



Week Ending:
Friday 11th April 2025



@Green_MeadowPS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! Thank you to all of the parents who supported their children by attending Parents' Evening this week. The feedback has been incredibly positive and it was wonderful to see and hear how much you enjoyed looking at your child's learning and talking to teachers about the progress they have made. Succeeding together at its best!

On Monday, we welcomed the Pupil Parliaments from all of the other MAT schools to Green Meadow and representatives from our Pupil Parliament hosted the day. They did a fabulous job showing everyone around and explaining what makes Green Meadow such a special school. Chris Reddy from Bright Leaders worked with the children all day and made a point of coming to share with me just how polite our children are. He was blown away by their GMGMs (Green Meadow great manners).

A group of staff from Lloyds Bank joined our Year 5 classes yesterday for a financial skills session. The children loved it and particularly enjoyed designing their own bank account. Well done, everyone!

In sporting news, our Year 5 and 6 football team were crowned this year's winners of the Bournville Cup after a tough match on Monday and they also won their penultimate league match last night. As well as demonstrating their great skills, everyone complimented the team on their teamwork and sporting behaviour. Our cricket team were also in action in the Excelsior tournament this week and they returned to school clutching their bronze medals! Well done, everyone!

I can't believe that today is the last day of term. Time certainly flies when you're having fun. I hope you all have a brilliant holiday and get to spend time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, 28th April.

Best wishes,
Miss Arrowsmith

PE and Outdoor Learning days



Please note change to Reception and Year 5 PE days this week because of year 5's class trip.

**Monday
Year 5 and
Year 2**

**Tuesday
Year 3 and
Year 4**

**Wednesday
Reception
Year 1**

**Thursday
Year 6**



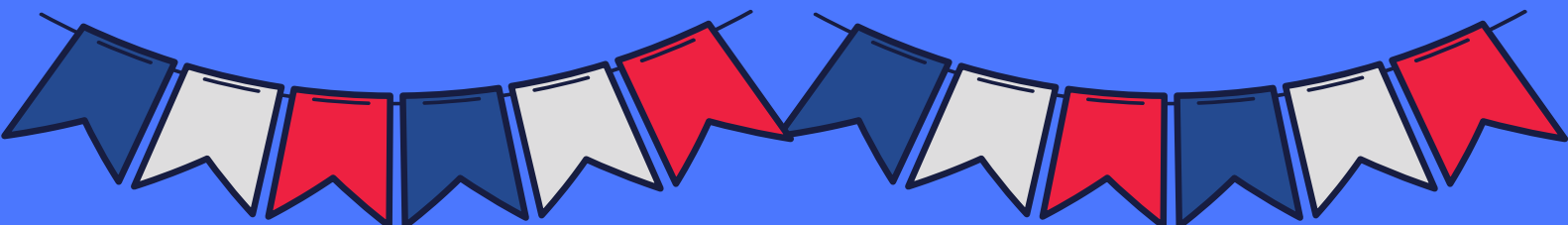
School closes at 3.20pm today for the Easter holidays and reopens on Monday, 28th April at 8.35am. We hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Please wear PE kit to school on PE days

Bring it on Brum is back for the Easter Holidays! Holiday clubs will run from Monday 14th-Friday 28th April 2025, excluding bank holidays and weekends. If you haven't booked yours yet, don't delay! Remember, you will need your HAF which we emailed you earlier to book!



Save the date...this looks great fun!



We will be turning Green Meadow red, white and blue on the 8th May to mark the 80th anniversary of VE day!

All children are invited to dress in red, white and blue for the day!





CELEBRATING GREAT LEARNING!



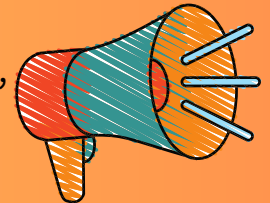
Well done to all of the children who have been practising their spelling on **Spelling Shed** this week. Our class leader board this week has **Saturn** in 1st place, **Tolkien** in 2nd and **Pluto** in 3rd place! Well done to our whole-school top speller, **Finlay** in **Saturn**, who helped his class secure top place!



A huge well done to this week's **Mathletes**, **Millie** in **Cadbury**, **Darcie** in **Bournville**, **Saja** in **Shakespeare**, **Shayla** in **Tolkien**, **Megan** in **Mars**, **Daniel** in **Saturn**, **Sai** in **Jupiter** and **Emma** in **Pluto**.

Our top scoring classes were **Pluto** and **Cadbury**. Keep practising on the tasks set by your teacher to become a top Mathlete!

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators**, **R** in **Leopards**, **N** in **Zebras**, **A-J** in **Tigers**, **R** in **Lions**, **Xin** in **Giraffes**, **Kayden** in **Gazelles**, **Jenson** in **Bournville**, **Levi** in **Cadbury**, **Rio** in **Shakespeare**, **Harper** in **Tolkien**, **Hattie** in **Mars**, **Toby** in **Saturn**, **Archie** in **Jupiter** and **Carter** in **Pluto**. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.



Congratulations to our **Readers of the Week**- who get to choose their own book to take home from the world-famous Green Meadow Book Vending Machine! **F** in **Zebras**, **H** in **Leopards**, **R** in **Lions**, **T** in **Tigers**, **Maleah** in **Gazelles**, **Astra** in **Giraffes**, **Viana** in **Bournville**, **Harlow** in **Cadbury**, **Jayden** in **Tolkien**, **James** in **Shakespeare**, **Leo** in **Saturn**, **Billy** in **Mars**, **Lewie** in **Pluto** and **Stella** in **Jupiter**.

CELEBRATION TIME!

