



Meadlands Primary School



Mallard Messenger

Our current school value is Imagination:



Date	Event	Applicable to
29.4.26	Battle of the Borough Football Comp	Year 5 (invitation)
30.4.26	Reading/Vocabulary/Oracy Curriculum evening	ALL
30.4.26	Holly Lodge	Year 3
1.5.26	Class Assembly & Bake Sale	Year 2
1.5.26	Book Look 3.30/4pm	All
4.5.26	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED	ALL
7.5.26	Legoland Trip	Year 2
7.5.26	School on the River	Year 1

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, the Summer term feels like it has arrived! We kicked off the term with our whole school **Sustainability and Fieldwork day**. Children worked on various outdoor learning projects with the theme of sustainability. Year 2 carried out an investigation into where would be the best position for a new shade at school to go, taking temperatures in different spots in the grounds using our microbits. Year 4 tried to find out how sustainable the school is and Year 3 measured the biodiversity and discussed ways to increase it. Thanks to Miss Warner who masterminded the whole day and to Mrs Taunton-Johnson for her support.

This week, I gave my first assembly on **British Values**. The children learned all about democracy and where that features in our daily lives at school. Future assemblies will cover the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect for different beliefs and cultures. You can take a look at these assemblies on our website, [here](#).

I'd like to thank Vicar Alice and St Andrew's church for accommodating our children for their **Easter workshops** that have been taking place this week. The children have been able to learn about the Easter story, but also about the history of the church as well as participating in Easter crafts.

Coming up soon, on Thursday 30th April is our **curriculum evening focusing on Reading, Spelling & Vocabulary and Oracy** at Meadlands. It's been a while since our last one, so please do come along and discover how reading is taught in different key stages. We will also explain how Oracy runs through our curriculum and what you can do at home to support your children. It starts at 6pm and is expected to last one hour. Please sign up on parentmail so we have an idea of numbers.

You all received a ParentMail recently about changes to our **nursery provision**. From September 2026, we will be able to offer 30 hours of provision and a wraparound service until 5pm. We hope that this will help to support working families and offer flexible childcare. We are very proud of our nursery and want to open it to as many families as possible. Please do not hesitate to enquire at: office@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk or you can call us on 020 8940 9207. We're always happy to accommodate tours of the nursery and the school.

A big well done to the Year 3 children who participated in the small school's tournament this week. I heard that it was hugely enjoyable and Meadlands girls won a plate! Fantastic. Thanks also to the PTFA who organised the magic shows last week. The children had a wonderful time watching rabbits appear and children being "sawn" in half. Well done to Mrs Kelly for being such a good sport and volunteering.

I am hoping for this beautiful weather to continue. Have a great weekend all.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wreford



Need support with home life?
Unsure how to handle a
situation with your child or
navigate changes in your
family life? We're here to help.



FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN

11th May 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email
Cacherel - cjules@darell.richmond.sch.uk
or speak to the school office.



School Success and Celebrations

Achievement Certificate Winners:

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

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 23 rd April 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Imagination	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Clara	Noah	Rayan	
Reception		Emma & Alba	Finn	
Year 1	Talia	Albie	Bella O & Albert	Molly
Year 2	Ren	Ky	Pippa	
Year 3	Filip	JJ	Samuel	Omer Faruk
Year 4	Olivia	Malika & Maxi	Aidan B	
Year 5	Teddy		Leo	
Year 6	Sonny	Josh		





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 16 th April 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Imagination	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Cyrus	Arlo	Margot	
Reception	Tommy	Sophie	Magnus	
Year 1	Arlo	Eva	Mia & Ivy H	Layan
Year 2	Matthew	Kahlen	Ameen	Ezra
Year 3	Noah	Salma & Charlotte	Alyssia	
Year 4	Bodhi M	Ella	Carter	Olivia
Year 5	Ella	Bonnie & Oscar	Jacob	
Year 6	Oliver			





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 23.4.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 99.4% this week.

Week ending 16.4.26 - Well done to Reception Class for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 98.7% last week.



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HESTIA

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Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

The Hummingbirds have come back full of energy and ready for our new topic – Fantasy and Adventure. They have loved the new role play area, filled with pirates, dragons, mermaids and dinosaurs. We have read 'Zog' and 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and the children have been learning the names of different types of dinosaurs. We have used shapes to make dinosaurs, as well as drawing and painting our own.



Look at what Reception have been learning...

Our topic this term is animals. We have kicked off our topic with the stories, 'What the ladybird heard' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. In Forest School, we had great discussions looking at the importance of taking care of animals and ways we can do this. The children then made some fantastic bug houses to keep all the insects safe in our forest area. The Puffins have also been loving becoming vets, checking over any animals in need and treating them carefully, from bandaging to medicines and injections.





Class Updates



Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

We have been learning about traditional tales (sometimes called fairy tales). The children made stick puppets of characters from Goldilocks and the Three Bears and performed the story in groups to the rest of the class.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

This week, Year 2 took to the playground in the bright sunshine to learn all about scooter safety. They all brought in their scooters and practiced starting and stopping, signalling when they are going to turn, and steering around obstacles. They discovered important rules about road and pavement safety, and came away from the experience feeling a lot more confident on their scooters. Well done Year 2!





