



Meadlands Primary School



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Our current school value is Determination:



Date	Event	Applicable to
11/14.5.26	SATS WEEK	Year 6
15.5.26	Chessington World of Adventure	Year 6
19.5.26	Pizza Express – Pizza making	Year 6
19.5.26	Year 4 Football Tournament	Some of Yr 4
20.5.26	Richmond Singing Festival – Rose Theatre	Choir
21/22.5.26	Thames Young Mariners	Year 4
22.5.26	Class Assembly & Bake Sale	Year 1
25/29.5.26	SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED	ALL
1/5.6.26	Cycling Proficiency	Year 6
10.6.26	Ealing Gurdwara	Year 5
12.6.26	Class Assembly & Bake Sale	Reception
13.6.26	HAM FAIR	ALL

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's back to business as usual after our Ofsted inspection last week. I have congratulated all the children on their exemplary behaviour shown throughout the visits and the polite and respectful way they interacted with the inspection team. I'm very proud of them all. Likewise our wonderful Year 6 children. They have their SATS next week and have shown remarkable hard work and resilience in their preparation. Their attitude to learning has been so impressive throughout the entire year and it's such a pleasure to watch them bond as a team, all of them wanting to do their best. We can ask no more. Huge thanks goes to the Year 6 team who have done an amazing job and of course, all the staff who have been part of their journey throughout their time at Meadlands. Best of luck Golden Eagles!

There have been so many trips this week, it felt really quiet at times in the school building. Seeing how much enjoyment the children derive from our trips is such a joy. I wanted to thank all who make this possible – obviously the staff, but also you, our parents, who bravely volunteer your time to accompany us on our many trips. We could not do this without your support – so THANK YOU. And lastly, our Mrs Frank, who does all the important admin behind the scenes. I'll be updating our trips offer shortly and will publish this on our website.

Some dates for your diary: Sports Days this year will be Tuesday 23rd June for Early Years and Key Stage 1, and Thursday 25th June for Key Stage 2. Both events will be held in the morning and you are warmly invited to come along and cheer on your child. More details will be sent nearer the time.

On Monday morning (11th May), from 9-11am, don't forget that our Family Support Worker Cacherel, will be holding a drop in session in the school hall. If you are struggling with a family situation and want some advice, please do come along. We may even throw in a cup of tea and a biscuit!

And finally...Today, Friday 8th May 2026, the nation—and our local Richmond community—is celebrating a truly remarkable milestone: the Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. Sir David has spent a century proving that "no one will protect what they don't care about". His work has inspired generations of our children to become stewards of the natural world, fostering a sense of curiosity and resilience that we see every day in our own childrens' attitudes to learning. A true inspiration! Children can still share their own birthday messages or videos for Sir David through [BBC Newsround](#).

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wreford

Richmond Family Support Service

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 8 th May 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Determination	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Cecily	Fin	Annie	
Reception	Cayden	Finn	Nefes	Leon
Year 1		Talia	Anton & Finley	Chloe
Year 2	Ky	Maisy	Kodi	Riley
Year 3		Bo	Aoife-Rose	
Year 4		Matthew	Caroline	Aidan B
Year 5	Sasha	Spike	Ollie T	
Year 6		Whole Class		





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 1 st May 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Imagination	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Daisy	Sophie	Aurora	
Reception	Emma	Malvi	Cooper & Francesco	Dottie
Year 1	Audrey	Zach		Aimé, Bella C & Asa
Year 2	Johnny			
Year 3	JJ	Poppy	Elliott	
Year 4	Sami	Ruby & Theo	Freddy	Bodhi M
Year 5	Noah	Lisa	Ava	
Year 6	Ollie	Mo		Ozzie

Well done to Year
2 for their
Class Assembly



Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 8.5.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 100% this week.

Week ending 1.5.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.3% last week.



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Class Updates



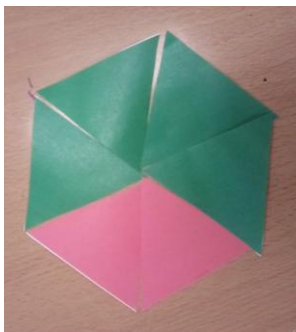
Look at what Nursery have been learning...

The nursery children have had a lovely few weeks learning about and reading lots of adventure stories. We had a week exploring pirates where we dressed up, made boats, walked the plank and investigated objects that float and sink. We've also been having lots of fun in the mud kitchen, where the children have been very imaginative and made feasts of mud pies, worm soup and leaf pasta!



Look at what Reception have been learning...

In Reception we have been looking at manipulating, composing and decomposing 2D shapes. First, we looked at how we can use 2D shapes to make pictures, rotating and carefully selecting shapes for a purpose. Some of the pictures they made were rockets, robots, houses and airplanes. Next, we cut shapes to decompose and then put shapes together to compose new shapes.





