

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 25th September 2026

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational **E**nvironmental **I**ndependent **O**ppportunistic **U**nderstanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
104	123	116	105

Message from Mr Port

It's been a very positive fortnight at Meadowside. We have implemented a new curriculum for Art, Science, DT, History and Music. The children are currently working through their first units of work. We will be updating on the curriculum in more detail next term as we will be able to share more information with you.

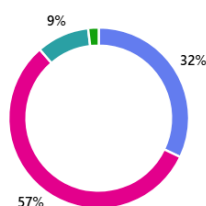
I was lucky enough to be visited by some Year 6 children who were learning about syncopation in music. They taught me a complex rhythm that I just managed to succeed in! They were far better! You can see it and may be even try it at home [Lesson Media: Syncopated rhythms | Oak National Academy](#)

As promised, you can see the next three results from our 25/26 Parent Survey. As parents and carers, you have been very positive about knowing what your child will be learning about and how we deal with your concerns. It has been a little side mission of mine to ensure your voices are heard and that we are listening.

Our aspiration is that all children achieve highly and for some children, they need extra support along the way. Some who filled out the survey rightly questioned why some children received booster groups for Year 6 SATs, whilst some did not. These are very difficult decisions to make but we know some children need a little more help, whilst others are able to work more independently after the teacher input. Our SATs results reflect the right approach, as they are the best we've ever had and the children have entered Secondary School equipped with the right knowledge and skills. I hope this makes our decision making clearer.

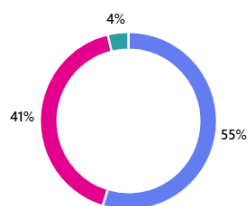
The school gives my child the support they need to succeed

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



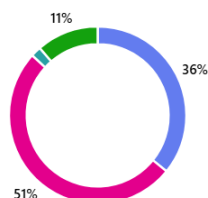
Meadowside makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year

Strongly agree	29
Agree	22
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0



When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly

Strongly Agree	19
Agree	27
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	6



Have a great weekend!

Mr Port.

Attendance Headlines

Please make sure you are arriving at school between 08:35-08:45. There have been an increasing number of children arriving after this time and it can really unsettle their start to the day. We've already recorded 31 lates so far this term!

Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **96.8%**

Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0%**

Well done to **Year 1** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **98.5%**!

There have been a total of **31 lates** so far this term

Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **96.3% (National 94.9%)**

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

Mr Port

Attendance Champion

Meadowside Class News

Reception – Maple class

Last week we enjoyed sharing our favourite books from home. The children all talked about why they liked the books and what their favourite parts were. Forest school was another first last week, it is always popular and this is a great time of year to be out in the trees. Having the whole class together has been great this week. We have been working hard to learn each others names and share the school equipment. Taking turns is not always easy but the children are asking for help if they need support with this and we are all working on being kind and making sure we are all happy and having a good time. The first lunch at school was a messy one, spaghetti and meatballs was a popular choice and lots of it went home on our faces and tops. We have also started our phase 2 phonics lessons this week, learning the first set of phonemes s a t p. On Wednesday we

even managed to read out first word- sat and write – at. It has been fun but by Friday we will all be a bit tired (teachers included). So, rest up this weekend ready for more adventures and learning next week.

Year 1 – Apple Class

This fortnight Apple Class have been learning all about syllables, nouns and verbs in English! We have been labelling anything and everything in the classroom that is a noun (see if your child can tell you what a noun is!) and also playing some verb charades (which was really funny!). In maths, we have been exploring numbers to 20, seeing them written as words, ordering them, comparing more or less and finding one more and one less. Lots of us still struggle to identify teen numbers so this is a good skill to work on at home – if you spot a teen number in the wild, see if your child can tell you what it is! We played this game as a class and you may like to play it at home to reinforce number words too. [Number Words - Early Math- Fruit Splat Game - Math Game](#) In science we have been talking about animals and sorting them by what they eat. In art we have been learning how to make different strokes with paint brushes and had a go at creating some artwork like Alma Thomas!

Year 2 – Cherry Class

This fortnight, Year 2 have been continuing their work on the number system in mathematics. We have been thinking about where these numbers sit on a number line and how to use the 10s digit to place them in order. In English, we finally found out the name of the book our main character came from. We will be studying Wild by Emily Hughes for the next few weeks. (The children were very interested to know more but please don't share the ending with them yet as it is a surprise!) We will be thinking about how to help the main character as she gets into trouble when she encounters some strange creatures in the forest!

We are now coming to the end of our first art unit where we have explored tone and texture and we will be completing our final pictures this week before we move on to our first geography unit next week.

Year 3- Oak Class

In English Year 3 have been continuing to look at the book Stone Age Boy, we have practised writing and including feelings and emotions without explicitly saying how they were feeling, e.g. instead of 'I was scared', writing 'my hearted pounded in my chest and my hands began to tremble'. We have finished the unit by using these phrases and ideas when writing our own time slip stories, where they are the main character who is transported to the Stone Age. We have concluded our history unit of work, by using our learning to answer the question 'Would you rather live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?' Why not discuss with your child how they answered the question. Next week we will begin an exciting new DT topic...

