

# Newsletter



MEADOW PARK  
SCHOOL

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy but enjoyable week at Meadow Park. Once again we have been able to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities which the students have enjoyed.

Our Year 7 and 8 students had an unexpected addition to their Art Trip in Birmingham on Wednesday when Sharon Osbourne took time out from her busy schedule to 'photo bomb' Meadow Park School students. Sharon was in Birmingham to officially open a new exhibition to celebrate Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath. Students and staff had the chance to take "selfies" with Sharon. Mr Walker, Curriculum Leader for Humanities was also on the BBC WM radio mentioning the school, students and ozzy!!

Also, on Wednesday students from Year 9 took part in a Oracy workshop led by Mr Perris, Senior Leader for Personal Development, together with Talk The Talk.

Oracy is an important skill for students to develop and we have recently launched our new Oracy Programme in conjunction with Voice 21 which we will continue in September.

Year 10 students have been completing their end of year mock exams this week. It is a really important time for them as they prepare to enter Year 11 and their final examinations series. Next week, Year 10 will be commencing work experience and I know many of them are a little bit nervous but also excited about this.

Next week I have asked Miss Lawrence, Deputy Headteacher, to write the newsletter as Mr Hunt and I will be in Shanghai with our Year 9 Mandarin students.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Pettman  
Headteacher

## Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



FINHAM PARK  
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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# Art trip to Birmingham/Walsall

During our recent Art trip to Birmingham and Walsall, we had an unexpected and exciting encounter. While exploring the Birmingham Museum, we happened to walk into an exhibit opening dedicated to Ozzy Osbourne, hosted by none other than Sharon Osbourne herself!

The students seized the opportunity to take pictures with Sharon, creating some unforgettable memories. Sharon's publicist even commented that the *students had been great ambassadors for our school*, which was wonderful recognition. Adding to the excitement, our own Mr. Walker appeared on BBC WM Radio to discuss the exhibition and shared his insights into Black Sabbath.

After this thrilling start, we continued our journey to Walsall, where we participated in a hands-on clay workshop. The day was a perfect blend of culture, creativity, and surprise, making it an enriching experience for everyone involved!

Miss Smith, Mr Walker and Mrs Noble





# Chinese cooking workshop

On Friday 13th June, we had visitors from FUN HCCA Team, who are based in London. They worked with students in 8M. Students had a talk about Chinese culture and food before a demonstration on how to cook Hoisin chicken with crunchy vegetables, they are also shown how to de-bone a chicken thigh, before having a go at making their own version. The kitchen smelt amazing! All students worked really well.





# Summer Booknic!

On Wednesday we hosted the inaugural Meadow Park School Booknic on the school field! The idea was to host a Reading Picnic where students could read, relax, eat and book-talk together in a chilled-out social environment.

We laid out picnic blankets, brought lots of books, popped up a gazebo and invited students during lunchtime and period 4 to join us. Mr Spencer led playing the game, 'Bring Your Own Book' (think Cards Against Humanity but with book quotations!), we had bookmarks to design and colour and plenty of snacks, sweet treats and drinks to go around.

Everyone had a great time in great weather reading, chatting about their books, sharing their favourite authors, designing bookmarks and playing Bring Your Own Book. It was a very informal, relaxed atmosphere, embodying what reading for pleasure in a social setting should be on a sunny June afternoon!



# LIBRARY CLUBS NEXT WEEK ...

**CHESS COMPETITION**

**CODENAMES**

**LORCANA (DISNEY TRADING CARD GAME)**

**VOLLEYBRAWL**

*Jasmine's Music Club*

# BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

## Step 1: Choose your format.

(There are loads to choose from:  
sporty, creative, filmed, written etc;  
ask your tutor, or come to the Library  
and pick your favourite.)

## Step 2: Read a book.

(Any book – even if it's terrible:  
we want to hear your opinion!)

## Step 3: Create your review.

# BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

It might look something like this ...

