



Dear Parents/Carers,

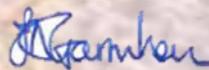
It seems that summer is finally making an appearance, and I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and longer evenings. Last week, our Year 6 pupils took their SATs exams. They have worked incredibly hard and did their very best. As you all know, although tests are an important way of assessing children, they only measure academic ability and do not reflect the respectful, responsible and resilient children that they are becoming. Thank you so much for all the staff and volunteer helpers including governors, who gave up their time ensuring the process ran smoothly.

I can't believe that we have completed our final week of this term! We have achieved so much in a short space of time. There have been many changes at Meadowside, many of which are based on your views and comments from the Parent Survey of November 2023. For example, reduced duplicated communications, introduced need to know letters, workshops and open classrooms. We would like to hear your thoughts and opinions moving forward as part of our Green Shoots Partnership. Join me for a coffee morning at **9:00 am on 12th June** to discuss this year and the upcoming academic year. During this time, we will be hosting a Maths Open Classroom between 9:00-9:30 am. More information will follow. It is Mrs Hammond's last day today and we would like to thank her for the 25 years of service she has given to Meadowside. We will all miss her immensely and wish her all the very best for the future.

A reminder that there is a vacancy for the role of parent governor on our governing board at Green Shoots Federation. Closing date is the 5th June.

Have a relaxing half term.

Mrs Garnham, Executive Head Teacher



Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them.

The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above.

This half term our attendance was **95.41%**

Reminder

School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 5th June



Let's Go
with the children

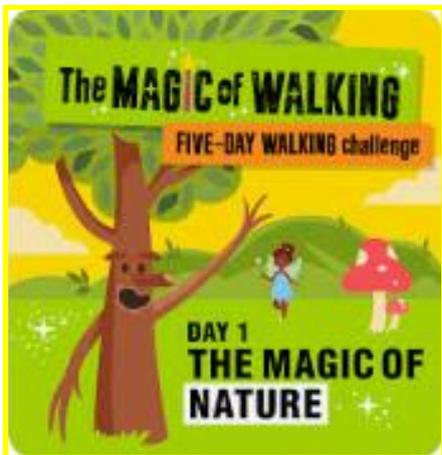
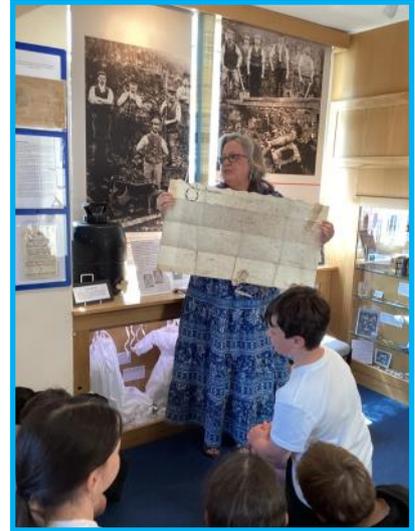
Wishing you a wonderful Half Term

Check out the link below for places to take your children in the local area this half term, Have fun :)

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/events/northamptonshire/>

Year 6 Trip to the Burton Latimer Heritage Museum

This week, Year 6 took a trip to Burton Latimer Heritage Museum. They learned a lot about our local history and World War II. They got to look at some artefacts from the local area, including a potato planter used to grow your own potatoes when rationing was in place and the town had to grow their own!



WALK WITH US!

W/C 17TH TO 21ST JUNE

Get moving and encourage kids to be more active during Walk to School Week 2024. The 5-day challenge is designed to help children reach their minimum 60 minutes of exercise per day. During the week all children will be encouraged to walk to school, each class will have their own reward system running and points will be given daily. If you live too far away to walk, please park and walk a 5-minute distance. For example, park on Queensway or Pioneer Avenue and walk from there.



Half Term Fun!

MAY 28th - 31st HALF TERM

Splashtacular Fun For
All Ages

This May half term, ditch the screens and dive into an unforgettable adventure! We're offering exciting water activities for parents and kids, along with an action-packed kids club & beginner paddlesports, brimming with outdoor fun.

Northampton
Active



PARENT & TOT

2 - 4 Years Old
Great Fun
1-1 time with
your little ones
£28

PARENT & CHILD

5 - 7 Years Old
Build Confidence
Learn new skills
together
£35

BEGINNER PADDLESPORTS

7 - 90 Years Old
Canoe, Kayaks &
Paddleboarding
Suitable for all
£22

KIDS CLUB

7 - 16 Years Old
Enjoy the
outdoors
Make new friends
£35

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Buttercups

This half term we have been focusing on the buttercup garden. We have had great fun digging and finding worms as well growing our plants from seed. We have planted them all and now we are really enjoying watching them grow. We have been learning about where we live and have enjoyed looking at different places around the world and finding our nursery on google maps. We have so much to look forward to next half term. We have started to plan our graduation and really enjoyed trying to make it super special. We have been practicing for sports day so we are super at our races.

Reception

Wow what a term we have had. The children have been working hard on their independent sentence writing, focusing on character and setting description for Goldilocks and the three bears. As Geographers we have been looking at where we live on maps and the familiar places in our local vicinity. In Maths we are able to discuss the properties of 2d and 3d shapes, share groups of objects, and have looked at bigger numbers 9 and 10. We also had a fantastic movie night, where we watched the new Trolls film and had some yummy popcorn.

