



Year 1 Parent Handbook

2026-2027

Our school vision:

At Meadlands Primary School, we dream big. Inspired by our literary hero, Roald Dahl, we believe that "we are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." This philosophy comes to life every day through our school motto: Work Hard & Be Kind.

For our children, these words mean that education goes far beyond facts and subjects. We teach our students how to learn, ensuring they are adaptable, resilient, and fully prepared for the changing world ahead. Every day, we encourage children to develop their curiosity, imagination, and self-motivation, while always prioritizing kindness and respect for one another. We pride ourselves on knowing every child as an individual. Our dedicated staff personalizes learning to match each student's unique strengths and needs. By setting supportive yet challenging goals, we help children break down barriers, overcome difficulties, and constantly strive to do their best. As a result, our classrooms are vibrant spaces where children make outstanding progress and take genuine pride in their achievements.

Meadlands is a true community. Progress is a team effort shared by children, parents, caregivers, staff, leaders, and governors. Everyone is invited to contribute to our school's growth, making collaboration a core part of the Meadlands experience.

We remain deeply committed to dreaming big and never resting on our laurels. Our forward-thinking curriculum constantly evolves to deliver the essential skills and knowledge your children will need for the future. Together, we maintain a harmonious, nurturing environment where—through hard work and kindness—every dream is possible.

Mrs Wreford

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! I am delighted to be teaching the Emperor Penguins this year. I am excited about the Year 1 curriculum, which includes making puppets, exploring the history and geography of Ham, and studying the work of Alma Thomas.

Year 1 will be supported by the lower KSI team. We are a dedicated and united team here for your children both academically and pastorally. We are looking forward to creating new memories, setting new challenges and supporting every child in achieving their best. We also have some fantastic specialist teachers, including Lee for dance and Louise for drama.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me either in person or please feel free to email me at j.clark@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk and I will reply as quickly as possible.

Best wishes

Mrs Clark

Year 1 team

Mrs Jude Clark – Class teacher

j.clark@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk

Key Stage 1 Support Team

The Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Jo Wreford

Deputy Headteacher/Inclusion Lead/SEND/CO: Mrs Laura Barson

Assistant Headteacher (Mon-Wed): Mrs Sarah Taunton-Johnson

School Business Manager and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Jolene Gee

Support Staff and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Sue Kelly

For a full list of roles and responsibilities please see the school website.

Office hours and contacting school

Messages: For non-urgent messages and questions please continue to email the office (office@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk) or Mrs Clark: j.clark@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk or call the office (0208 940 9207).

- The office is open between the hours of 9am – 9.10am and 3.20pm – 3.45pm.
- Dropping off equipment: Please continue to use the delivery box at the front of the school.
- As well as calling the school office before 9.00am please note that you can use the Parentmail app to report absence.
- In line with promoting staff's wellbeing and helping staff to find a suitable work-life balance, staff will respond to communication **within 48 hours/2 working days of its receipt** and will respond during their working hours. Parents are politely asked not to chase a response within a 48-hr period or seek a response from another member of staff.
- Staff will respond to communication during of their working school-based hours. Please note that if you email during the school holidays, you may only receive a response on the first day back at school.

If you have questions about any of the topics in the table below, or would like to speak to a member of staff please email the relevant staff member:

Query	Who	When and How
General	Headteacher Mrs Wreford	j.wreford@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
Absence Trips Clubs and Events Medicine Uniform Meals	School office	In person: 9.00am and 9.10am and 3.20pm and 3.45pm. Phoning the school office on 020 8940 9207 office@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
Questions or queries that relate to teaching, learning, homework and boosters Pastoral concerns - these need to go through the class teacher Behavioural concerns General concerns or queries	Teaching Staff	Request an appointment by emailing Nursery: nursery@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Reception: a.cooper@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 1: j.clark@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 2: j.hepburn@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 3: j.edwards@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 4: e.halberstadt@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 5: m.warner@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk Year 6 h.stoddart@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk or have an informal chat after school
Finance, payments or admissions	School Business Manager	Phoning the school office on 020 8940 9207