### 100m sprint

Book:

Author:



Write why this book is great – in only 100 characters, eg:

I	t	'	s		f	a	b		b
e	c	a	u	s	e		i	t	

### Archery

Book:

Author:



Give your book scores out of 5 for each of these ...



excitement



humour



# BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

... or more like this ...



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOK COVER!

Create your own story and design a book cover for it.

Decorate the **back** cover and put your blurb on it.

Decorate the **front** cover and put your book title on it.

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# BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION

Whatever format you choose, the deadline is

You can ...



- give it to your English teacher
- hand it to one of the Librarians
- Email it to **mp-reading@meadowparkschool.com**



*First 16 players  
only!*

MPS PRESENTS

# HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

AUDIENCE AND VOLUNTEERS  
APPRECIATED

Can you reach the top? To join our knockout style tournament, come to F05 Tuesday, Thursday or Friday lunchtime this week to sign up! - You will be challenged!



## Enrichment Clubs – Half Term 5 and 6 (Up to Summer)

	Break	Lunch	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Basketball <b>Sports Hall</b> 	Chess Club <b>Library</b> Book Club <b>F17</b> All Year Rounders <b>Field (LTA)</b> 	Cricket Field <b>(GSK)</b> Athletics <b>(Week 1 track event, Week 2 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 6400m, 12800m, 25600m, 51200m, 102400m, 204800m, 409600m, 819200m, 1638400m, 3276800m, 6553600m, 13107200m, 26214400m, 52428800m, 104857600m, 209715200m, 419430400m, 838860800m, 1677721600m, 3355443200m, 6710886400m, 13421772800m, 26843545600m, 53687091200m, 107374182400m, 214748364800m, 429496729600m, 858993459200m, 1717986918400m, 3435973836800m, 6871947673600m, 13743895347200m, 27487790694400m, 54975581388800m, 109951162777600m, 219902325555200m, 439804651110400m, 879609302220800m, 1759218604441600m, 3518437208883200m, 7036874417766400m, 14073748835532800m, 28147497671065600m, 56294995342131200m, 112589990684262400m, 225179981368524800m, 450359962737049600m, 900719925474099200m, 1801439850948198400m, 3602879701896396800m, 7205759403792793600m, 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# SISTER ACT JR



*Presented By*  
**Meadow Park  
Theatre Company**

THURSDAY 10TH JULY

DOORS OPEN 16:30

TICKETS £3.50 & £5.50

SHOW STARTS 17:00

**CARD PAYMENTS ONLY** REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BASED ON THE TOUCHSTONE PICTURES MOTION  
PICTURE "SISTER ACT" WRITTEN BY JOSEPH HOWARD

MUSIC BY  
ALAN MENKEN

BOOK BY  
CHERI STEINKELLNER  
& BILL STEINKELLNER

LYRICS BY  
GLENN SLATER

ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIAL  
DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE



**Mr Walsh**  
**Curriculum Lead for Performing Arts**



# Coventry HAF

Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025



## What is HAF?

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, **Summer** and Christmas school holidays.

**Activities:** A wide range of activities are available, including sports (basketball, football, swimming), arts (pottery, street art), trips to places like theme parks and the zoo, and more.

## Who is eligible?

Know who your HAF eligible children are (see link - [HAF eligibility](#))

## Helpful links and resources for schools

[Coventry City Council HAF homepage](#)

[Coventry City Council Cost of Living support](#)

[HAF eligibility](#)

[Eequ homepage](#)



Head to the HAF homepage



Head to the Eequ homepage



### Child Exploitation Week.

As a parent – can you honestly say that you could spot the signs of exploitation if it was happening to your child? Would you know where to report exploitation or to get support and guidance?

Exploitation can happen anywhere. It happens online and offline. Children are being targeted outside fast food outlets, at shopping centres, through online games, and social media. There are many types of child exploitation including money laundering, stealing from shops, transporting drugs via trains and bus routes.

