Friday 25th September 2026

For all key dates, remember to visit the school website at www.meadowsideschool.co.uk



PRAISERSISE

Praisersise is a joyful movement class with lively worship music. Fun, friendly, and open to all.

Come and enjoy easy dance-style movements, good company, and a feel-good workout that supports your health and well-being. Join us for a light, happy session that lifts your spirits and gets you moving.

Wednesdays

7pm - 8pm

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