Year 4 – Beech Class

Beech Class have now reached the end of their place value unit of work in Maths and have shown a good understanding of 4 digit numbers and problems related to them. They are now able to place any number on the number line, count in 1000's from any given number and find more or less than any 4 digit number. In English we are writing a discussion text about the pros and cons of PLASTIC. We are thinking carefully about both sides of this argument-to make it balanced. Talk with your child about this as they will be making a conclusion to this next week. In History we have concluded our unit about children of the past and how different their lives were to ours. I hope they remember what a doctor would prescribe you if you had cholera or smallpox! This now means we will now begin a DT unit of work-very exciting. In science we continue to explore electricity, and we are experts in circuits now! Finally, we have a plea- in Guided reading we are looking at The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo. We have nearly enough of these books for a class set, but if you happen to have one at home or a friend does, please may we borrow? Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Year 5 – Elm Class

Elm Class have had another busy fortnight of learning. In maths, we have been rounding, ordering and comparing numbers. In English, the children have been learning how to write a great set of instructions about how to catch Grendel (a fictional character from Beowulf). The children have also enjoyed reading the book, 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' in their guided reading sessions. In RE, the children have explored what the Trinity is and what it means to Christians. They have focused this week on baptism and the symbolic meaning of water. The children have been enjoying their badminton lessons in PE and have participated in rallies with their partner to improve their personal best scores! In science, the children have been learning about the moon phases and have found out some interesting facts about the moon. Keep up the hard work, Year 5!

Year 6 – Willow Class

It has been a brilliant fortnight for Year 6 and we are so proud of the attitudes and behaviour we are witnessing in the classroom. Children are engaged and focused and showing maturity in their approach to the learning. Last week the children completed a set of past SATs papers. The idea behind this was for us to get an idea of what the children do and don't know and help us come up with an action plan for the rest of the year. We want to ensure that all children get exactly what they need and are supported in the best possible way through what can be a challenging year.

The most exciting moment of the year so far happened this Wednesday: Year 6 got their Reception buddies! Willow Class will guide and assist their buddies through the year and we have some exciting 'buddy activities' planned for later in the year. It is always a joy to watch these little friendships grow.

In maths we have been rounding numbers and working with decimals and negative numbers. In English we have completed our first proper piece of independent writing: a narrative based on the book, 'The Viewer'. In Science we have been using the correct symbols to create circuit diagrams and in History we have finished our work on the census- we are experts on this now!

Message from Ribston Hall high school

Please find information attached about our upcoming Open Events in October. We have three Open Events running this year and they are:

- Open Morning, 15th October 2026, 9am to 11:30am
- Open Evening, 15th October 2026, 4:30pm to 7pm
- Open Evening, 15th October 2026, 5:30pm to 8pm

Our open events are the perfect opportunity to find out more about our school and the changes to the Grammar Schools Test for 2027. We will also be offering student-guided tours, and our Senior Leadership and Admissions teams will be available to answer any questions parents/carers may have.

Booking a place is quick and easy. Parents/carers can find out more information about each event, and book their place(s), via the below link:

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us

Early booking is advised as we expect these events to book up very quickly.

Friends of Meadowside

A huge welcome from **Friends of Meadowside (FOM)** to all our new Meadowside families, and a special welcome to the new parents who joined us for our first meeting on Wednesday evening at school. It was wonderful to see so many new faces to offer their support and expertise, and we hope you'll be able to come along again!

As the new term gets underway, so do we! We have lots of exciting events planned over the coming weeks. Detailed information about each event will be emailed out separately, so keep an eye on your inbox for everything you need to know about getting involved.

Upcoming Events

The Great Meadowside Bake Off

Monday 19th October

- This year's theme is '**Books!**' in celebration of the **National Year of Reading**. Get creative and bring your favourite books to life through the medium of cake!

Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 20th November 6pm

- This event is run by the wonderful Kopenl Creations at school and is a great chance to create something beautiful to hand pride of place throughout the festive period.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 27th November

- In celebration of the school's birthday! We welcome the children to wear non uniform and bring in prize donations for the Christmas Market rather than a pound.

Christmas Market and Carpark Carols

Tuesday 1st December

Next FOM Meeting will be Tuesday 14th October at The Thatch Inn.

There are lots of amazing things to look forward to, and we'll be sharing more details about how you can get involved in the coming weeks.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Gemma and the FOM Team

Census Day Menu – Thursday 1st October

There is a special menu on Thursday 1st October.

The options will be

Chicken Nuggets and chips

Vegan Hot Dog in a bun and chips

Both served with peas and beans.

Ice Cream.

The menu on Friday 2nd October will be

Spaghetti Bolognese

Coconut Curry with Rice

Jacket Potato.

Policy Updates

There are no policy updates.

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2026/2027

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 25th January 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

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 Friends of Meadowside Wreath Making 18:00 – 21:30
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 9th October 2026

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



Meadowside School



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