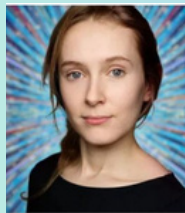
ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Well done to all the children in school who received hot chocolate nominations from their teachers for
GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!

This week, an incredible 61 children from across school received nominations - that's **AMAZING!** We are all so proud of you! We hope you have your certificates displayed somewhere at home to celebrate.

House Points

A record number of house points have been awarded this week to children demonstrating our school values of **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE** and for making sure they show how helpful, friendly and supportive everyone at Green Meadow is. Well done, everyone!



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Be an Attendance

H.E.R.O.



Here

Everyday

Ready

On time

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Well done to **Tigers** in KS1 and **Bournville** in KS2 who are our best attending classes this week.
The most punctual class in school this week is **Gazelles** who were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.



MENU

WE ARE ON WEEK 2 OF THE MENU!

GREEN MEADOW PRIMARY MENU					
WEEK 1 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03, 07/04		WEEK 2 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03		WEEK 3 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03	
MONDAY Pork Sausages, in Onion Gravy Vegetable Spring Rolls (V) Creamy Mash, Peas, Oriental Noodles & Vegetables, Salad Cart 1/2 Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	THURSDAY Pasta Bolognese or Sea Stars with Lemon & Tartare Sauce, Mediterranean Tomato & Basil Ragu (V) Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Salad Cart Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	MONDAY All Day Brunch (Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown) or Fish Fingers with Lemon & Tartare Sauce All Day Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown) (V) Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Cart Raspberry & Vanilla Ice Cream Cake Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	THURSDAY Lamb Keema Curry or Beef Burger Bun Vegetable Samosa & Curry Sauce (V) Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Herby Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Salad Cart Flapjack Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	MONDAY Mild Beef Chili or Fish Fingers with Lemon & Tartare Sauce 5 Bean Chili (V) Steamed Rice, Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Salad Cart Ice Cream Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	THURSDAY Mexican Chicken & Vegetables, in a Warm Floured Mini Tortilla or Battered Fish with Lemon & Tartare Sauce Vegetable Tikka Curry (V) Spicy Potato Wedges, Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Salad Cart Iced Shortbread Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
TUESDAY Chinese Chicken Curry Mac N Cheese (V) Boiled Rice, Naan Bread/ Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn, Salad Cart Syrup Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	FRIDAY BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza, Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	TUESDAY Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne or Vegetable Burger Bun (V) Potato Wedges, Peas, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad Cart Chocolate & Beetroot Traybake with Custard Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	FRIDAY Homemade Moroccan Spiced Beef & Sweet Pepper Pizza Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart Homemade Summer Fruits Muffin Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	TUESDAY Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake Vegetable Pasta Bake or Vegetable Sausage Hot Dog (V) Diced Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Peppers & Sweetcorn, Salad Cart Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	FRIDAY Traditional Pepperoni Pizza Homemade Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & a Rich Gravy Sauce Cheese, Chive & Potato Pie (V) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Salad Cart Ice Lolly Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken, Sage & Onion Seasoning & a Rich Gravy Sauce Vegetarian Sausage Toad in the Hole (V) Roasted New Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots & Green Beans, Salad Cart American Pancakes with Strawberry Drizzle Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	WEDNESDAY Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Seasoning & a Rich Gravy Sauce Herb Roasted Quorn (V) Minted New Potatoes, Carrots & Peas, Salad Cart Strawberry Jelly & Fruit Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh Bread Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Sandwich or Wrap with a Hot Carb Salad Cart COOMBS <small>CATERING PARTNERSHIP</small>		

Allergen Information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens requiring labelling, so please ask a member of the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).



STAY
HYDRATED

School meals cost £3 per day, payable via Arbor, for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please keep up to date with school meal payments each week.

Please note that for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ALL children are entitled to universal free school meals.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY



ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT
THE STORY BEHIND THE PICTURE WE
LOOKED AT IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK AND
HOW IT RELATES TO BRITISH VALUES



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

FUNNY JOKES

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

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UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**Summer 1 Week 1
wb 28th April 2025**

Monday, 28th April 2025

**Living Eggs arrive in
school**

**Wednesday, 30th April
2025**

Year 5 Ludlow Castle trip

Thursday, 1st May 2025

**Year 5 KEVI trip to
Birmingham airport
1.30pm Ready, Steady
Reception for invited
pupils**

Summer 1 Week 2

Monday 5th May 2025

BANK HOLIDAY- school closed

Tuesday, 6th May 2025

**1.30pm Ready, Steady Reception for
invited pupils**

Wednesday, 7th May 2025

**Graffiti Painting workshop for
invited year 6 pupils**

Thursday, 8th May 2025

**VE DAY- wear your red, white and
blue clothes to school**

**9am King Edward VI Foundation year
4 and 5 parent information meeting
in the hall**

Friday, 9th May 2025

**Year 2 Weston-Super-Mare family
trip**

Attendance

What happens if I book a holiday during term time?



A single parent with one child planning to take a one week holiday during term time...

Your holiday will not be authorised, and we strongly advise you to speak with the school before making any bookings. Since your child will miss 5 school days, a penalty notice fine will be issued. The fine is £160, but if paid within 21 days, it will be reduced to £80.

A penalty will be issued for each child.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 1 parent = £480
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

For a family with 2 parents.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 2 parents = £960
reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days

If, in any period within three years, your child has a second and third leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance:



2nd Time

2 Parents and...

1 x child = £320

2 x children = £640

3 x children = £960

No discount for early payment

3rd Time

A penalty notice fine will not be given and your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

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Irregular Attendance

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, you may be prosecuted.

1

day =

2

sessions

