

Friday Fortnightly

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 23rd October 2026

At Meadowside, we are:

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

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
123	123	113	120
Term Total 400	Term Total 347	Term Total 362	Term Total 376

Message from Mr Port

It has been a very busy fortnight as you will see below!

The Friday Fortnightly

This Friday Fortnightly will be the last of its kind! Communication was an area in the parent/carer survey that we need to work on. The Friday Fortnightly will continue but it will include whole school news, dates, house points and attendance. A Class Newsletter will come out at the beginning of the term to explain what is being learnt. The aim is for the information to be more streamlined and for you as parents and carers to have access to this information more easily.

INSET Day

This Friday on INSET day, teachers will be looking at children's books and looking at different aspects including the curriculum, presentation and adaptation of activities so all learners can access the lesson.

I wish you all a very happy half term and I look forward to seeing those smiling faces on the gate on **Monday 2nd November!**

Anti-Bullying Week

As always, children will be completing anti-bullying workshops this week. We are focusing on anti-racism and this will be planned and pitched carefully for each age group. We also invite the children to wear odd/random socks on **Monday 16th November** to celebrate the fact that everyone is unique.

Photos

Little Meadow are offering a chance for Little Meadow/Meadowside siblings to have a photo on **Tuesday 17th November at 9.00am**. Please notify Little Meadow and Mrs Barnes us if your child/children will be attending so we know to expect them a little later.

Have a safe and happy half term!

Mr Port

Attendance Headlines

Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **96.1%**

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

Well done to **Year 1** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **97.8%!**

There have been a total of **110 lates** so far this term

Whole school attendance for 2026/2027: **96.4% (National 95.9%)**

Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **96.2% (National 94.8%)**

Mr Port

Attendance Champion

Meadowside Class News

Reception – Maple class

This term we have been investigating our sense in science. We have been looking, listening, touching and smelling. This week we completed our experiments by tasting different flavours of crisps. It turns out it can be tricky to tell the flavour if you have not seen the packet. Our phonics is still going well, thank you to all those parents who are supporting our learning at home. Now we have some common exception words to learn. These are words that you can't sound out, you just have to remember them. - the , to , no into and I are our first set.

We had pumpkins in our tough trays this week, ready for Halloween. Painting funny pumpkin faces and having a pumpkin hunt in forest school completed our week. Have a happy half term, a good rest and see you all in November.

Year 1 – Apple Class

Apple Class have been working hard this past fortnight, so it is safe to say they have earned their half term break! In maths we have been looking at numbers to 100 to spot patterns. We have also been counting forwards and backwards up to 100 and finding the numbers on a one hundred square. The children have loved playing this [game](#) to help them spot numbers if you'd like to play along at home. In English, we finally found out what our mystery book was! The Secret Sky Garden! We loved thinking about friendships and feelings as well as thinking about personalities. We all thought the little girl Funni was a very hard worker and would love to find our own secret sky garden too!

We have come to the end of our science work on animals including humans. We loved testing out our sense of smell, touch and hearing this week with a mystery box challenge! Ask your child if they got any of the items

correct! We are also finishing up our work in geography on maps. We have been making maps of the school and have loved looking at Quedgeley from up above using Google Earth!

Have a wonderful half term and we can't wait to see you back for term 2!

Year 2 – Cherry Class

Year 2 couldn't believe that they have completed their first term as Year 2s already! We have continued to work on addition in mathematics this past fortnight and have discovered the importance of knowing your basic number facts! I told the children that we had spoken about this at parents' evening too and have asked them to ask you to help them practise!! Next term, we will continue our work on mental calculation, so knowing those basic facts (number bonds to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10) are going to be crucial for our accurate mental calculations.

We have been publishing lots over this past fortnight- we have made both posters and poems, focusing on ensuring that these are attractive to our reader. We have learnt how to create bubble writing to make clear titles and how to decorate using just the right amount of colouring! It was hard to ensure that it didn't overwhelm the writing! Look out for these published pieces in our corridor next term!

We have also concluded our science unit on plants- your children should now be experts in how to look after plants and keep them healthy. In geography, we have tested our memories on the parts of the UK, continents and oceans that make up the world. Ask your child what they can remember that **Makes Our World Wonderful!** We are looking forward to 2 new units of work next term.

Year 3- Oak Class

Wow! What a busy term we have had! Year 3's have worked exceptionally hard and risen to the challenge and have settled well into life in Key Stage 2! This week we have been very busy writing and publishing biographies about the life of Mary Anning – why not ask your child to tell you all about her amazing discoveries. In maths we have started thinking about times tables and have been busy building our x3 table and recalling facts. After half term we will be working on our x4 and x8 tables – please help your child to learn these tables, it will be so beneficial to lots of their maths this year! In DT we have finished making our pneumatic toys, the children enjoyed success and were able to use pneumatic mechanisms to make their toys move – well done everyone!

In PE we held a mini tournament that used the netball skills that we have been practising this term – congratulations to the winners... Spitfires! It was great to see all children displaying so many of our sporting values!

Year 4 – Beech Class

Year 4 have finished our DT topic this week. We were designing mindful moment timers. This involved learning what mindfulness is and carrying out some mindful exercises! We looked at existing timers and scrutinised them then used the computer suite to code our timers to go off after a certain time. We made prototypes from paper straws and in groups, we came up with a brand name and logo. We talked about the importance of branding and how to sell products efficiently to consumers. In the end, we invited Year 3s to come and talk with us and we tried to sell our products to them. About half decided to buy what they were being sold- very impressive! In English, we have been looking at the features of a diary including using informal language, fronted adverbials and coordinating conjunctions. In maths, we have begun our shape topic and have learned about the properties of the different types of triangles, a parallelogram and a rhombus. In our music lessons, we have had great fun learning how to sing in rounds. We sang a folk song called Belle Mama from Cameroon and another from the Democratic Republic of Congo called Banaha Si Si Si, which got stuck in all our heads! They have been working very hard and we hope you all have a lovely break next week.

