



# Meadlands Primary School



## Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Kindness :



Date	Event	Applicable to
12.12.25	Parent Book Look 3.30-4pm	All
15/19.12.25	Kindness Week	All
16.12.25	Nativity Performance 1 <b>9.30 – 10.30am</b>	EYS & KS1
16.12.25	KS2 Carol Service at St Andrews Church <b>6.30 – 8.00pm</b>	KS2
17.12.25	School Xmas Dinner	All that booked
18.12.25	Richmond Theatre 'Cinderella'	Year 6
18.12.25	Nativity Performance 2 <b>2-3pm</b>	EYS & KS1
<b>19.12.25</b>	<b>End of Term School close 2pm</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>22.12.25 – 2.1.26</b>	<b>XMAS HOLIDAYS SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>5.1.26</b>	<b>INSET DAY SCHOOL &amp; NURSERY CLOSED</b>	<b>ALL</b>
6.1.26	Children return to School	All

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# Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe this is the final newsletter of 2025. I will send out a Christmas round-up next week with a video attached of the festivities here at school. It will be a packed last week: we have 2 nativity performances by Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, a carol service at St Andrews church for Key Stage 2 children and parents and not forgetting our Christmas dinner next Wednesday.

On that note, we would like to say a huge thank you to Tiziana Genova, who has decided to move on from her job at Caterlink. Tiziana been our chef for many years at Meadlands and has poured her heart and soul into this school, producing some fabulous food and taking time to get to know every child. She will be much missed in this role but of course Tiziana remains a big part of the Meadlands Family with all her clubs which will continue as before.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from her worshipful, the mayor of Richmond-upon-Thames, counsellor Penny Frost. She was here to award two very special certificates to the winners of the mayor's Christmas card competitions – which just happened to be won by 2 sisters – Alyssia and Bella Curley. Their designs will feature on the mayor's Christmas cards this year. Huge congratulations to them both.



Our Winter Fair was held last weekend and was a massive success! There was so much festive cheer and so many people to thank for putting this wonderful event together. Our grateful thanks go to the PTFA, all the other parents who supported this event, the stallholders and of course, you, our families for coming along and helping us raise money for our school.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. All of us here feel very fortunate to be part of such a special community. I would also like to extend that thanks to all our hard-working staff who are absolutely brilliant.



Our victorious boys football team

We wish you a relaxing weekend and a very Happy Christmas!

Mrs Wreford





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# Safeguarding & Wellbeing



## '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 Sun	Evening Sun
<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.



# Do you need help navigating SEND services and support?



## Join one of our Children's Services workshops to learn from experts.

We run regular face to face and online workshops for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

We cover anything from behavioural challenges, navigating the SEND legal system and health and social care pathways to supporting mental health and anxiety in our young people. Recent topics have included:

- Speech and Language therapy
- Disability Living Allowance and PIP
- Managing anxiety
- Decision-making and money matters
- Friendships and relationships
- Puberty
- Managing sleep
- Applying for an EHC Needs Assessment
- EHCP Annual Reviews

**Our workshops** are run in Richmond and Hounslow boroughs to provide parents and carers with information, practical strategies and support on a variety of subjects.

Workshops are charged at £5 per parents or carer or £10 for professionals.

**Our informal sessions**, SEND Advice Sessions and Bright Futures @Home, are free of charge and bring together smaller groups of parents for focussed discussion and information sharing.

### Contact us:

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# School Success and Celebrations

## Achievement Certificate Winners:

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

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Kindness	Handwriting
Nursery	Margo	Klara	Rayan	
Reception	Malvi	Sophie	Alba	Cooper
Year 1	Mia	Ivy H / Amilyn	Albert	
Year 2	Max	Riley	Ezra	Ameen
Year 3	Dexter	Omer Faruk	Evie	
Year 4	Amelia	Darcy	Ludwik	India
Year 5	Arthur M	Spike	Richard	
Year 6	Mo	Effie	Yu Chi	





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Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Kindness	Handwriting
Nursery	Cecily	Cyrus	Dany	
Reception	Anaya	Malvi	Francesco	Magnus
Year 1	Bella O	Chloe & Audrey	Anton	Arlo & Seth
Year 2	Ivy	Rei	Sienna	Ziggy
Year 3	Guy	Noah	Khaleesi	Zachi
Year 4	Maxi	Theo	Olivia	Gregor
Year 5	Cara	Howie	Logan	Paddy
Year 6	Klara	Mo	Finlay	Rae



Year 5 Boys Football Team





## Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 12.12.25 - Well done to Year 3 for winning the attendance trophy for the 4<sup>th</sup> week running.

