Friday Fortnightly

Making a difference for our future

Autumn 2026, Friday 27th November

At Meadowside, we are:

Aspirational Environmental Independent Opportunistic Understanding

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
105	98	92	103

Message from Mr Port

It has been a very busy fortnight as we approach the festive period. Rehearsals are in full swing and like you, I am excited about seeing the results on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December.

Christmas Market and Car Park Carols are taking place on Tuesday 1st December. I look forward to seeing lots of you there. It is always a success and this is down to the hard work and dedication of Friends of Meadowside. THANK YOU!

Next week is Assessment Week. This week is vital as this data drives school improvement. We work out what we can do to help the children learn even more. There will be formal tests for a lot of year groups, but it looks a bit different for the youngest children. Our school rule **'Try your best'** could not be more important!

Have a lovely weekend!

Attendance

- Whole school attendance for the past fortnight: **95.2%**
- Unauthorised absences for the past fortnight: **0.1%**
- Well done to **Year 4** as they have achieved the highest attendance rates of the fortnight with an awesome **97.7%!**
- There have been a total of **59 lates** so far this term
- Whole school attendance for 2026/2027: **96% (National 95.6%)**
- Whole school attendance for 2025/2026: **95.2% (National 94.9%)**

There are a lot of nasty bugs around at the moment but please continue to send your child in if they are well enough. This NHS guidance is useful and this Youtube video from the DfE is helpful

Mr Port, Attendance Champion

Uniform

Children are allowed to wear a t-shirt or vest underneath their uniform on cold days. They are not allowed to wear sport skins. Trainers are for breaktimes and PE only. Please ensure your child has the correct clothing.

Achievements

The Girls' football team finished 5th out of 28 teams in their recent finals day at Oxstalls. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. They didn't quite manage to win their first two games but played with more confidence to win their final two. A huge thanks to Mrs Bouvier, Mrs Drummond and Sal, who have created an amazing team spirit. There will be trophies from this talented group!

The Boys' B Team took on several different schools in their first festival last night. We talked about being 'Opportunistic' and they really took their chances! All the games were very close. They lost to Finlay 1-0, Abbeymead 2-0 but drew against St Mary's 1-1 and 0-0 against Barnwood. Their attitude and effort was excellent. Well done boys!

News

Anti-bullying workshops took place across the school last week, with a focus on **race** and the affects that **racism** can have on people. We all have the right to be proud of our heritage and this is celebrated at our school.

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their **Victorian trip.** Not only did they look amazing in their costumes, they learnt a lot about going to school in Victorian Britain. From finger clamps to not being able to write with your left hand, it was very different to life at Meadowside!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a brilliant time watching the **Sea Legs Puppet Show**. The show was really engaging and the children behaved as a wonderful audience. The big bad wolf didn't scare them!

You raised £155.65 for the **Year 1 Wild Hogs project!** Thank you for your support.

This week, it has been **Road Safety Week.** We had a special assembly and the School Council have been on patrol to look at parking and the speed of vehicles this week. They have reported to me that parking on Elmore Lane East during drop off is very considered. All vehicles that were driving were careful. Well done, parents and carers!

Mrs Whitlock is working our **Inclusion Strategy Statement.** By Christmas, we will be able to share this with you. The funding for this strategy comes directly from the Department for Education and it will be used to enhance inclusion at Meadowside even further, so every child can continue to thrive.

Friends of Meadowside

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has donated items for our Christmas Fayre today. Your generosity and support make events like this possible, and we are incredibly grateful.
Our Friends of Meadowside team will be spending Friday evening preparing for our **Christmas Fayre on Tuesday**, and we can't wait to welcome families for what promises to be a wonderful festive event.

Can You Help?

We are always grateful for additional volunteers on the day. Whether you can help run a stall, assist with refreshments, or lend a hand at the end of the event to pack away and prepare the school for the following day. If you are able to help in any way, please email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Our recent Christmas Wreath Making Workshop was a lovely way to begin the festive season. We would like to thank **Kopend Florists** for providing such a fantastic range of materials and greenery. The wreaths created by everyone looked absolutely beautiful, and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the evening together.

We Look Forward to Seeing You on Tuesday!

Join us for **Hot Chocolate and Carol Singing from 3:30pm to 5:30pm** as we celebrate the festive season together.

Important Reminders:

- **Santa Stories has now sold out and we will not be able to do any on the day of the Fayre, thank you to those who pre-booked it was very popular!**
- **Raffle tickets must be returned by 5:15pm on Tuesday** to be entered into the prize draw.
- If you have any **spare raffle books** that you no longer need, please donate them to Friends of Meadowside or Mrs Barnes so that they can be resold.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday for a fantastic festive afternoon!

Friends of Meadowside

Key Dates

INSET Days 2026/2027
Monday 25th January 2027 Wednesday 21st July 2027

Tues 1st Dec	Christmas Market and Car Park Carols	**Mon 15th Dec**	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS2: 9.15 – 10:15 am / KS1: 13:45 – 14:45
Mon 7th Dec	Year 5 trip	**Tues 16th Dec**	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS1: 9.15 – 10.15 am / KS2: 13:45 – 14:45
Tues 8th Dec	Year 1 trip	**Weds 17th Dec**	Christmas Dinner Day!
Thurs 10th Dec	Year 5 Trip	**Fri 18th Dec**	Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform)
Mon 14th Dec	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS2: 9.15 – 10:15 am / KS1: 13:45 – 14:45	**Fri 18th Dec**	School closes 2pm
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas performances (approx. timings): KS1: 9.15 – 10.15 am / KS2: 13:45 – 14:45	**Mon 4th Jan 2027**	School opens to pupils
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform)	**Thurs 14th Jan**	Young Voices!
Fri 18th Dec	School closes 2pm	**Mon 25th Jan**	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Tues 8th Dec	Year 1 trip	**Fri 5th Feb**	NSPCC Number Day (wear something to do with numbers!)