

Newsletter



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We are well and truly into Autumn now, with the weather getting more blustery and the darker morning and nights creeping in. Please can you speak with your child about road safety to ensure that they travel to and from school carefully, particularly with the darker mornings and after school. Please can I also remind you that students should not be wearing hoodies at school, including at break or lunchtimes. Our Behaviour Policy outlines the appropriate uniform and refers to students wearing a coat over the top of their blazers for the colder or wetter weather. We do have a selection of coats that are cleaned and pre-loved which you are welcome to select from free of charge if cost is a barrier. We run a uniform swap shop on a monthly basis and we will be adding coats to this, so if you would like to select an item for free, please do so; equally if you have any items, including coats that you would like to donate we will ensure they go to a family who would benefit from this. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items, it is very much appreciated.

At Meadow Park School, we have a big emphasis on rewarding students, through positive phone calls home, rewards cards, House Points, prizes, treats and even reward trips. Each Friday, in my whole school assembly, I run through the House points and rewards that students have earned. All students have a reward card which they should have on their desk for each lesson and staff select students who have demonstrated excellent attitudes towards their learning or have

demonstrated qualities linked to our school values. They can choose to either redeem them at one of our reward shops which is run each lunchtime by our Sixth Form students, with a range of smaller items available. Students have the choice of redeeming for smaller items or saving up their rewards for the larger items on offer. All reward cards are then entered into our weekly prize draw and one of the highlights of the whole school assembly is when I draw, live on air, the winning card. Students whose cards are pulled out can then pick from a range of high street and online vouchers, worth anywhere between £5-£15.

One of the ultimate accolades is being nominated for an award and some of you have received invitations to our annual Awards Evening. This is an invitation only event where those nominated are invited to attend with their families. Students will know that they have been nominated for something - they just do not know what award they will be receiving! I look forward to seeing families in a few weeks time at this event.

I hope that Storm Amy didn't spoil your weekend plans and thankfully the calm after the storm seems to be here for the rest of the week.

Have a lovely week. With best wishes

Mrs Pettman
Headteacher

Nurturing Excellence, Growing Aspiration, Thriving Together



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Meadow Park Uniform Swap Shop



MEADOW
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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, pre-loved 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.

Open

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.



Class of 2026

Well done to Year 10 and Year 11 who have made a great start to their GCSE and final year. A special mention for the elite attenders among those students. Elite attendance (no days off so far) makes a big difference to the grades that students achieve at the end of their GCSEs.

Revision guides are available on Parent Pay. These are often considerably cheaper than shops and on Amazon. If you intend to purchase revision guides for your child, please check with them which ones they need (i.e. which subjects they study). Also check which tier (higher or foundation) they will be doing for maths and science. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds where the wrong guides have been purchased.

Thank you.

Mrs Secker
Assistant Headteacher

**EARN MONEY.
LEARN SKILLS.
DREAM BIG!**



Coventry & Warwickshire
Chamber of Commerce
Training

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!**



Talk the Talk

We had a great visit from Talk the Talk on Tuesday 23 September, running workshops for the whole of Year 11. The day focused on the oracy skills of speaking and listening: students started by talking about themselves, then each other and developed into giving a full 'PEEEP' talk about a contentious issue both as a team and individually. The questions posed (and expertly answered) by Year 11 included the extent to which AI is helpful, the impact of social media on young people, whether our curriculum adequately represents the beautiful diversity of our school body ... and, of course, whether or not pineapple belongs on a pizza!

The techniques students were taught – considering content but also both the visual and vocal components of delivery, for example – were clearly on display throughout the day, and several of the staff running the workshops commented on the students' positive engagement and speaking skills:

"From being unwilling to talk at the beginning she volunteered to share her story and did so well"

"Kyrell was a superstar today. He really helped his partner with his talks and did an amazing job on his own"

"Elizabeth pushed herself and got to the front at the end and spoke with real strength".



Mr Spencer
Librarian and English Teacher

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,

ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

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Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals.

Contact school or the local authority to find out more.

We can help you apply online.
Ask for details.

Do you know if you qualify for additional support?

Please speak to a member of the House Team to see what support might be available.

As a school, we can offer food parcels to families.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- ⇒ Income Support
- ⇒ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ⇒ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ⇒ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ⇒ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ⇒ Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Parent App and School Communication

Please sign up to our parent portal MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).



DON'T FORGET to enable push notifications for the MyChildAtSchool app on your phone so you can see all emails and letters the school sends you.