Thank you for your support.
The Reception Team



Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy Summer 1 Term. In English we enjoyed creating our own animal and writing a fact file. This linked to our Science topic where we have been busy learning about different animal types and their diets. In History we have learnt about Grace Darling and we even recreated her heroic efforts to save the people stuck at sea! We enjoyed a visit to the local church where we found out about different parts of a church and participated in different activities. We worked really hard to learn our lines for our year group assembly. We would like to thank everybody who was able to attend to come and watch us perform.

Year 2

We have been very busy in year 2 this term. In English, we have used the story Gorilla by Anthony Browne to support our writing. We have written a class innovation and also written our own versions using the wishing story plot pattern. We have learnt to use commas in a list and speech marks and tried really hard to include these skills in our writing. In maths, we have been learning about fractions, we have learnt to identify halves, quarters and thirds. We are now moving on to time so if you can please practise over half term. In science, we have been learning about plants and have completed investigations to see what plants need to stay healthy and alive.





Year 3

This term, the children have been working really hard. We have begun to learn about the Stone Age and are looking forward to learning more about the Bronze Age and Iron Age next half term. We have loved making pulleys in D&T this term. We designed and tested them (to varying degrees of success). We have thoroughly enjoyed our class novel this term which is called Anisha - Accidental Detective. We are really looking forward to starting our next novel - Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. The children have been working hard on their fractions this term, some of the concepts are a little challenging however we have been impressed with the resilience the children have shown. Last half term, we can do it!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fun filled term. In Maths, we have covered a range of skills including decimals, time and money. We are proud of how hard Year 4 have worked on their times tables. The children have written some fantastic suspense stories which definitely scared their teachers and then finished the term with our 5 sentence stories. We explored outdoor learning during History and enjoyed eating our edible Roman roads. In PE we have thoroughly enjoyed Cricket and Athletics. Keep up the great work with TTRockstars and we have every confidence the children will smash their MTC!



Year 5

This half term Year 5 pupils have been focusing on William Shakespeare and writing playscripts. We have had a few drama activities to support their writing. In Science we have started a new unit on Forces and are beginning to learn about different forces. In History our topic is Tudors and we are beginning to learn about the Tudor dynasty. Everyone is excited about exploring and learning these new topics.



Year 6

I think it's safe to say that year 6 have had a VERY busy term! Every pupil has worked incredibly hard in the lead up to SATs week and we are so proud of each and every one of them. We had lots of fun at SATs breakfast. A huge thank you to Alpro, Sainsbury's and Weetabix, as usual, for the donations. We finished the term with not just one but two trips: Duxford Imperial War Museum and Burton Latimer Heritage Museum, where the pupils had a chance to put their knowledge of WW2 to the test. They learnt a lot about local history and World War Two. They got to look at some artefacts from the local area, including a potato planter used to grow your own potatoes when rationing was in place and the town had to grow their own! A huge thank you to the staff at the museum for having us. They are open every Saturday with free entry, we highly recommend you pay a visit! We are looking forward to our final term with the pupils, where we will share many memories and have lots of fun in the lead up to the summer holidays.



School Notices

School Lunches

We are back to school on **Wednesday 5th June**. Please ensure you order your child's meal no later than midnight the day before.



Safeguarding Information

If you have a concern about a child, you can refer to the following agencies

NSPCC Tel: 0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

MASH: 0300 126 7000

Information is also available on our school website [https://](https://www.meadowsideprimary.org/keepsafe/safeguarding)

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Morning Drop off / Childrens Safety

Can we remind you that the gates open at 8.45am in the morning. Whilst you are waiting please can you form an orderly queue and not crowd the entrance. Please ensure your child is accompanied at **ALL** times to keep all children safe at a busy time in the morning.

Thank you for your co-operation



Well Done

Well done to all our Year 6 Children who completed their SATS assessments last week. Their Teachers and the whole school community are extremely proud of them. They embraced our values of Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Resilience impeccably!

We would also like to extend a **huge** thank you to **Alpro, Weetabix & Sainsburys** for their generous donations for our SATS breakfast mornings.



Thank You

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who contributed to my beautiful leaving gift. It really was a lovely surprise and very much appreciated.

It has been a pleasure supporting parents and children at Meadowside over the years and I will miss all of you.

I wish you all the best in the future.

Mrs Hammond



Save the Date

In order to help you plan and be aware of upcoming events in the School Calendar here is a handy rundown of this half term's events and activities. Subject to change

27.5.24–31.5.24	
Half term	
3.6.24	Training Day
4.6.24	Training day
12.6.24	Open Classrooms Maths
12.6.24	Year 6 Movie Night
14.6.24	Year 4 Assembly AM
WB 17.6.24	Creative Mission Healthy Living
17.6.24	Online Safety Workshop
19.6.24	KS1 Sports Day - PM
20.6.24	KS2 Sports Day - PM
25.6.24	Year 3 Trip to Flag Fen
26.6.24	Year 2 Trip to Woburn
3.7.24	Year 5 Tudor Day - TBC
4.7.24	Year 2 Assembly AM
5.7.24	Reports go home
8.7.24	Move up day
8.7.24	Parents Open Classroom from 3.30pm
10.7.24	Year 1 Victorian Seaside Workshop
11.7.24	Year 4 Trip to Bosworth
12.7.24	FS Assembly - AM
13.7.24	PTA Summer Fair 11am-2pm
17.7.24	Buttercups Graduation AM
18.7.24	Reception Trip to Sywell
19.7.24	House Afternoon
19.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Fun Day
23.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM
23.7.24	
End of Summer term	

