



# Meadlands Primary School



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Our current school value is Independence :



Date	Event	Applicable to
13.10.25	Swimming	Year 6
16.10.25	Harvest Supper 5.30-8pm	All
20.10.25	Swimming	Year 6
21.10.25	Parent's Evening 1 - 3.50-6.30pm	All
23.10.25	Parent's Evening 2 – 3.50-6.30pm	All
<b>27/31.10.25</b>	<b>SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	<b>ALL</b>

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## Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to share my appreciation for all who helped organise and/or purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your efforts, we have received an unprecedented £500+ of credit to spend on books. We are absolutely thrilled.

On that note, we cordially invite you all to attend the Harvest Supper on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>. Details have been sent out on parentmail but the team are working hard to make this a great evening for adults and children alike. There are some fabulous workshops for the children, great music, good food, competitions, prizes and a quiz from our very own mastermind Mr Edwards. Every penny will go towards replacing our ancient, unreliable and uneconomical boilers. We were fortunate enough to secure a grant but need to contribute £14,593 to the project. We are currently £3,409 short.

I would also like to make you aware that the Governing Board are recruiting for **Parent Governors**. Please email [chairgb@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:chairgb@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk) for more information on how to apply. Closing date for applications is midday (12pm) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.

Our assembly on Monday was all about our current school value: independence. We talked about what that word means and how to demonstrate independence at school but also at home, with homework and with helping around the house. If your child has been independent this week, please do share this with me and we can celebrate this at school.

Earlier this week, I overheard some excitement coming from the Year 3 classroom so popped in to see what was happening and I was immersed into an amazing art lesson (thank you Mrs White) with every child utterly engaged in creating a Yoyoi Kusama inspired sculpture featuring dots, dots and more dots. Take a look!



Finally, a reminder to Y6 families that October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Secondary applications. If you need support with your application please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Wreford



# Safeguarding & Wellbeing

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## 'Helping children with...' Webinars for parents 2025/26

Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children. The 'Helping Children with ...' series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 6pm
<b>Worries and anxiety</b>	The 'Helping children with worries and anxiety' webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries, and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	Tuesday 28th October	Tuesday 20th January
<b>Friendship difficulties</b>	In this webinar we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	Thursday 20th November	Tuesday 27th January
<b>Challenging behaviours</b>	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The 'Helping children with challenging behaviours' webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	Thursday 6th November	Tuesday 3rd February
<b>Digital wellbeing</b>	In this webinar we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage the use of screens	Thursday 13th November	Tuesday 13th January



	in your home.		
<b>Self esteem</b>	In this webinar we will explore what self-esteem is, how low self-esteem can develop and be maintained, and will introduce some practical techniques to support you to improve your child's low self-esteem.	Thursday 27th November	Tuesday 10th February
<b>Transition to Secondary</b>	In this webinar we will explore the main worries children may experience when moving from primary to secondary school. We will help parents/carers think about the different ways to help to support and get their children prepared for the transition.	Thursday 7th May	Tuesday 19th May

\*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.  
\*Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.

### How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by scanning the QR code or using the link below:



[https://afc-self.achieveservice.com/service/MHST\\_Helping\\_Children\\_Webinars\\_Primary](https://afc-self.achieveservice.com/service/MHST_Helping_Children_Webinars_Primary)

You can choose the date you would like to attend, and will need to provide your email address, the school your child attends, and their year group.

### Who to contact

If you have any questions, please contact the school Mental Health Lead, who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.



# School Success and Celebrations



## Achievement Certificate Winners:

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate.

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Independence	Other certificates
Nursery	Cyrus	Margot	Cecily	
Reception		Cooper	Alba	
Year 1	Aimé	Layan	Kai & Chloe	
Year 2	Ryan	Maisie & Aneirin	Walt	
Year 3	Omer Faruk	Alex	Zachi	
Year 4	Luca	Malika	Ella	
Year 5	Alice	Arthur M	Florence	
Year 6	Elu	Eric	Klara	





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Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Motivation	Other certificates
Nursery	Daisy	Hagen	Rayan	
Reception	Tommy	Leon	Emma	
Year 1	Freddie		Seth	Bella C
Year 2	Helena	Roma	Gleb	
Year 3	Lucas	Grace	Evie	
Year 4	Aidan E	Karris & Ludwik	Amelia	
Year 5	Ollie T	Spike	Howie	
Year 6		Val	Ozzie & Summer	



# Attendance & Celebrations:



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Week ending 10.10.25 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.0% this week.

Week ending 3.10.25 - Well done to Year 3 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.7% last week.



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## Class Updates

### Look at what Nursery have been learning...

We have all fully settled into Nursery life now and are really enjoying ourselves, having carpet picnics and making jam tarts. We looked at different places around the world and talked about where we have been – from camping in England to the beach in Australia!

This week we have been looking at seasons and how we know it is now Autumn. We went on an Autumn walk and found lots of treasures that have fallen from the trees.



### Look at what Reception have been learning...

We have had so much fun over the last week as we dived into our book, Supertato. We made our own super veggies, created our own speech bubbles for the story and designed a wanted poster for the evil pea. The Puffins also got the chance to design their own superhero capes and share what makes them super. We had some great super powers, from super strength and speed, to being super kind and giving super hugs.





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### Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

In Literacy we have been exploring the traditional tale of The Three Little Pigs. The children used adjectives to describe the three little pigs and the wolf, and wrote speech for them. They also made stick puppets and acted out the tale in groups. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying bringing the story to life through drama, showing such creativity, confidence, and teamwork.



### Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

This week, Year 2 have started looking at addition and subtraction in Maths. They learnt all about number bonds and how to write related fact families, and they played a fantastic strategy game called Totality, where their skills were put to the test! They came up with cunning strategies to get the advantage over their opponent, and had a lot of fun doing it!

Well done Year 2.





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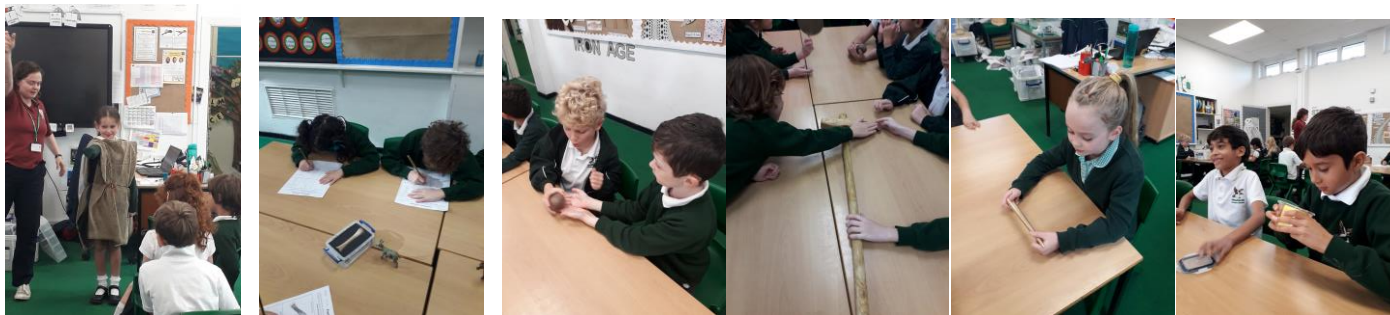
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### Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

Last week, we were very lucky to invite in Chertsey Museum for a Stone Age morning! We looked at objects, both replica and real, tried on Stone Age clothes, looked at animal bones and even smelt Stone Age smells! This was an excellent opportunity to consolidate our history learning this term as well as find out some cool new facts and prepare ourselves to write hunter gatherer explanation texts next week.



### Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

Last week, Year 4 had a visit from the Chertsey Museum, which supported learning in our ancient Greece history topic. Students looked at authentic ancient Greek artefacts, including a vase and a plate, and learnt what they were made of. They also learnt what clothing was worn and looked at replicas of ancient Greek coins. Two popular items that students had the chance to use were the wax tablets and the wooden ancient Greek toy.





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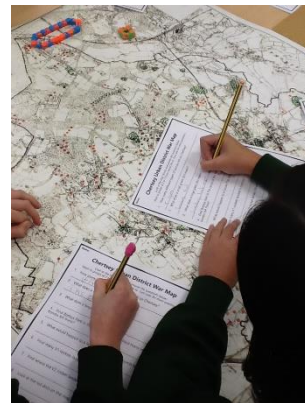
### Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 enjoyed a brilliant trip to The Natural History Museum, where they took part in a mission to Mars workshop. In teams, they had to build a Mars rover from Lego and then code it to complete different challenges. After the workshop, we had some time so explore the museum and saw lots of very interesting things!



### Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

Year 6 had the opportunity to look at original artefacts from World War 2 and explore them. They looked at an air raid warden helmet, which they were able to wear and step into the role. They even got the chance to look at a gas mask and an exploded bomb. They looked at a map of Chertsey and used their geographical skills to figure out where Chertsey was bombed.





# Meadlands Noticeboard

## Safeguarding concern?

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access). Phone 020 8547 5008. [You can make an online referral here.](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.

## DISMOUNT FROM BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Please can you remind children that they must **dismount from bikes, skateboards and scooters at any of the small gates at the entrances to the school grounds.** They are NOT to scoot or cycle through the carpark or beyond these entrances. This includes early children attending for clubs and boosters.



Dear Parents and Carers,



It's that time of year again – our festive fundraising is back! This year, the PTFA is excited to partner with Class Fundraising, to showcase your children's artwork on a range seasonal gifts. There are lots of fun items available, including tea towels, baubles, glitter bricks, and even cuddly toys – all featuring your child's unique design.

Design sheets will be sent home with children this Friday. Please ensure they are completed and returned to school by **Monday, 20th October**. Your child can draw or paint directly onto the sheet or stick a picture onto it, but please no glitter or glossy photos.

Children in Nursery and Reception will complete their artwork in class. However, if you'd prefer to create something at home, spare sheets are available – just let us know! Thank you for your support, The PTFA Team.



**MEADLANDS UNITED**  
Parent Teacher & Friends Association





# Community Noticeboard




**The Purple Elephant Project**

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

We're inviting families to take part in our Family Consultation Survey 2025. What you share will help us understand what children and young people need most, so we can shape our services to better support them.

 15-20 minutes, multiple choice

 Remain anonymous or leave your contact details if you'd like to hear from us

#### WHY TAKE PART?

-  Influence real change in children's mental health services
-  Help ensure every child's needs are heard

**SCAN HERE TO TAKE PART** 

**GOT A QUESTION?**  
Call us on 0208 744 1733 or email Clayton@thepurpleelephantproject.org  
www.thepurpleelephantproject.org

## FAMILY FUN AT THE EXCHANGE



**THE BUBBLE SHOW**  
11th October  
14.00





**COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS**  
12th October  
14.30





**HALF TERM - FAMILY FILM CLUB:**  
**JUMANJI 1 & 2 DOUBLE BILL**  
28th October  
12.00 & 14.15



**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**  
**THE PANTOMIME**  
18th - 21st December  
various timings



Popcorn & soft drink combo: £5.50

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
2-4pm  
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