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Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

On Monday, we went to visit St Andrew's Church in Ham. We discussed the Easter story and also learnt about the church itself and were talked through the history of the various windows, plaques and other features. We learnt that while the church was built in 1831, some of the wooden house crests date back to the 1700s having been brought over from Ham House.



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

Year 4 enjoyed an amazing Geography field day on the first day back to the Summer term. Our focus was sustainability which tied in nicely with the global goal of Climate Action that we studied in the Autumn term. We created a survey about how sustainable our school is and presented it to Years 1-6, asking them our questions. We found out that all classes have access to a paper recycling and to scrap paper. We also used a map to log what bins we have outside our school building and where we see litter. After we gathered all of the information, we had an in-depth class discussion and wrote recommendations noting how we can be a more sustainable school.





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Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have had a busy start to the summer term as they are starting to make plans for Flamingo Market Place, beginning their new book for the half term, Katherine Rundell's "The Explorer", starting their Geography topic on Rivers and their Science topic- The Earth and Space. Amongst all this, they also found time to conduct a fieldwork enquiry on how traffic impacts our school and create some sustainable art using recycled materials.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

We're so proud of our Year 6 class, showing resilience and excellence ahead of the SATS exams that will be taking place very soon. The children have been working on dialogue in their writing and focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have started to read the book Clockwork, by Phillip Pullman which will lead to writing some character stories. Children also learned all about Victorian hospitals in History lessons, contrasting medical care that was available then and now.



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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.

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.

Charity

Next week Mrs Nicholas will be taking part in a 26mile trek across the South Downs, walking from Brighton to Eastbourne to raise money for the Royal Marsden Hospital. If you like to support her and this cause please follow this link. Any amount would be very much appreciated!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jenni-nicholas-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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.

PARKING DURING DROP OFF & 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.

WANTED: EARLY YEARS

Early Years are on the hunt again, this time for egg boxes! Please donate if you have any spares – thank you.





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Community Noticeboard

FAMILY FUN AT THE EXCHANGE



FAMILY FILM CLUB
Gabby's Dollhouse The Movie (2025)
SATURDAY 28 MARCH
11 AM



THEATRE
The Zoo That Comes To You
WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL
11 AM & 2 PM



THEATRE
A Big Egg
FRIDAY 10 APRIL
2 PM



THEATRE
The Kids Show 2: The Power of Two
SATURDAY 30 MAY
11 AM & 2 PM



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SKILLS TRAINING * SMALL SIDED GAMES
FIELD PLAYERS & GOALKEEPERS

WEDNESDAYS @ TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL
22 APRIL - 1 JULY 2026
SCHOOL YEARS 3-6: 18:00 - 19:00
SCHOOL YEARS 7-11: 19:00 - 20:30
SCHOOL YEARS 3-6: £76 / 7-11: £88
(TIFFIN GIRLS' SCHOOL, RICHMOND RD, KT2 5PL)

Book via our website www.okhockey.com or use the QR Code

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<https://www.okhockey.com>

DUST OFF YOUR INSTRUMENT FOR OUR....
FAMILY ORCHESTRA DAY

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026
10-11.30AM, ST RICHARD REYNOLDS AUDITORIUM
TICKETS: £8 DONATION (CONCESSIONS FREE)
REGISTER BY 15.5.26

- BRING YOUR ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT AND JOIN SRCC ORCHESTRA MEMBERS TO PLAY SOME MUSICAL CLASSICS!
- ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME, FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT
- NO PREPARATION REQUIRED - WE'LL BE PLAYING ACCESSIBLE CLASSICS
- SHEET MUSIC LINKS AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AFTER REGISTRATION
- ALL NON-SRCC UNDER-18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT



Monday 13 April to Friday 17 July 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 & 2 Year Health Reviews 13 Apr to 13 July 9.30am 4pm Book with CLCH 033 0058 1679</p> <p>Stay and Play Under 2's £2.50 13 Apr to 13 July 10 to 11am Book Online Here</p> <p>Judy's Rhyme Time £2.50 13 Apr to 13 July 11 to 11.30am Drop In</p>	<p>1 & 2 Year Health Reviews 14 Apr to 14 July Book with CLCH 033 0058 1679</p> <p>Crafty Tales £4.50 14 Apr to 19 May 2 June to 14 July 1 to 2 years 9.30 to 10am 0 to 12 months 10.30 to 11pm Book Online Here</p> <p>Baby Play 14 Apr to 19 May 2 June to 14 July 11am to 12pm Drop In</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 15 Apr to 15 July 9am to 4pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Mini Ninja Karate (2 - 5 years) £4.50 15 Apr to 20 May 3 June to 15 July 10 to 11am Book Online Here</p> <p>Bookstart Reading & Song Time FREE 15 Apr to 15 July 11 to 11.30 Book Online Here</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 16 Apr to 16 July 9am to 5pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Stay and Play £2.50 16 Apr to 16 July 10 to 11.30am Book Online Here</p> <p>Speech and Language in Stay and Play 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July</p>	<p>Midwife Appointments 17 Apr to 17 July 9am to 4pm Book with Kingston Hospital</p> <p>Baby Play 17 April to 22 May 5 June to 17 July 10 to 11am Drop In</p> <p>Ballet with Baby Ballet £4.50 17 April to 22 May 5 June to 17 July 10.45 to 11.20am Book Online Here</p> <p>Best Start In Life Outside Garden Play FREE 17 April to 22 May 5 June to 17 July 9.45 to 10.45am Drop In</p>



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