Newsletter



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

The start of term may only be two weeks ago, but we are well and truly in the swing of things here at Meadow Park. This has been our strongest start to the year ever and I am very proud of all our students. Thank you for your support with this - it is so good that we work together to support your children.

It was an absolute pleasure to host our annual Open Evening last night. Students and staff put so much effort into these events and it was so pleasing to see visitors learning about the great things we do at Meadow Park. We had many students, including lots from Year 7, who volunteered to be help and they were great ambassadors for us. I was particularly impressed that our Head Students, along with a student from our Sixth Form and a Year 7 student gave speeches which they had written themselves. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of a large unknown audience and speak, but they did it so well. Thank you to all of you who supported by allowing your children to take part and also to those of you who attended with younger children. We look forward to getting to know Year 6 children who will be joining Meadow Park next vear.

Our Sixth Form students have also made a good start to the new academic year. I am delighted to say that we are full in Sixth Form and in fact have admitted more students than we had planned for. We offer a range of A Level, BTEC and T Level qualifications together with a comprehensive personal development programme. This is our

biggest cohort of students ever in Sixth Form and includes a number of students who have joined us from schools across the city. I wish them success in their studies.

There was a real buzz around school today with the second week of our inter-House competitions. Each week on a Friday lunchtime we run a House competition and today it was a penalty shoot out. The Tutor Group with the best attendance for the week has the honour of their music playlist being played over the loud speakers for lunchtime - today it was Lunar 1. It was lovely to see the students enjoying the healthy competitive spirit that we foster at Meadow Park.

I congratulated Years 7 and 13 in Assembly today who had the highest attendance this week. Attendance is so important and impacts on children's learning; it also impacts on their social development including missing out on activities with their peers. We do expect students to attend school on time each day and we follow the NHS and DfE advice that children can be in school if they have a cold or bit of a bug. Please do support your child in attending. If you have any concerns or are unsure whether your child should attend, please do contact our Attendance Team who will be happy to help.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. With best wishes

Mrs Pettman Headteacher





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Outgrown a blazer? Ripped a shirt? Need PE Kit?

Come and choose FREE pre-loved school uniform at our Uniform Swap Shop.

We have lots of outgrown, preloved branded school uniform, trousers, coats and much more...

Donations

Families can **donate** their old or unused uniform to the shop. **Washed, good-quality** uniform, that you no longer need, can be brought to the swap shop or handed in at Reception.

Free

Our swap shop provides **free** uniform to those who need it. If you do not have anything to swap, you can make a donation for the items you need.

Exchange

Families can **exchange** their old uniform for new **pre-loved** items that fit better. Please bring in any washed, good-quality uniform that you would like to swap.

Oper

Our Uniform Swap Shop is open on the last Friday every month during term-time in the old Visitor Reception, next to the Sixth Form Centre, from 9am to 10am and 3pm to 4pm.

SAVE money, REDUCE waste, HELP the environment. Ask in school for details.



SANDWICH BAR

Filling for sandwiches & Baguettes

Ham, Cheese, Tuna, Chicken Tikka, Chicken Mayo, BLT

Sandwich - £1.63

Premium Sandwich - £2.15

Baguettes - £2.30

For extra value, why not try our MEAL DEALS
Sandwich MEAL DEAL

Step 1—Choose sandwich

Step 2—Choose dessert (Muffin, Brownie, Jelly pot or Crisps)

Add A Drink

£2.75

Baguette, Wrap, Premium Sandwich & Salad Pot
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Step 1—Choose Baguette

Step 2—Choose dessert (Muffin, Brownie, Jelly pot or Crisps)

£2.75

Add A Drink

£3.42



MORNING BREAK

<u>MENU</u>

Toast 26p

Bacon Roll £1.15

Bagels £1.00

Hash Browns £1.00

Pain Au Choc £1.00

Sweet Waffles £1.00

Cheese on Toast £1.00

Cheese & Bean Wrap £1.20

Sausage Baps £1.15

Bacon Bagels £1.70

Breakfast Wrap £1.70

Look Out for our daily breakfast specials



MEAL DEALS

Street Food Option + Potatoes of the day £2.75

> Add a drink & a dessert £3.42

Grab & Go + Potatoes of the day £2.75

> Add a drink & a dessert £3.42

World Foods + Rice/Pasta £2.30

Add a Naan or Garlic Slice £2.75 Add a drink & a dessert £3.42

Jacket Potato 1 Fillings £2.00

Add a drink or dessert £2.75

Jacket Potato 2 Fillings £2.75 Add a drink or dessert £3.42

Pasta Bake + Garlic slice £2.30

Add a drink or dessert £2.75



TARIFF

MAIN COUNTER

Main Meal	£1.70
Curry Pots & Rice	£2.30
Hot Pasta	£2.10
Jacket Potato	£1.56
1/2 Jacket Potato	78p

