Friday Fortnightly

Making a difference for our future

Autumn 2026, Friday 13th November

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational Environmental Independent Opportunistic Understanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
115	115	93	95

Message from Mr Port

Welcome to the new Friday Fortnightly! The idea of this new format is to make it easier for you to take on board information. It may take some tweaks to get it right and your feedback is always welcome. Remember, you can find class newsletters here.

Over the past fortnight, we have been working hard on making improvements to our curriculum. This has included staff looking at books and providing feedback on what has worked well and what needs to change in order improve outcomes further. We have continued this journey by looking at how we assess subjects more accurately, including science, art, DT, history and geography. This is all part of our School Development Plan, as we continue our journey of improvement.

A huge thank you to Friends of Meadowisde and all volunteers for putting on the school discos tonight!

Remember, it's ODD SOCK DAY (crazy socks are also acceptable!) on Monday, as we celebrate our differences as part of Anti-bullying Week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Attendance

- Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **97%**
- Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0.1%**
- Well done to **Year 1** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **99.5%!**
- There have been a total of **20 lates** so far this term
- Whole school attendance for 2026/2027: **96.1% (National 95.7%)**
- Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **95.2% (National 94.9%)**

Mr Port, Attendance Champion

Achievements

Our Boys' A Team drew against Huntsgrove 0-0 and lost 1-0 against Waterwells. They were very entertaining games. Our Girls' football team drew against Waterwells 1-1 and claimed top spot in the league. This is a first for Meadowside so a special well done to our girls and coaches! They have reached the play offs next week.

News

We have some amazing news about our **pond!** Over the summer, Miss Akhurst submitted several bids for a redevelopment of the pond. She was successful in one of her bids and Meadowside now has £5,000 to spend on this project. A huge thank you goes to Miss Akhurst for putting this extensive bid together. If anyone in our school family is able to offer a service related to clearing the current pond area or decking, please get in contact with the school office admin@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Caterlink, our school meal suppliers, visited yesterday for an assembly on healthy eating followed by a pasta workshop for Year 4, a Brain food workshop for Year 5 and knife and fork workshops for years 1 and 2. The feedback from the staff and children was fantastic! Thank you, Caterlink!

It's **National Nursery Rhyme** week! To celebrate this, each class learnt a different nursery rhyme and performed it in assembly. These rhymes play a vital part in early childhood development. You're never too old!

The latest **SEND** newsletter from Gloucestershire County Council can be found here. A huge thank you to Mrs Whitlock for organising the SEND coffee morning last week. Sadly, no parents or carers turned up.

The **Lumi Nova** app is a recommended digital therapeutic mobile game that helps children aged 7-12 years self manage worries and build resilience. We couldn't recommend it highly enough: Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage

Children in Need raised £197.55! Thank you for your support.

Thank you for all your support with the **Poppy Appeal** in aid of the Royal British Legion. Lots of money was raised and the children marked their respect with an immaculate minute silence with Little Meadow on our school playground.

Governor Corner

At Meadowside, we are committed to providing the best possible learning environment for our children whilst ensuring they are safe in an increasingly digital world.

Over the coming months, we are planning a significant upgrade to our school's IT infrastructure and digital systems. This investment will not only improve access to technology for teaching and learning but will also strengthen our safeguarding provision through enhanced internet filtering, monitoring and online safety systems.

As technology continues to play a larger role in education, schools have an increasing responsibility to ensure that children can access digital resources safely, securely and appropriately. The planned improvements will help us provide a safer online environment, improve the reliability of our technology and support children in developing the digital skills they need for the future.

The project is expected to cost in the region of £6,000, and we are exploring a range of funding opportunities to help support this important work.

We know that our school community includes many parents, carers and family members who own, work for, or have connections with local businesses. We would be incredibly grateful to hear from anyone who may be willing to support this project through sponsorship, a donation, fundraising support or by helping us identify potential funding opportunities.

Whether a contribution is £50 or £500, every donation will help us move closer to providing safer, more effective and more reliable digital provision for all our pupils.

If you think you or your business may be able to support us, please contact the school office or speak to the Headteacher/myself. Head@meadowsideprimary.co.uk rkerslake@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Meadowside and our children

Key Dates

Mon 16th- Fri 20th Nov	Anti bullying week Wear odd socks on Monday 16th	**Tues 8th Dec**	Year 1 trip
Tues 17th Nov at 9.00am	Little Meadow/Meadowside Sibling photos	**Mon 15th Dec**	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS2: 9.15 – 10:15 am / KS1: 13:45 – 14:45
Weds 18th Nov	Non-uniform in aid of Y1 supporting Hedgehogs (Wild Hogs)	**Tues 16th Dec**	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS1: 9.15 – 10.15 am / KS2: 13:45 – 14:45
Fri 20th Nov	Year 2 trip Friends of Meadowside Wreath Making 18:00 – 21:30	**Fri 18th Dec**	Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform)
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Nov	Road safety week	**Fri 18th Dec**	School closes 2pm
Fri 26th Nov	Happy 26th Birthday, Meadowside! Non uniform in exchange of a Christmas Fayre donation	**Mon 4th Jan 2027**	School opens to pupils
Tues 1st Dec	Christmas Market and Car Park Carols	**Mon 25th Jan**	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Mon 7th Dec	Year 5 trip	**Fri 5th Feb**	NSPCC Number Day (wear something to do with numbers!)

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