MCAS allows us to securely share your child's achievement points, attendance, behaviour, school reports, letters and school diary whenever you wish. This is our primary means of communication with you, so please make sure you enable notifications for MCAS as this is the way we will send you emails and letters.

To login to the MCAS Parent Portal, we have enabled you to 'self-sign on'.

All you will need for this is your email address that the school has on record for you.

Enter the school postcode CV34BD (without a space) or use our identifier 15028. Search for Meadow Park School.

How to Self-Sign Up for Parents

Parents and carers can access the MCAS Parent Login screen in two ways:

1. From within your web browser type www.mychildatschool.com or scan the QR code
2. Download the free MyChildAtSchool parent app from either the Apple App Store or Google Play.



When you use the parent portal for the first time you will need to Sign-Up. Full instructions can be found on our website.

School Communication

All communication from school is via Bromcom and if you sign up to the parent portal MCAS then you will receive notifications from the school via the app. You can view all letters and emails, past and present, in MCAS.

If you require any assistance logging in for the first time, please contact the School Office by emailing admin@meadowparkschool.com or telephone 02476 302580.

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	Holidays	
W/C		

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:

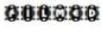
- Will be launched in the Headteachers assembly
- Entries will need to be handed in by the next Thursday for judging ready for the winners to be announced in the following Headteachers assembly
- Worth BIG house points which contribute to the House Cup!

Enrichment Clubs 2025-26 Half Term one

	Break	Lunch	After School
Monday	Basketball - Sports Hall MP Theatre Company - G18 	Chillout Monday - Library Chess Club - Library Yr 11 Languages – Speaking Intervention (Wk2) 	KS 3 Basketball – Sports Hall Dungeons & Dragons - Library STEM Club - S06 Clay Club - T03 Drop in Free and Easy - Library 
Tuesday	Basketball - Sports Hall MP Theatre Company - G18 	Rowdy Tuesday - Library Science Club – S05 Computer Suites open - F15 	Public Speaking - Library World Culture Club - F11 Drop in Free and Easy - Library KS 3 Football – Field Netball – Courts All Girls Football – Field HWK Club – The Orchard 
Wednesday	Basketball - Sports Hall	Geeky Wednesday - Library Holocaust (Their Family) - G02 Yr 11 Languages – Speaking intervention	
Thursday	Basketball - Sports Hall 	Sporty Thursday Library Debate Club – G04 Science Club – S04 Computer Suites open - F15 	Badminton / Table Tennis – Sports Hall Games Club - Library Robotics Club F18 Industrial Cadets – S03 KS4 Football – Field Hwk Club – The Orchard Yr 7 Football - Field KS3 Rugby - Field
Friday	Basketball - Sports Hall	Creative Friday - Library Crochet Club - G12 	KS4 / 5 Basketball - Sports Hall Further Maths GCSE - F03 

Mr Perris
Senior Leader for Personal Development

News from the LIBRARY

Read in an unusual place or position.  (Send a pic to mp-reading@meadow-parkschool.com)	Read a GRAPHIC NOVEL	Read a book from a GENRE you don't usually choose.	Design a new FRONT COVER for a book.
Read something someone else recommended.  	Read a book that has been adapted into a FILM or a TV SHOW .	Go to a local LIBRARY (While you're there, why not sign up - it's free, which is our favourite price! - and borrow a book?)	Read a non-fiction information book.
LISTEN 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 ... newspaper magazine MATCH REPORT	Read a book written by someone from a different COUNTRY or in a different language	Tell someone about a book you LOVE
Read an article giving someone's OPINION about something. (Any newspaper or magazine will have some - pick one you're interested in!)	Review a book. You can write it but you don't have to - it could be  or even 	Read a book ABOUT to someone.	Read a book that was written by a WOMAN .

Congratulations to **Jordan R** (**Orbis**, 11HRU) for winning the

Meadow Park

SUMMER 2025
READING CHALLENGE

Jordan wins a book of his choice: come to the Library and speak to Mr Spencer to select your book!

News from the LIBRARY



MEADOW PARK
SCHOOL
**FANTASY
PREMIER
LEAGUE**

Step 1: Create an account

Register at <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/> using your school email.

(Come to the **Library** on **Thursday** lunchtime and Mr Spencer will help you do this.)

LIBRARY CLUBS NEXT WEEK ...