All Vegetables are FREE

Chips	£1.60
Wedges	£1.60
Grab & Go Item	£2.30
Pizza	£1.40
Water	85p
Juices	85p
Cookies	85p
Muffins	85p
Cereal Bars	85p





Apprenticeship Careers Event

Wednesday 15th October, 4:00pm - 6:30pm

@ 123 St Nicholas Street, Radford, CV1 4FD

Curious about apprenticeships? Join us for our next careers event, your chance to explore a variety of career paths all in one place.

Find out more about apprenticeships in:

Business Administration

Hairdressing

Health & Social Care

Accountancy

Customer Service

Early Years Care

If you have any questions, you can call 024 7623 1122 or email us at: enquiries@cw-chambertraining.co.uk



Scan to register your interest!



YGUNG PROFESSIONALS

YP Get into Law Insight Networking Evening with eight global law firms!

Monday 22nd September, 5pm - 7pm

Meet with A&O Sherman, Farrer & Co, Slaugher and May, Fragomen, Clifford Chance and many more!

Click HERE to register from one of the biggest Law events



The Peer Mentor Support Service is here to support you.

One-to-one and group support to help you build resilience, boost confidence and improve self-esteem.



We will empower you to set personal goals and make small but significant steps towards change.

We support young adults to build confidence, develop selfbelief and improve their mental health and wellbeing. Through one-to-one support and group activities, we focus on mental health awareness, social connection, and life skills.

Our team can assist with finding stable housing, managing finances and benefits and accessing education or employment. We also help with booking healthcare appointments and can connect individuals to other services for additional support.

We can support young adults who are

- Aged 16.5–25, who have not accessed NHS mental health interventions in the past six months;
- Aged 16.5–25, leaving care, and at risk of accessing mental health services;
- Aged 16.5–18, transitioning through pathways from children and young people's to adult mental health services.

Interested in volunteering?

We're looking for peer support buddies to support our service users. Get in contact to find out more!

Start by calling **07581 051733** or visit **cwwmind.org.uk/pmss** or email **pmss@cwmind.org.uk**

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Read in an unusual place or position. (Send a pic to mp- reading@meadow parkschool.com)	GRAPHIC NOVEL	Read a book from a GENRE you don't usually choose.	Design a new FRONT FOR a book.	
Read something someone else recommended.	Read a book that has been adapted into a FILLM or a TV Show.	Go to a local LEGRARY (While you're there, why not sign up - it's free, which is our favourite pricet - and borrow a book?)	Read a non-fiction information book.	RE
to an audio book. (Ask in the Library if you need help to find one.)	Read something that isn't a book. It could be a	Read a book written by someone from a different COLINIE Y or in a different	Tell someone about a book you	 ,
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READING CHALLENGE

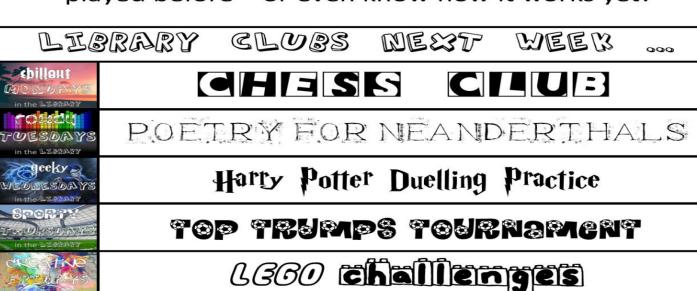
The **deadline** for entries (brought to the L工BRARY) is **next Friday**.

Dungeons & Dragons club is here!

What you need to know:

- every Monday
 - 3:15 4:15
 - LIBRARY

Everyone's welcome: you don't need to have played before – or even know how it works yet!





Science Club

If you are interested and would like more information, please speak to Miss Minhas (SO4).