Week ending 5.12.25 - Well done to Year 3 for their 'hat trick' winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 99.3% last week.



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## Class Updates



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

Nursery have had a very festive couple of weeks! We have been reading The Gingerbread Man as well as 'I've Seen Santa' and other Christmas stories. The children have enjoyed retelling the story and dressing up as the characters. In Maths we have been continuing repeating patterns using colours and shapes. During storytelling we enjoyed playing parachute games and practiced taking turns. The Nursery children have also been practicing very hard for the Christmas show!



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

The Puffins have loved getting into the Christmas spirit! They have been posting letters to Santa, creating Christmas decorations for our classroom and making reindeer soup, ready for Santa's arrival. We even had a visit from Vicar Alice to teach us all about the nativity story.





## Class Updates



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

This week, during their drama session with Louise Lipton, the class acted out *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss. It was wonderful to see the children immerse themselves in the story and bring it to life, especially as we will be basing some of our writing on this book next week. The drama sessions are fantastic for helping the children develop their oracy skills, build confidence, and providing opportunities to work in different groups.



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



Year 2 had an amazing time on their trip to the Richmond Theatre to see Cindarella! They had a good dance and sing-a-long to some of the brilliant songs, and they even got a shout out from the legend Basil Brush! Boom boom!



## Class Updates



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

We have been learning about (and creating) miniature habitats! As part of investigation into Global Goal 15 Life on Land, we have been discussing endangered species and the habitats they live in. We used shoe boxes to create tiny versions of the arctic, rainforest, savannah, tundra, mountains and oceans! This week we will discuss how campaigns can support animals and environments in need.



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

Year 4 have had such a good term. We are completing our unit on the Ancient Greeks in English. The students have recently completed a newspaper article about Icarus and Daedalus' infamous flight as well as a diary entry from Polyphemus's perspective. They will read the diary entries out to the class next week. In maths, we continue to deepen our understanding of multiplication and have looked at factor pairs. In Geography, we will be finishing up our studies of India by looking at the importance of the Ganges. I have really enjoyed getting to know and teaching the Year 4 students this term. I hope you all have a festive and relaxing winter break.



## Class Updates



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

Year 5 have been learning about biomes in Geography. They worked together to make posters about the different biomes and which animals and plants they may find there and created a beautiful display for our classroom.



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

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have been exploring different continents. We have looked at Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. We started by looking at Ernest Shackleton's journey to Antarctica and their expedition, before looking at Asia, in particular Mount Everest and the Dead Sea. We are using our knowledge of Mount Everest in English to begin to write our own adventure story (watch this space!) based on Around the World in 80 Days. We looked at Kibera in Nairobi mapped out the continent using grid co-ordinates, before looking at different demographics about Australia and creating a poster for tourists to help protect the Great Barrier Reef.



# 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.

## **Early Starts**

Please remember that if your child is coming into school early for whatever reason (clubs, boosters, sports events), they must enter via Breakfast Club and NOT the main entrance. Please also endeavour to arrive on time for clubs as late arrivals are disruptive for both staff and other students.

## **Parking during drop off and pick up**

**According to Highway Code Rule 243: You must not park near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus stop or taxi rank, on the approach to a level crossing, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.**

We are getting increasing numbers of complaints from neighbours and parents as parents are parking illegally on corners and across driveways at pick up and drop off times. This includes picking up after clubs when our car park is reserved for staff only. Please be considerate when parking near the school. We have asked for a traffic warden to patrol at the beginning and end of the school day.



# Community Noticeboard

BROS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

Lyrics by Scott Wittman  
Book by David Greig  
Music by Marc Shaiman

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