



Meadlands Primary School



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Our current school value is Initiative:



Date	Event	Applicable to
30.6.26	Orleans House Gallery Trip	Year 1
2/3.7.26	Walton Firs 1 night residential	Year 5
3.7.26	Class Assembly & Bake Sale	Nursery
6.7.26	Grey Court Transition Day	Year 6
7.7.26	Kew Gardens Trip	Year 2
7.7.26	Teddy Bear's Picnic 3.30-4.30pm	Nursery
9.7.26	KS2 Sports Morning	Years 3/4/5/6
9.7.26	Teddy Bear's Picnic	Reception
10.7.26	EYS & KS1 Sports Morning	Years N/R/1/2

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and carers

What a challenging week it's been, trying to battle with extreme heat, keep the children safe and as cool as possible and to keep the school open and operational. I'd like to thank all the children for being so resilient, all the staff for being so resourceful and caring and our wonderful parents for all your support and understanding. Particular thanks goes To Tom Weller who has been bringing in air conditioning units which we've been using in classrooms in Years 1 to 4. These have made such a difference and we're so grateful to him for taking the time and making the considerable effort to transport these back and forth every day and set them up for us. What a hero! This weather has raised the issue of future-proofing our school, making it climate resilient, and we are currently exploring options for the most cost effective air conditioning systems.

I would also like to thank our Chair of Governors, Christina Powell who stepped in and covered the school office for us on Tuesday afternoon – she did an amazing job! More thanks go to Matt Maysey who took the time to come and assess our sound system in the hall. Thanks to him, we are able to upgrade this and make it fit for purpose without spending lots of money. Our governing body have also been working very hard on the new uniform plans which I am most grateful for. I also caught sight of Abbie Thomas watering our hanging baskets this afternoon. All of this goes to show what an amazing parent body we have here. We love you!

In other news, the KS1 Spelling Bee was held yesterday morning and as usual, the competition was fierce. The winners were: Year1 – Bella O. Year 2 – Varun (for the second year running). Well done to all the children who took part. You were all fantastic.

We held our third annual Family Picnic last Friday, just before the heat got serious. As always, it was a wonderful afternoon of singing and music and it was great to see so many families able to join us. Thanks goes to the amazing Tara and our Grey Court music teachers: Miss Cowper and Mr Allchurch for organising this event.

I'm very much looking forward to more moderate temperatures next week and getting back to normal!

Meanwhile, I wish you all a good weekend.

Mrs Wreford



Pop-Up Superman Shop,
run by the PTFA

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

29th June 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 26 th June 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Initiative	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Fin	Evie	Clara	
Reception	Anaya	Francis	Alba	
Year 1		Ivy H & Freya	Kai & Seth	
Year 2		Max	Elsie	Helena
Year 3	Zachi	Khaleesi	Alyssia	Frances & JJ
Year 4		Ludwik	James	Ella
Year 5		Noah	Arthur R	
Year 6		Sonny	Louis	





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 19 th June 2026			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Initiative	Handwriting / Other
Nursery	Hugo	Arlo	Margot	
Reception	Harvey	Oscar	Cayden	
Year 1		Otis, Freddie & Albie	Bella O	
Year 2	Ezra	Ren	Roma	Ralph
Year 3	Mia	Emiliano	Evie	
Year 4	Theo	Malika, Karris & Sami	Aidan E	
Year 5	Isabella	Leo	Jacob	
Year 6	Ava & Theo	Ivy	Cyrus	





Attendance & Celebrations:



Week ending 26.6.26 - Well done to Year 6 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.1% this week.

Week ending 19.6.26 - Well done to Reception Class for winning the attendance trophy yet again and achieving an attendance of 99.5% last week.



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Class Updates



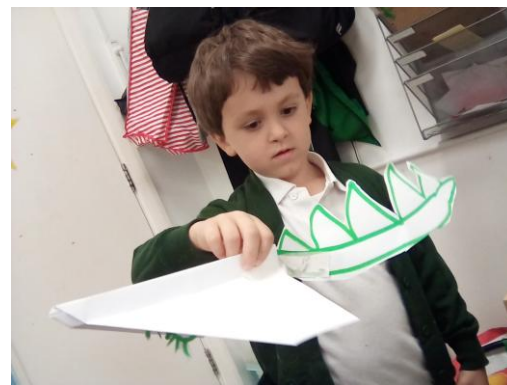
Look at what Nursery have been learning...