		Mrs Gee	j.gee@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
	Safeguarding	Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	j.wreford@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk j.gee@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk s.kelly@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
	Query relating to SEN needs	Special Needs Coordinator Mrs Barson (maternity leave till Christmas. Contact Mrs Wreford who is Acting SENDCO)	l.tadman@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
	If there has been an unsatisfactory outcome to your enquiry	Senior Leadership Team	office@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk
	Governing Board	Co-Chair of Governors: Christina Powell and Melissa Shaw	chairgb@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk

Clubs

The clubs' newsletter is typically circulated two weeks before bookings open. All bookings unless otherwise stated on the newsletter can be booked through the "shop" on Parentmail. The window for bookings will be detailed on the newsletter and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

- Clubs are ten weeks unless otherwise indicated.
- On their club day and when it is not a PE day, children need to come to school in their school uniform and can then change into their club clothing afterschool.
- We have a year-round, all weather policy for our outdoor clubs, meaning come rain or shine we will try our hardest to run the club. However, there will be occasions when clubs do have to get cancelled and we will aim to provide parents and carers with as much forewarning as possible.
- For clubs run outside on the field, basketball court in the MUGA, these clubs will go ahead as long as the pitch and playing conditions are safe. However, if the weather takes a turn for the worst during the club and the playing conditions become unsafe, then the club will continue inside.
- To view our Clubs page, please see the school website.

First Aid

Clubs run by staff will have a Meadlands staff named first aider.

Attendance and Punctuality

Lessons start at 8.55am prompt. The gate opens in the morning from 8.45am and will be locked at 8.52am. Registration and the start of the school day starts at 8.55am. If your child arrives after 8.55am, they will be marked down as late.

If the gate is closed when you arrive, please enter via the Office and electronically sign your child in.

Our attendance target is 96.5% or above; both Mrs Frank and Mrs Barson closely monitor attendance. We consider attendance to be an essential part of daily school life, in line with our high standards and expectations for learning. Attendance is reviewed on a Monday and if we noticed that your child's attendance has fallen 90% or they are consistently late, (5 lates or more over a 5-week block) we will invite you in to meet with Mrs Barson to try to unpick the reasons for the attendance concerns and consider what support can be provided.

Each week the class with the highest attendance wins the attendance trophy.

Request for absence forms can be collected from Mrs Frank in the school office. Please note all medical absence will be authorised. However, evidence may be requested if your child's attendance has dropped below the statutory baseline of 90%. Please be aware, we are not permitted to authorise any holiday during term time and therefore we ask any parents who are considering this to speak with Mrs Wreford in advance of considering booking a holiday.

Further information on attendance and punctuality can be found on the school website.

PE Days and Uniform

This year, black trainers are to be worn every day allowing our children to be always active. You will be informed of the PE days for each new half-term. On PE days, we ask children to come in to school in their PE kit and their trainers.

If your child attends an after-school club and it is not their PE day, then they need to wear their school uniform and then can change into their club clothing after school.

School Lunch and Birthday Celebrations

School Dinners

School dinners are now free for every child who would like one. Due to the ordering and level of administration involved, dinners must be ordered for the full week and not specific days and we ask that you only switch between packed lunches and school dinners on a half-termly or termly basis. The school menu can be viewed on the school website.

Packed Lunch

We encourage a healthy approach to packed lunches, crisps (fried potato crisps), chocolate (bars, coated biscuits, cakes and chocolate spread), fizzy drinks, fruit shoot drinks and sweet sandwiches are not allowed in packed lunches. Instead please look for healthier alternatives, such as baked crisp, rice cakes, popcorns, crackers, plain fruit or vanilla sponge cake, cereal bars and savoury sandwiches only.

Policy encourages that every packed lunch should have at least 1 portion of fruit and vegetable.

On a Friday, we permit a treat option in packed lunches such as a slice of chocolate cake or a favourite packet of crisps. Please note that sweets and chocolate bars will not be permitted even on treat Friday.

Nut and Seed Free School

Please note that Meadlands is a **nut and seed free school**. We ask that ingredients on packets are checked carefully and food items 'that may contain nuts' are not brought into Meadlands, this also include in packed lunches for trips and items for cake sales.