Class Updates



Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

On Thursday Year 1 went on an outing to the Thames Venturer boat, moored by Teddington Lock Bridge, for a full-day workshop run by The River Thames Boat Project. This trip ties in with our Geography topic on bodies of water, as well as our Geography and History units on our local area. We took part in different activities such as building model boats and doing a litter pick beside the river. We enjoyed eating our lunch on the island by the lock, and it was lovely taking our learning outdoors and spending the day on / next to the river.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

This week, Year 2 had a wonderful visit to Legoland as part of their D/T and Computing units. They had an amazing time on all the rides, especially on Pirate Falls, where they got very, very wet! After lunch, they explored the park further, then went for a fantastic workshop on coding, where they programmed their own Lego rides to spin, flash and play noises! Throughout the whole day, their behaviour was exceptional – they represented Meadlands brilliantly and we are all so proud. Well done Year 2!





Class Updates

Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

Year 3 have been on 2 school trips in the last week! On Thursday this week, we trekked into central London to marvel at the wonders in the Petrie Museum. We looked at so many different artefacts from the ancient Egyptian civilisation including sarcophaguses, shabdis from the tomb of Tutenkhamun and pottery that was over 7000 years old!

Last week, we went to the Holly Lodge to enrich our science learning about plants. We pretended to be pollinating bees, we planted some basil and we identified many different species of tree!



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

Year 4 has had a busy couple of weeks. In English, we have written persuasive letters to Mrs Wreford to convince her that having an extra breaktime would be beneficial to our learning. We used persuasive techniques such as the power of three, exaggeration and repetition. In D & T, for our salsa making unit, we tasted three different salsas on the market to discover what salsa flavours, aromas and textures were preferred by the class. We have also tasted individual ingredients (spring onions, coriander, parsley, tomatoes, lemon juice and lime juice) to see what flavours might be combined in their own design of salsa. Students also created a recipe which includes specific quantities of ingredients and a method for putting the ingredients together.



Class Updates



Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have been very busy creating their products ready for Flamingo marketplace at the end of this half term. The children have done an amazing job producing a wide range of items to sell, including scrunchies, cushions, key rings, bracelets, squishies and more!

In addition, we have been learning about the Earth and space in Science. We took to the field with our inflatable planets and the sun, to help us remember the order of the planets and model how they orbit the sun. We learnt that our solar system is heliocentric, which means the planets orbit the sun.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

This week we have started our new Science unit. The children learnt all about inherited traits and about dominant or recessive genes. After learning about genes, the children then created their own animals to see how it works.

With SATs week next week, the children really have been putting their all into their learning. We are so incredibly proud of them and know that they are ready to take on this challenge, before heading to Chessington on Friday!





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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.

An opportunity to support BRITE Box

Dear parents and carers,

We are proud to work with [BRITE Box](#), a project from Voices of Hope that helps children and families, specifically in Year 4, to learn to cook healthy, affordable meals together at home.

Each week, BRITE Box provides families with ingredients and a child-friendly recipe card for one meal. The project supports children to build confidence around food and cooking, while creating opportunities for families to share time together around a meal.

BRITE Box is offered free to families and is made possible through grants, donations and community support. If anyone in our school community would like to support the project, they can find more information on the attached poster.

Every donation helps BRITE Box continue providing weekly recipe kits for children and families locally, supporting healthy eating, cooking confidence and positive shared experiences at home.

Thank you for your support.

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.



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Community Noticeboard

HALF TERM AT THE EXCHANGE

OPPOSITE TWICKENHAM STATION!

THEATRE
Top Secret: The Magic of Science
 Saturday 23 May, 2 pm

COMEDY
The Kids Show 2: The Power of Two
 Saturday 30 May, 11 am

COMEDY
Rabbits Out Of The Hat
 Saturday 6 June, 2.30 pm

Family of 4 tickets £40

www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk

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



Ham Children's Centre

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>

Ashburnham Rd, Richmond TW10 7BG
 020 8734 3400 familyhubrichmond@achievingforchildren.org.uk



EXPLORE THE DEVELOPING MIND!

Understand your child's thinking skills to provide them **personalised support**

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

-  Fun thinking activities at 4 time points
-  Optional brain activity sessions (fNIRS headset) at 3 time points
-  A tailored support programme (offered to some children during the study)

PARENTS:  Just 2 short questionnaires (10 minutes each)

WHY TAKE PART?

-  Support early identification of children's needs
-  Contribute to evidence shaping inclusive education policy
-  Receive a picture of your child's brain activity (if taking part) during tasks
-  Access to a summary of your child's cognitive task performance

WANT TO TAKE PART?
Scan to complete the **consent form!**



QUESTIONS?
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UCL Research Ethics
Approval ID: IOE/00362



Plant sale

Saturday 16th May 2026
10am - 12 noon
Ham Library Garden TW10 7HR

Donations welcome. The proceeds of the sale will help support local initiatives and projects.

For further information email info@hamunitedgroup.org.uk or visit our website hamunitedgroup.org.uk



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Ham Open Gardens

**SUNDAY
17 MAY 12-5**

*Tickets : £12 in advance
or £15 on the day
at Ham Pond*

**A family-friendly event
Under 16s free!**

**Jazz Band
Teas Cakes
BBQ
Pimms
Beer Tent
and gardens
galore!**

Proceeds to local charities