WORD GAMES



INTER HOUSE QUIZ



DC COMICS DECK-BUILDING GAME



POCKET CRICKET DICE GAME



Quick Sketch

AFTER SCHOOL IN THE LIBRARY



Dungeons & Dragons club



PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB



GAMES CLUB

Mr Spencer
Librarian and English Teacher

Growing Aspirations– Sports Updates

The year 10 football team played Stoke Park last Friday in their first match this year and came out on top with a 1-0 win! Well done to all of those who participated.

The year 8 boys played in a rugby competition at Finham Park. 8 schools attended, they played 4 games - won 3 games and lost 1. The boys finished 3rd overall.

Well done to everyone involved.

Boys rugby club – Thursday 3:15-4:15pm

Upcoming Fixtures:

Year 7 Football v Stoke Park – 3.10.25

Cross Country (All years) - 6.10.25

Year 7 dodgeball tournament – 8.10.25

Growing Aspirations– Sports Updates

Year 7, 8, and 9 students attended a 'Swim Safe' session this week, where they learned how to stay safe in open water if they ever found themselves in difficulty.

The students that went all represented Meadow Park School well – Well Done.



Mr Kandola

Curriculum Leader for PE

Amazing lessons week!

13th October!

An amazing week of lessons
...but not as you know them!



More information coming soon...



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Join the Duke of Edinburgh at
Meadow Park school.

Bronze (Year 9+)	Volunteering 3 months	Physical 3 months	Skills 3 months	Expedition 2 days 1 night	
	Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section				
Silver (Year 10+)	Volunteering 6 months	Physical 6 or 3 months	Skills 6 or 3 months	Expedition 3 days 2 nights	
	Physical and Skills sections: one section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months If you didn't do Bronze, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.				
Gold (age 16+)	Volunteering 12 months	Physical 12 or 6 months	Skills 12 or 6 months	Expedition 4 days 3 nights	Residential 5 days 4 nights
	Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.				

FIVE BENEFITS OF DOING YOUR DofE PROGRAMME



SENSE OF IDENTITY

The DofE bring a sense of identity as you start to explore your likes and dislikes through the different sections.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

It is a chance to give back to your own community or those in need.



TEAMWORKING SKILLS

It builds your communication skills and strengthens your ability to lead others as well as to work in a team. This is highly sorted by employers and schools alike.



TIME MANAGEMENT

It teaches you how to manage your time and use it efficiently as you are required to balance the different sections.



ACADEMIC BOOST

A DofE Award is a great way to demonstrate and evidence your 'soft skills' in practice and this is highly valued by universities.

If you are interested and would like more information
please speak to: Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Webb



DofE
Website





Meadow Park
Performing Arts Department

INSTRUMENT LESSONS



ELECTRIC GUITAR
BASS GUITAR
ACOUSTIC GUITAR
DRUMS
PIANO
SINGING



Learn the core knowledge
and key skills needed.

ANY QUESTIONS/ GET A LETTER -
SPEAK TO MR WALSH G18

Meadow Park Theatre Company 'Winter Snowcase'