Year 5 – Elm Class

The children have had another busy fortnight. In English, the children have been doing some descriptive writing - a setting and character description. They have used lots of descriptive language features to describe Grendel's lair and his sea hag mother (from the story Beowulf)! They have used similes, metaphors, alliteration, expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases brilliantly and chosen some superb (yet gruesome) vocabulary choices. In maths, the children have been ordering and comparing decimals with different place values and have rounded numbers with two decimal places to one decimal place. They particularly enjoyed the solve it challenge related to rounding this week.

In DT, the children have explored how to use CAD (Computer Aided Design) to create a virtual 3D model of their Microbit case and have built it using Lego or other building blocks. They have used computer software to create a monitoring device to track temperature conditions in a home for their chosen animal. The children have had to be very technical with this DT unit and it involved a lot of computing skills to complete it too. The children are more than ready for half term - they have all worked incredibly hard and have made great progress already. Have a lovely break everyone!

Year 6 – Willow Class

What a term it has been! We are all more than ready for a well-deserved break. This week there have been lots of special moments in Year 6. Highlights included watching Holes, visits from two of our Willow Class friends who left at the end of last year and spending time reading stories to our Reception buddies. We also enjoyed a special Writer's Café which was planned and delivered by our amazing writing ambassadors, Daisy and Ella. They selected a 'mythical creature' theme and children were able to choose from a menu of great ideas (or just come up with something completely different). It is great seeing the children take on their leadership roles with such enthusiasm!

As the term has come to an end we have wrapped up our first units. In Science we showcased everything we have been learning in our electricity unit by creating a double-page spread. We had to think about what our key learning was and how we were going to present it- presentation is important! We also completed and published our Amazon Rainforest leaflets, finished our street art (making sure it was bright and bold by selecting from different paints, pastels, felt-tips and pencil crayons), and debugged micro-bits in computing.

Have a great week off and we look forward to seeing you all in November!

Governor Vacancy

Become a Parent Governor at Meadowside Primary School!
We need you!

What does a Parent Governor do?

- Represent the views of parents.
- Help set the school's vision and strategic direction.
- Support and challenge the leadership team to ensure the best outcomes for all pupils.

Why join us?

- Make a difference to children's education.
 - Gain valuable skills and experience in leadership and governance.
 - Work alongside a dedicated team focused on improving our school.
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Who can apply?

Any parent or carer of a child currently enrolled at Meadowside Primary School.

Time commitment

6-10 meetings per year, plus training and school visits.

Interested?

The successful governor will undergo a safeguarding process, including the disclosure of criminal records and other checks (enhanced DBS check only when the governor has accepted).

Deadline for applications: Friday 13th November

✉ admin@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

☎ 01452 721767

Friends of Meadowside

A huge **thank you to everyone who entered our Bake Off Competition!** It was wonderful to see all of your fantastic creations, and we're delighted to share that together we raised **£254.62**. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm.

As we move towards the Christmas season, we have a very busy half term ahead with lots of exciting events planned.

Winter Disco

Tickets for the Winter Disco (Friday 13th Nov) more detail will be out soon and you will be available to purchase:

- **Online:** Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November
- **In the car park:** Monday 9th November to Thursday 12th November

Wreath Making Evening

Our **Christmas Wreath Making** evening will be held at school on **Friday 20th November**.

Places are filling up quickly, so don't miss out! Please book your tickets as soon as possible via our **SumUp Shop** to secure your place.

Christmas Market

Our **Christmas Market** will take place on **1st December**, and we are working hard behind the scenes to make sure this event is as special as ever.

We would be incredibly grateful for any volunteers who can help with setting up or assisting during the event itself. The more help we can gather, the better the event will be for everyone. If you are able to spare some time, please let us know.

We also have a couple of tables still available in the hall. If you, or someone you know, would like to hire a table to sell products at the market, please email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk and we will be in touch.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

Key Dates for your diary

INSET Days 2026/2027

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 25th January 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

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 Wear odd socks on Monday 16 th
Tuesday 17 th November at 9.00am	Little Meadow/Meadowside Sibling photos
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
Monday 25 th January	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Next edition due: Friday 13th November 2026

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



A vibrant poster for the Gordon League Fireworks & Funfair. The background is dark with colorful fireworks exploding. On the left is a tall, illuminated tower with a flag on top. On the right is a large Ferris wheel. In the foreground, there are illustrations of a burger, fries, a drink, and a pink cotton candy. The text is bold and festive, with a blue banner across the middle.

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MEET & GREET MASCOTS	5PM - 7PM
KIDS LOW NOISE FIREWORK DISPLAY <i>PERFECT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN</i>	6:30PM
MAIN FIREWORK DISPLAY <i>SET TO MUSIC!</i>	8PM

★ **FOOD, DRINK & FUNFAIR ALL EVENING!** ★

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2026

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★ *Chase Lane* ★ ★ **ANGUS PEDRICK** ★
FIREWORK DISPLAYS & EVENTS FUNFAIR

GATES OPEN **5PM** EVENT FINISHES **9PM**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE GATE OR THROUGH **eventbrite**

Discount code for Meadowside: 10OFFGL for [Tickets](#)