Term 1	Lunch time challenge	Weekly competition
W/C 1.9.25	House Team	Tutor board
W/C 8.9.25	PE	Maths
W/C 15.9.25	History/ RE	Sociology/Psychology/H&SC
W/C 22.9.25	Geography/ PSHE	Food/Art/DT
W/C 29.9.25	English	Science
W/C 6.10.25	Music/ Drama	The Orchard
W/C 13.10.25	Languages	IT/ Business
W/C 20.10.25	Overall results (assembly) and Celebration Week	
W/C	Half Term	
W/C 3.11.25	Maths	PE
W/C 10.11.25	Sociology/ Psychology/H&SC	History/RE
W/C 17.11.25	Food/Art/DT	Geography/PSHE
W/C 24.11.25	Science	English
W/C 1.12.25	The Orchard	Music/Drama
W/C 8.12.25	IT/ Business	Languages
W/C 15.12.25	Overall results (assembly) and Celebration Week	
W/C	H-P-I	
W/C	Holidays	

Lunch time challenge:

- Will run in the quad/outside area or in the theatre if wet
- Will run every Friday lunchtime
- House v House
- Playing for individual prize/certificate
- · House songs playing

Weekly competition:

- Will be launched in the Headteachers assembly
- Entries will need to be handed in by the next Thursday for judging ready for the winners to be announced in the following Headteachers assembly
- Worth BIG house points which contribute to the House Cup!



COMING SOON Enrichment Clubs 2025-26



THEVING TOCKTHON			THIRMING TOOLTHOI
	Break	Lunch	After School
Monday	Basketball - Sports Hall	Chillout Monday - Library Chess Club - Library	KS 3 Basketball KS 3 Football Student Dungeons & Dragons - Library STEM - S06 MP Theatre Company - G18 Clay Club - F22 Drop in Free and Easy - Library
Tuesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Rowdy Tuesday Library Science Club S05	Public Speaking - Library World Culture Club - Drop in Free and Easy Library MP Theatre Company G16 Humanities Homework Club
Wednesday	Basketball Sports Hall	Geeky Wednesday Library	
Thursday	Basketball Sports Hall	Sporty Thursday Library Debate Club	Cooking - Singing Club Rounders Field Robotics Club F18 Industrial Cadets – S03 Craft Club F23 Games Club - Library Rugby Badminton
Friday	Basketball Sports Hall	Creative Friday Library Crochet Club G08 Holocaust – Their Family	KS4 Basketball Sports Hall (RMV) Further Maths GCSE F03 (HLA)

Mr Perris Enrichment Co-ordinator Scared of Spiders? Snakes? Zombies? Human beings have three options when faced with danger: Freeze, Fight or Flight. How would you respond?

Your challenge is to create a 200-word short story or comic strip that tells the tale of our evolutionary defense response to danger- Fight or Flight.

Research what this means and get writing!

All entries should be returned to Miss Hunter (G12) n.hunter@meadowparkschool.com





Amazing lessons week!

13th October!

An amazing week of lessons

...but not as you know them!



More information coming roon...

REMINDERS





Head of House Awards The Head of House Awards were awarded to:











Shreya

Jack B

Joseph

Braulio

Fatma



As a reminder, we're using #easyfundraising to help raise money for Finham Park Multi Academy Trust in 2025. To get involved, sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website or App with over 8,000 retailers. You'll raise free donations for us as you shop online at no extra cost! All the big names including eBay, Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, TUI, and many more will donate. We'll be so grateful for your donations! Plus, sign up today and we could win a £500 donation: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/finham-park-multi-academy-trust/9iw43f/c2s/ahT9IaEN/CE946/facebook/

Top tips supporting children going back to school

The return to school after summer can be a whirlwind of emotions – a mixture of excitement, nerves, and everything in between. This guide shares ten practical tips to support children during this transition. From re-establishing routines to encouraging conversations about feelings, this guide is designed to reduce stress and build a sense of calm.

Whether children are starting a new school, heading into a different year group, or readjusting after a long break, these strategies can help to ensure a smooth transition. From planning ahead and refreshing social connections to creating calm mornings and supporting healthy sleep habits.

Coventry Young Carers!

Open communication with school is one of the best ways to support your child – At

Meadow Park we understand that sometimes other things can impact on our young people and wasn't to support them where we can – With this in mind we wanted to highlight the COVENTRY YOUNG CARERS.