Water for all

Please make sure that your child brings in a labelled water bottle with them. Cold water is available in school. ***We ask that water bottles are taken home at the end of the week to be cleaned.***

Playtime Snacks

Early Years and KS1 are given a piece of fruit each morning at playtime, we encourage children in KS2 to bring in their own fruit. This should be a piece of fruit and not fruit substitutes such as fruit bars.

Friday is known as treat Friday at school and on this day, children whose parents have paid online will receive 2 biscuits.

Birthdays

We are happy that we are able to continue the tradition of sharing a birthday with class friends. However, parents are asked to purchase or make individual cakes. **If 1 big cake is brought into school we will not be able to cut it up and will instead send it home.** If you would prefer your child did not receive this, please inform the class teacher.

Healthier birthday treats, such as fruit kebabs are also welcomed. **WE DO NOT PERMIT PACKETS OF SWEETS OR CHOCOLATE TO BE HANDED OUT AS A BIRTHDAY TREAT.** The option will be cake or fruit. We really do not wish to upset any child on their birthday, so please do not send in confectionary as an option; it will be sent home.

Playtime

We are a one-form entry school with a large expanse of playground space, which means children get to choose a wide range of activities in their playtime from basketball, football, using the outdoor gym to dressing up. This also means playtime is for everyone and children from Reception to Year 6 play together in the big playground at lunchtimes. Morning playtimes are staggered with Years 3-6 children going outside later at 10.45. We complete regular risk assessments of playtime and equipment, completed by members of the SLT, Governing body and external companies. All of our support staff are First Aid trained.

Medical

Parents are requested to complete Medical forms annually and to keep the office updated of any medical changes. If your child is diagnosed with a chronic long-term medical condition, then please make an appointment to meet with Mrs Wreford. With any case of a long-term medical condition or chronic illness an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) will need to be created. Examples of medical conditions that would require an IHP are: food allergies that require the use of an Epi-pen, asthma, febrile convulsions, diabetes and epilepsy.

If children have medicine, a form must be completed which gives permission to the school to administer medicine. Medicine must be handed to staff on the gate and not kept in the child's bag. We are permitted to give Calpol, but will always seek parental permission before doing so.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Thursday 3 September to Friday 18 December

Half Term:

Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November

INSET Days:

Thursday 3 September, Friday 4 September

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: Saturday 19 December – Monday 4 January

Spring Term 2027

Tuesday 5 January to Thursday 25 March

Half Term:

Saturday 13 February to Sunday 21 February

INSET Day:

Monday 4 January

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Friday 26 March – Monday 12 April

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 April to Thursday 22 July

Half Term:

Saturday 29 May to Monday 7 June

INSET Days:

Monday 7 June, Friday 23 July

Bank Holiday:

Monday 3 May

Year 1 Curriculum Overview



YEAR 1 – Curriculum Map

cross-curricular links

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Writing	Descriptive writing Performance poetry Learning to rhyme Instructions <i>Smeds and the Smoos</i> <i>Paddington Bear</i> <i>We're going on a bear hunt</i> <i>Great Big Cuddle</i> <i>Three Little Pigs</i>	Narrative Letter writing <i>The Naughty bus</i> <i>The Queen's Hat</i> <i>The Queen's Handbag</i> <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i> <i>Geography (Landmarks along the River Thames)</i>	Biography Narrative Non-Chronological report Riddles <i>Little People, Big Dreams – Simone Biles</i> <i>The Tiger who came to tea</i> <i>National geographic – Penguins</i> <i>The Big book of Riddles</i> <i>PE - gymnastics</i>	Performance Poetry Formal letter writing Narrative <i>The Sound Collector</i> <i>Lost and Found</i> <i>Lights on Cotton Rock</i> <i>DT – Fruit Kebabs</i>	Descriptive writing Instruction writing Recount <i>Goldilocks</i> <i>Bathe the cat</i> <i>The Lonely Beast</i>	Performance Poetry Narrative Non-Chronological report Shape Poems Letter Writing <i>The Same but Different Too</i> <i>What's the time Mr Wolf</i> <i>Tango Makes Three</i> <i>Apes to Zebras</i> <i>Jack and The Beanstalk</i>
Reading and Phonics	<i>RWI</i>	<i>RWI</i>	<i>RWI</i>	<i>RWI</i>	<i>RWI</i>	<i>RWI</i>
Maths	Place Value within 10 Addition and subtraction within 10	Addition and subtraction within 10 Shape	Place value within 20 Addition and subtraction within 20	Place Value within 50 Length and height Mass and volume	Multiplication and division Fractions Position and direction	Place value within 100 Money Time <i>Finance</i>
History	Changes in living History King Charles III			Local learning – Ham House <i>Geography local study</i>		Explorers of the sky The first aeroplane flight
Geography		Local study – Geography of Ham Fieldwork:			The journey of the river Thames and the Amazon river 	
Science	Changing Seasons 	The Sustainable Global Goals Gender Equality 	Everyday materials 	Everyday materials 	Plants 	Animals including humans RSE 
R.E.		Christianity & Nativity	Islam			Friendship
Art	This is Me! Van Gogh			Nature sculptures Andy Goldsworthy		Pattern Alma Thomas <i>Maths</i>
D&T			It's a Puppet Handspring Puppet Company		Chop it Up -Fruit kebabs Mukimono art	
PSHE	Wellbeing: all about me, emotions, belonging, looking after yourself <i>SMSC</i> 	Wellbeing: all about me, emotions, belonging, looking after yourself <i>SMSC</i> 	Relationships: families, friends, screens <i>SMSC</i>	Relationships: families, friends, screens <i>SMSC</i>	Mindfulness	Mindfulness RSE / Equalities Week <i>(Global Goals – reduced inequalities)</i> 
P.E.	Fundamental skills Dance	Invasion games Team building	Netball Fitness	Sending and receiving Gymnastics <i>Writing – Simone Biles</i>	Net and wall games Dance	Athletics Striking and fielding games
Music	'Music around the world' Djembe and untuned percussion instruments	'Music around the world' Djembe and untuned percussion instruments	'Sing and Play' Singing and glockenspiels	'Sing and Play' Singing and glockenspiels	'Instruments and where they came from' Percussion	'Instruments and where they came from' Percussion
Computing	Digital literacy JIT Paint <i>PSHE</i>		JIT Pictogram and Jit Charts <i>Maths</i>		Bee Bots JIT Turtle	
Finance		How to Manage Money Becoming a critical consumer <i>PSHE / Maths</i>		Managing Risks and emotions associated with money The important role money plays in our lives <i>PSHE / Maths</i>		Enterprise project <i>PSHE / Maths</i> 

Year 1 trips

We are hopeful that Year 1 will have a class trip or an in-school visit/workshop every half-term. The trips booked will enhance the curriculum and provide opportunities for children to develop their knowledge and skills around a specific topic.

If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper on trips, please read and sign the **Meadlands School Visits Volunteer Agreement Form** at the end of this pack and pass to the office. We always need help on school trips so extra parent volunteers are hugely appreciated, thank you.

<u>Half-Term/ Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Autumn 1	Harvest Workshop in school.	Free.
Autumn 2	Geography walk around Ham.	Free.
Spring 1	Museum of Richmond.	TBC
Spring 2	Ham House.	TBC
Summer 1	Eco Boat, Teddington Lock.	TBC
Summer 2	Orleans House Gallery.	TBC

*Please note these are provisional trips and have not yet been booked/confirmed.

Parents will be notified by letter in advance of each trip, and it is possible that trips/costs may be changed or added, although we will try to stick to these possible.