Nursery have had a lovely week in the sunshine. They have loved lots of water play in our outdoor area. As well as this, our caterpillars turned into butterflies and we set them free! The children are so knowledgeable about the life cycle of a caterpillar and can all talk about the changes from caterpillar to cocoon and then into a butterfly. Well done to all of the Nursery children for surviving the heat and being so brilliant.



Look at what Reception have been learning...

Reception survived the heat with lots of water play! They loved using a range of resources to soak them - water shooters, bowls and syringes. We have been continuing exploring fantasy and fairytales, diving into Zog and Rapunzel. The Puffins had the chance to build castles, create mythical creatures and magical wonds. We have looked at story settings and characters, as well as exploring the emotions and feelings at key points of the story.





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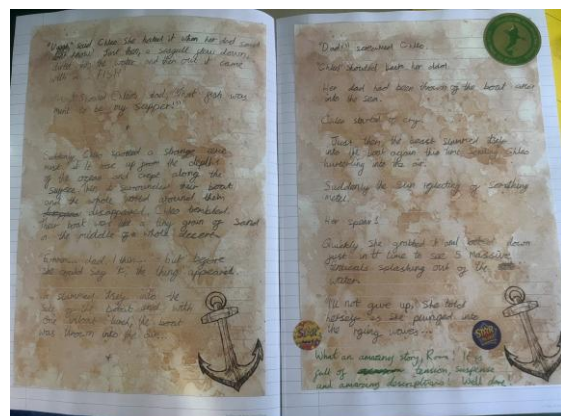
Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

In Science this half term our topic is Animals Including Humans. As part of this topic we have been studying our five senses. We took our Science lesson outside this week to explore what we could see, taste, hear, feel and smell in the school allotment. Afterwards, we went into the lunch hall and repeated the activity. It was very enjoyable and fun to incorporate different areas of the school into our learning.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

This week, Year 2 have really enjoyed writing adventure stories based on the story of the Catch-a-Lot. They thought carefully about how to structure a story, how to describe settings and characters, and how to include action and dialogue. In Maths, they have been learning about statistics, and have been carrying out their own surveys and displaying their results in graphs and charts.





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Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

Last week we finally had a chance to build our volcanoes! After learning all about the different parts that make up a volcano and the effects of an eruption, we were ready to construct. After creating our structures using a water bottle, paper and cardboard, we used a mixture of baking soda, vinegar, water, washing up liquid and red food colouring to create lava! Both the creation and eruption were exciting but I think Year 3 enjoyed the eruptions the most!



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

Last week Year 4 visited Kingston Mosque where we learnt more about Islam, mosques and even wrote some Arabic letters. We also did our salsa making last week – there were some beautiful and tasty creations! In maths, we are finishing our unit on money to which we have been applying our knowledge of decimals and using our problem-solving skills. In English, we have started our writing based upon *How to Train Your Dragon* – having looked at the children's plans, I think they will be exciting stories. And of course, this week, we have been surviving the heat!



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Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 had a very special visitor this week. One of our parents and Governors taught a Year 5 and 6 pilates lesson to kick off our week. The children spent 45 minutes, under the trees and in the shade completing a variety of pilates poses. Children shared that 'It was very relaxing being under the trees and in nature' and 'it was fun hanging out with friends, whilst doing stretching.'

Showing great team work, mathematical thinking and determination this week, children completed an Nrich investigation called Cycling Squares, where they had to place number cards in a circle, where each adjacent pair added up to a square number. We were very impressed with all of them. If any parents fancied giving this activity a go – [click here](#)



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

Year 6 had a science day on Monday where they learnt all about the heart and how to keep healthy. They looked at how blood is pumped around the body and how it transports oxygen to ensure that it reaches the organs.

Year 6 have also been working incredibly hard to prepare for their upcoming show. They've persevered through the heat and are really excited to share the shrektacular performance next month! We are so proud of their dedication to their roles and how they are working together to make it as amazing as it can be.