**Signs of child exploitation:** Ask yourself, is a young person....

- Travelling alone, particularly in school hours, late at night or frequently?
- Looking lost or in unfamiliar surroundings?
- Anxious, frightened, angry, or displaying other worrying behaviours?
- In possession of more than one phone?
- Carrying lots of cash?
- Potentially under the influence of drugs or alcohol?
- Being instructed or controlled by another individual?
- Accompanied by individuals who are older than them?
- Seen begging in a public space?
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You can find out more information from the #LookCloser campaign website here  
[#LookCloser To Spot Exploitation | The Children's Society \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/lookcloser)

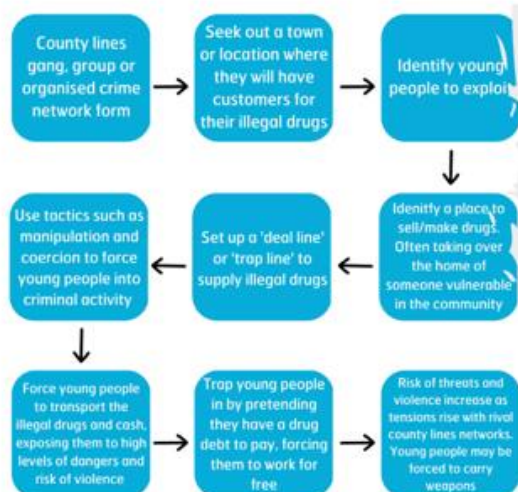
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**FREE Parent PACK can be downloaded  
here:** [https://www.catch-  
22.org.uk/resources/catch-on-parents-pack/](https://www.catch-22.org.uk/resources/catch-on-parents-pack/)

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## COUNTY LINES - A FORM OF EXPLOITATION



### County Lines - The Reality

County Lines is a form of criminal exploitation.

County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas (within the UK), using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move (and store) the drugs and money, and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

- National Police Chiefs Council

For More information please visit: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless>

Please remember if you have a concern – we're here to help – Just reach out to your child's deputy Head of house:

- Fulmen – [L.Webster@Meadowparkschool.com](mailto:L.Webster@Meadowparkschool.com)
- Orbis – [K.McDougall@meadowparkschool.com](mailto:K.McDougall@meadowparkschool.com)
- Lunar – [A.Rehman@Meadowparkschool.com](mailto:A.Rehman@Meadowparkschool.com)
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Stay Safe and have a good weekend!

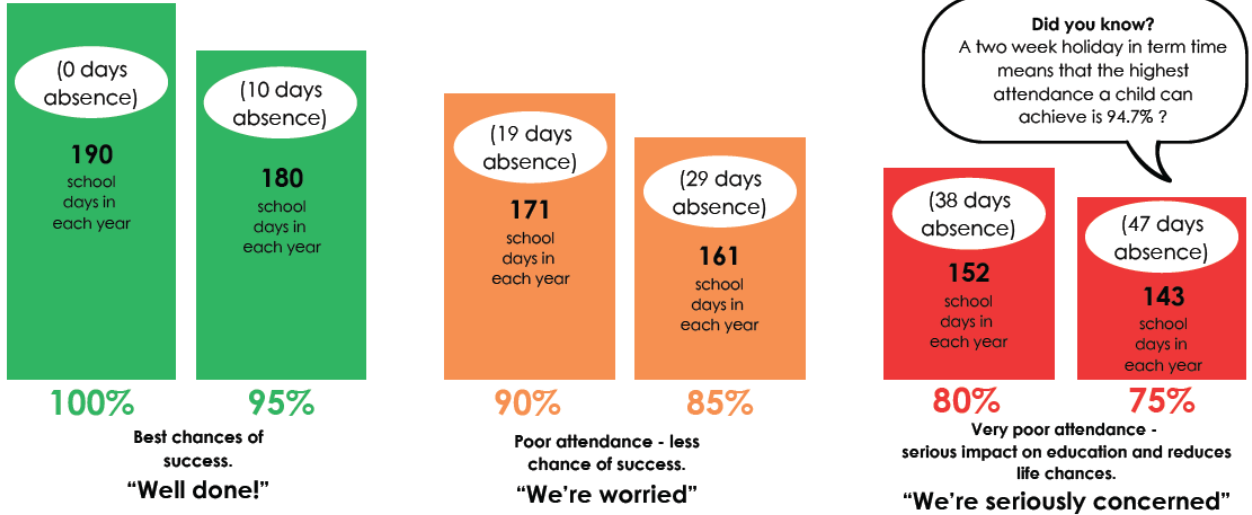
# Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