If you need financial support for any of the trips please speak directly to Mrs Gee j.gee@meadlands.richmond.sch.uk

Curriculum Events Calendar *(these dates are subject to change and confirmed dates and events will be shared in the Mallard Messenger)*

PTA Events – these events will be shared in the Mallard Messenger

Thursday 24th September	Meet the Teacher and welcome BBQ
Saturday 5 th December	Christmas Fair
Saturday 10 th July	Summer Fair

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 20th October	Thursday 22 nd October
Tuesday 9 th February	Thursday 11 th February

Parent Book Looks: 3.30 – 4pm

24 th September (at Meet the Teacher)
20/22 nd October (at Parent Evenings)
11 th December
9 th – 11th February (at Parent evenings)
25 th June

Statutory Assessment Information Session for Parents:

KS2 SATs information evening	Wednesday 2 nd December 2026, 5:00pm – 6:00pm
SAT week KS2	Monday 10 th – Thursday 13 th May 2027
Year 4 Multiplication Test Check	2 weeks from Monday 8th June
Year 1 Phonics information evening	Tbc
Phonics Screening Check	Week of 14 th June 2027

Class Assemblies:

23rd January 2027	Year 5 assembly & bake sale
5 th Feb 2027	Year 4 assembly & bake sale
12 th March 2027	Year 3 assembly & bake sale
30 th April 2027	Year 2 assembly & bake sale
28 th May 2027	Year 1 assembly & bake sale
25 th June 2027	Reception assembly & bake sale
9 th July 2027	Nursery assembly & bake sale
Mon 19 th and Tues 20 th July	Year 6 Show

Special Whole School Assemblies /Productions:

EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 15 th December (morning)
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Thursday 17 th December (afternoon)
KS2 Christmas Carol concert at St Andrew's church (evening performance)	Tuesday 15 th December (to be confirmed)
Christmas lunch	Wednesday 16 th December
Arts Extravaganza (Music and LAMDA performances)	Thursday 18 th March
Easter Assembly (bonnet parade) for EYFS parents	Thursday 25 th March
Family Day Assembly and picnic	Friday 18 th June 2.00 – 3.30pm
Year 6 Production – evening performances	Mon 19 th and Tues 20 th July
Year 6 trip to Chessington	Friday 14 th May
Year 6 bowling	Wed 21 st July (to be confirmed)
Year 6 Farewell Assembly	Thurs 22 nd July 9am

Curriculum Targets

At the beginning of each year, the children are set academic targets in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. These are set by the SLT and class teacher and are based on previous outcomes and projected attainment. The SLT and class teachers meet at least termly to discuss the progress each individual child is making towards their end of year target and it is during this discussion that extra support, such as boosters, is decided upon.

Year 1 key spelling words

Year 1 Common Exception Words

the
a
do
to
today
of
said
says
are
were
was

is
his
has
I
you
your
they
be
he
me
she
we

no
go
so
by
my
here
there
where
love
come
some

one
once
ask
friend
school
put
push
pull
full
house
our

Meadlands Assessment

We continually monitor and assessing how well our pupils are progressing through asking questions, leading guided groups, marking work, providing personalised comments and next steps to conducting formal assessments. At Meadlands we have embedded a rigorous and robust assessment procedure. Every term Year 1 will take part in a formal assessment week, which will normally take place towards the end of the term. During this week, all Year 1 children will complete tests in reading and maths. These will test the skills and the knowledge the children have learnt so far and sit alongside the ongoing attainment that teachers review in children's books.

The outcomes of these tests will then be used to support teacher's planning, help identify any groups or individuals who would benefit from either intervention or booster work and support teachers' judgements about pupil's attainment and progress.

After each assessment week the Year 1 team will meet with Senior Leaders and review the progress and attainment of each pupil in a Pupil Progress Meeting. If we identify a child who is not making good progress we will write a personalised education plan which is written to support them achieve their end of year target and it will detail any specific objects and activities that they will need to work on.

If there are children who are not making progress due to social and emotional needs they may be given pastoral support on referral only by Meadlands staff and parental consent will be gained before any pastoral sessions commence.

For some of our children who have additional needs they may be working with different milestones to their peer group. These children are often supported by a Learning Support Assistant and guided by our SENDCo. For our higher achieving children, the objective is that they will work with deeper understanding of the targets for their chronological year group. Er`

As a parent you will be informed of your child's progress and attainment at each of our parents evening meetings and a final progress and attainment judgement will be shared in the end of year report. In addition to this, you are invited to monthly book looks, which take place on the last Friday of each month. This is a chance for you to go through your child's book with your child and look at their work on display. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher rather than holding a discussion during a book look.