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PRESENTS



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

14th & 15th July 2026

Ticket on Sale now via

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Book and Lyrics by
DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

Music by
JEANINE TESORI

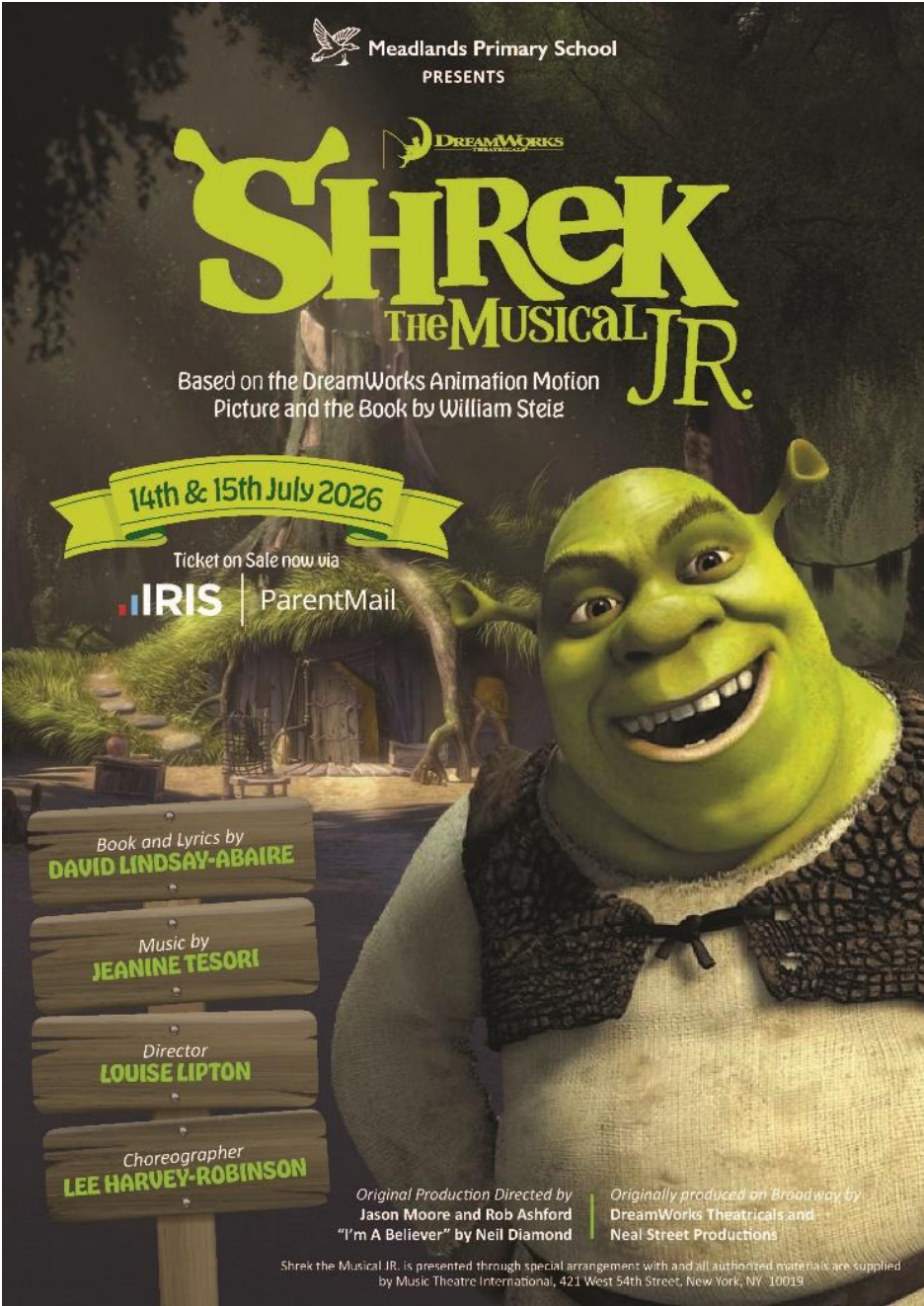
Director
LOUISE LIPTON

Choreographer
LEE HARVEY-ROBINSON

Original Production Directed by
Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Originally produced on Broadway by
DreamWorks Theatricals and
Neal Street Productions

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019



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 & 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



Ham Children's Centre

Monday 13 April to Friday 17 July 2026



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

achieving for children
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BADGES AND AWARDS

CHALLENGE AWARDS

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