Rehearsals –
Mondays & Tuesdays
G18

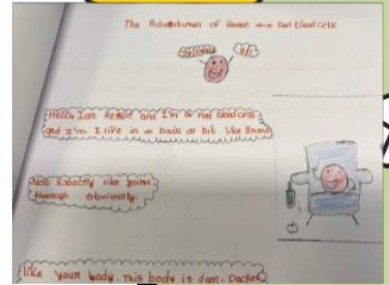
Break 11:15 – 11:35

*Any questions –
Mr Walsh G18*

n.walsh@meadowparkschool.com

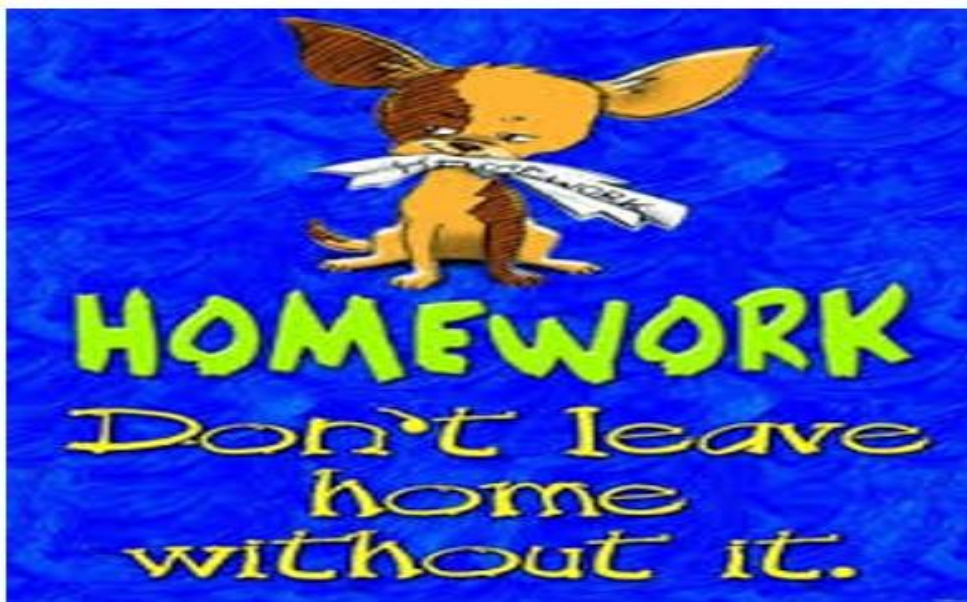


Weekly Subject competition winners – Science



Joint 1st place: Matin Sol 2, Yashita Sol 3 and
Areeba Fulmen 5

Homework Club
Every Tuesday and
Thursday 3.15 till 4 pm



In F23
See You There



Clean up after someone.	Let someone go in front of you in line.	Compliment an adult.	Introduce yourself to someone new.
Help someone with their work.	Invite someone to play with you.	Wave to a friend.	Clean up after yourself.
Push in someone's chair.	Sit with someone new at lunch.	Help someone who dropped something.	Thank a custodian or bus driver.
Thank your teacher for teaching.	Say something nice to a friend.	Be patient with someone in class.	Do something nice for a classmate.



1. Collect your bingo sheet of kindness from your tutor.
2. Ask staff to stamp or sign the box, that they have witnessed you complete.
3. Return to the Orchard or your tutor – with your name and tutor on. By end of school, Thursday 9th October.
4. Complete as many as you like. They are all entered into a raffle, for big prizes!

REMINDERS



EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Would you like to know more about your children's behaviour?

Would you like to know how to support your child's emotional regulation?

Friday 3 October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 17 December 6:00-8:00pm

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour is an introductory workshop designed to provide parents/carers with a valuable insight into your child's development and practical strategies to help you to help your child.

Two hour workshop delivered both face-to-face and virtually by Coventry's Positive Parenting Team.

Suitable for parents of children aged 2-10 yrs.

To find out more e-mail:
parenting@coventry.gov.uk

To book a place visit:

[coventry.gov.uk/
parentingrequestform](https://coventry.gov.uk/parentingrequestform)



Head of House Awards

The Head of House Awards were awarded last week and this week to:



Dumitru and Rebeka

Layla and Tate

Dylan and Poppy

Demilade and Diana

Chloe and Kacey

Uniform



GREEN SCHOOL BLAZER



GREY SCHOOL SWEATER



TIE



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

Safeguarding

Conspiracy Theories

Recently misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories have been recognised as safeguarding harms – This week we wanted to share with parents a guide around conspiracy theories. Although they might seem far-fetched, for many people they are very convincing – especially when presented by persuasive influencers or sensationalist videos online. The guide unpacks the risks, including isolation, anxiety, and exposure to extremist content, that can arise when conspiracies go unchecked.

It also highlights how conspiracy theories can erode critical thinking and trust in reliable sources – including schools, families, and the media. It gives practical advice for nurturing curiosity, encouraging scepticism, and safeguarding children's digital experiences.



Free ONLINE Safety Workshop via NSPCC



VPNS – What are they and why do I need to know?

Virtual Private Network (VPN's) use has increased following the changes to online safety in the U.K where there has been increased control over safety filters and protection on age-inappropriate content.

The benefits of using a VPN are to improve privacy on public wi-fi, adding protection (especially if you are online shopping/ banking). The dangers of having a VPN would be the ability to bypass safety features and allow access to graphic age-inappropriate content.

Please take a look at the attached guide to hear how it explains the dangers of untrustworthy providers, malware threats and the false sense of security the VPNs may give children. It also provides top tips from checking devices to having open conversations for parents to guide safe and responsible online behaviour.

Stay Safe!

Paul Rule
Child Protection Officer



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THRIVING TOGETHER