Please take the time to look at the Postcard from the service and consider reaching out to them, as well as us at school to let us know and see what we can do to support.

What Parents and Educators need to know about Technology Attachment

Many young people and children today are deeply attached to their digital devices – often using screens for comfort, connection, and even validation. This attachment can quickly turn into dependency, especially with many apps designed to be habit-forming. Our guide breaks down how and why these connections develop, and the ways in which they might affect children's behaviour, focus, and emotional resilience.

From disrupted sleep patterns to distorted selfimage, the consequences of excessive screen time can be far-reaching. This guide also examines how digital communication may shape friendships and social skills, as well as the hidden risks children and young people face in virtual spaces. With expert insights and practical strategies, it's a valuable read for anyone supporting children and young people in our digital world.



Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer &
Senior Pastoral Support Manager

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTINGCHILDREN

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be both exciting and daunting for children of all ages. Different routines, classes, schools, and academic pressures can cause anxiety or uncertainty. Parents play a vital role in easing this transition. This guide will help you support your child emotionally, mentally, and practically as they return to school.

RE-ESTABLISH ROUTINES

Bradually shift back to school-time routines a week or two before term starts. Requier bedtimes, wake-up times, and mealtimes can help children feel more secure and reduce the shock of a change when school begins. Having a routine creates predictability and stability, helping to reduce analysty while increasing these are accounted to while

TALK ABOUT FEELINGS

Encourage open conversations with children about their feelings. Ask them how they feel about returning to school, such as what they're leaking forward to and anything they might be feeling unsure or mention about. Validating their amotions can help reduce anxiety and show them it's story to talk about their emotional well-size.

SUPPORT WITH

Children need adequate sleep for concentration, brain function, memory, and emotional regulation. Establish a wind-down routine without screens at least an hour before bed, and encourage relaxing activities like reading or listening to calming music.

LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS

Some children hide their arcitety. Watch for changes in their behaviour, such as withdrawel, stomach aches, and introbility. If worries persist, speak with their teacher or the pastoral team early to ensure your child receives support.

REFRESH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Help children reconnect with school friends by arranging playdelies or video chate in the week before school charts, familiar faces and social interactions help the transition and provide emotional comfert on that first day back

CREATE A CALM MORNING

Mornings set the tone for the day. Plan ahead with a consistent meening routine that allows time for breakfast, getting dressed, and talking calmly about the day. Avoid lest-minute rushing to reduce stress for everyone.

FOCUS ON

Talk about the fun and interesting parts of school - seeing friends, forecasts subjects, or exciting estarties. One simple but powerful change prinche can make is warpping "lear's your day bean?" for "What's been good about your day?" This invites more of a positive, epen response. Fecusing on positives can help shift children's andous thoughts and reframe school

VISIT OR VISUALISE SCHOOL

If possible, encourage visits to the echcol grounds before the first day, especially if it's a new school. Walking the route or even looking at photos of classrooms and teachers can make the environment feel familiar. The school website is always a great go-to place for this. This is particularly helpful for younger children or those with additional needs.

PLAN AHEAD TOGETHER

involve children in preparing for school – buyin supplies, peciting their bag, or choosing lunch options. This gives them a sense of scatter in builds sacitament. Use cheatilists or calendars to prepare to gether, helping reduce last-minut

STAY POSITIVE AND PRESENT

Children pick up on your outlook, Stay calm, positive, and present, especially during drap-offs. Avoid lingering goodkyes, and let them know you'll be there at pick-up. A consistent, reasouring presence builds their confidence and resilience.

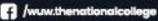
Meet Our Expert

This guide was created by Jo Morton-Brown, an Emotional Iteath Practitioner with nearly 15 years' experience supporting children as young people's mental health. She preduces uplifting YouTube con pupils and trains adults to better support young people's wellbein mission to help every child feel valued and understand their emoti



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TECHNOLOGY ATTACHMENT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? In today's digital age, children are increasingly forming emotional and habitual attachments to their devices. With 96% regularly accessing the internet and nearly half engaging in live streaming or content sharing, their online presence is greater than ever. This guide explores the phenomenon of technology attachment in young people and offers expert advice on festering healthier digital habits.