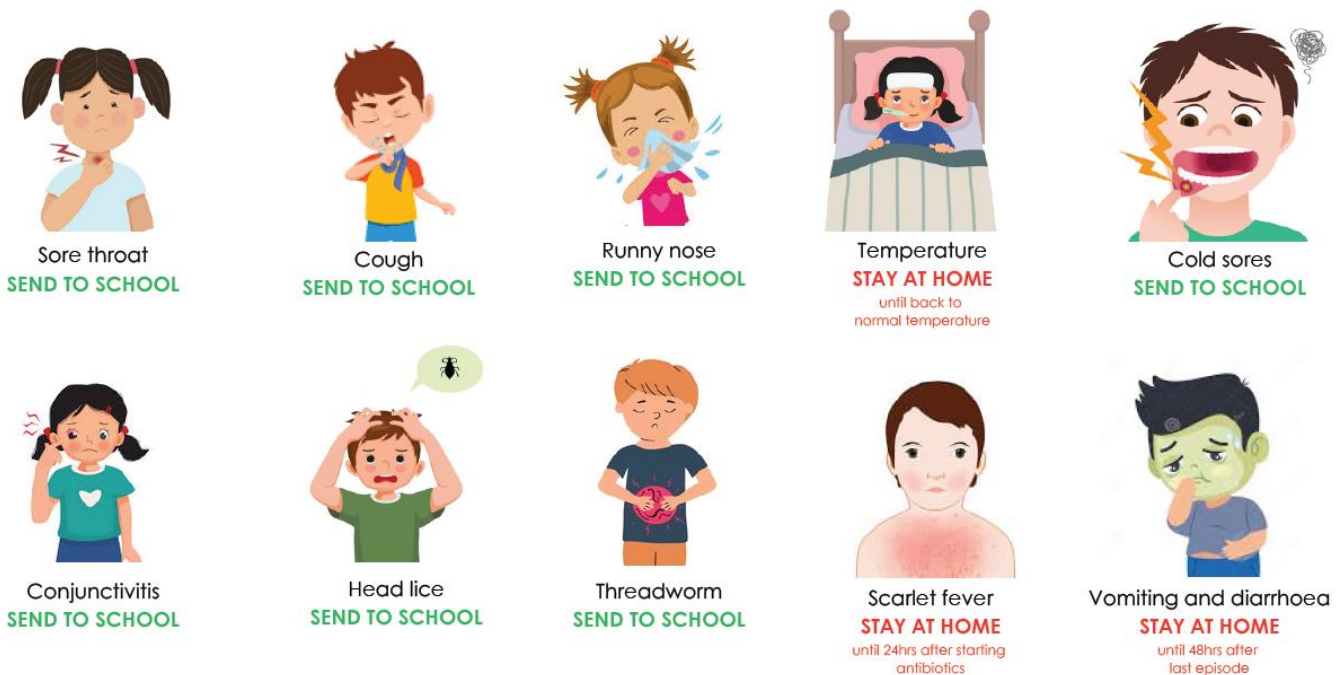
365 days in a calendar year

## 175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments.



## HOW ILL DO CHILDREN NEED TO BE TO NOT GO TO SCHOOL?



For further guidance see NHS website [www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)



# Uniform



## School shoes guidance

Plain black with no logos  
No high heels, 'sliders', boots, sling back or open-toed shoes  
Black leather or leather effect

**TRAINERS AND CANVAS SHOES (VANS/CONVERSE) ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**





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## Summer Term 2025

Term Starts	Monday 28th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May
Half Term	Saturday 24th May – June 1st June
Last Day of Term	Friday 18th July
Summer Holiday Starts	Saturday 19th July





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