WIRED FOR REWARD

Children's brains are particularly sensitive to research-based stimulation, and some digital platforms, especially those ettering quice-hit content like short-form videos, are designed to exploit this. The instant gratification of likes, comments, and rapid scene changes triggers departine releases, making these interactions highly addictive. Over time, this may contribute to changes in attention patterns and a reduced inclination towards activities that involve preleaged focus or delayed gratification, such as reading, problem-solving, or creative play.

NIGHT-TIME TECH

Screen use late into the evening can disrupt natural sleep patterns by suppressing meistenin, the homeon that regulates sleep. Children engaging with attimulating content may superlence delayed bedtimes, lower sleep quality, and increased fatigue during the day. Additionally, lear of missing sut (TOMIO) on caller interactions can cause analety and resistance to legging off, creating a cycle of late-night engagement and thred memings.

SHAPED BY SCREENS

For many children, digital spaces have become a key arena for identity expication and expression, social media encourages them to curate their image carefully, with like, comments, and shares serving as social validation. This environment can the set-sets me to enline feedback, making children vulnerable to comparison, self-doubt, and pressure to present a perfect version of themselves, seen when it doesn't reflect reality.

DIGITAL WORLD DANGERS

The internet can expose children to unditered content, some of which may be inapprepriate, microsting, or harmful. Cyberbullying, exposure to idealised lifestyles, and online predicters are all risks children face, chican without halfy understanding the consequences, Micinformation can chape distorted worldviews, while constant comparison to other can erede set confidence. Without guidance, children may internalise these digital dangers, impacting their emotional and merital health.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY BUILDS

Devices often become digital comfort biantiets. In moments of beredom, anxiety, or ioneliness, children may instinctively reach for screens to self-seedbe. Dis reliance on digital distraction limits their ability to develop healthy coping mechanisms, such as mindfulness, compendien or physical activity. As the habit builds, their dependency may displace real-world experiences and emotional realisnos.

FRIENDSHIPS & FILTERS

Technology transforms how young people socialise, often replacing face-to-face interaction with test based or image-based communication. While messaging apps and social media enable connection, they may also limit emotional apprecian and the development of essential interpersenal skills, such as these recognition, empathy, and reading bedy language. As a result, some children may become less confident with exchanges in person and more reliant on slightel persons to navigate friendships.

Advice for Parents & Educators

READ THE ROOM

Pay attention to behavioural changes that may signal unhealthy tech attachment. This includes moved extings, increased secrecy about online activity, withdrawal from family time or hebbies, and visible distress when separated from devices. These case can indicate deep or amotional reliance or even exposure to distressing content. Early recognition allows for preactive support and meaningful conversation.

SHAPE DIGITAL BOUNDARIES

Create a balanced digital environment with clear guidelines on when and how devices can be used. This includes acreen-tree zones (e.g. bedrooms, dining tables), app restrictions, and time limits. More importantly, involve children in these decisions and explain the reasoning behind them, even reflecting upon your own digital use so they can see it's something we all have to manage. Turning beundaries into a dialogue, not just directives, helps build trust and encourages self-regulation.

DON'T WAIT, REACH OUT EARLY

If a child's relationship with technology starts affecting their emotional wellbeing, soboel performance, or secial connections, don't healtate to each help. Open up discussions with teachers, packeral staff, or digital wellbeing professionals. Early intervention is key, and a supportive network can provide tools, resources, and reassurance for both children and adults navigating this evoking digital landscape.

SET THE STANDARD

Children often model the behaviour they see. When adults demonstrate healthy digital habits, such as prioritising face-te-dace conversation, balancing screen time with other activities, and using devices with purpose, children are more likely to follow sult. Share your swn positive uses of technology and invite children to do the same. This collaborative approach helps demystify tech use and encourages responsible engagement.

Meet Our Expert

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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



School Term Dates 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Teacher Training Day	Monday 1 September
Term Starts (Students Return)	Tuesday 2 September
Teacher Training Day	Friday 24 October
Half Term	Saturday 25 October to Sunday 2 November
Teacher Training Day	Friday 21 November
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 December
Christmas Holiday	Saturday 20 December to Sunday 4 January

Spring Term 2026

Teacher Training Days	Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 January
Term Starts	Wednesday 7 January
Half Term	Saturday 14 February to Sunday 23 February
Last Day of Term	Friday 27 March
Easter Holiday	Saturday 28 March to Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts	Monday 13 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May
Half Term	Saturday 23 May to Sunday 31 May
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 July



THRIVING TOGETHER