



Week Ending: Friday, 2nd October 2026



@Green_MeadowPS

Dear Parents,

This week we interviewed our candidates for Year 6 prefects. Just like in the world of work, our potential prefects will now have a two-week probationary period before we make our final selection. Good luck to all our candidates - we wish you every success.

The Green Meadow Girl's Football Team was in action in the Excelsior League against Meadows on Tuesday. They showed great sporting behaviours but it wasn't our day this time with the final score being 5-2. The girls were great sports and welcomed the visitors beautifully.

As you will have seen from the flyer sent out on Wednesday, we are inviting parents and carers to join our OPAL Play Working Party. Thank you to those who have already contacted the school office to let us know that they would like to volunteer. There is still time to get your name down and be part of this exciting opportunity to help shape and support OPAL Play at Green Meadow.

Today, we were delighted to welcome Matt Cook from Birmingham City Mission to our school. The children always thoroughly enjoy the engaging assemblies that Matt presents and love trying to work out the hidden message before it is revealed! We are incredibly grateful to Matt for his continued support and for the valuable link we have with Birmingham City Mission. Thank you, Matt, for another fantastic assembly!

Next week is looking like another busy week at Green Meadow! Our Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving next Friday and will be open throughout the following week, including both parents' evenings. It's a great opportunity for the children to browse and choose from a fantastic selection of books.

The children will also have the opportunity to present their speeches for Pupil Parliament on Friday, ready for voting to open on Monday 12th October. We're looking forward to hearing their ideas and seeing the children take on this exciting responsibility!

Please look out for further information from the school office regarding the two upcoming parents' evenings.

We hope you have a wonderful and restful few days, and we look forward to another great week at Green Meadow next week.

With best wishes,
Mrs Cross and Mrs Stirrop

**PE and
Outdoor
Learning days**



**Monday
Year 2 and
Year 3**

**Tuesday
Year 1 and
Year 4**

**Wednesday
Year 5 and
Year 6**

**Thursday
Reception**

**Please wear
only school PE
kit to school
on PE days.**

- WHITE T-SHIRT
- BLACK SHORTS OR JOGGERS
- TRAINERS

**Keep your
football kits for
fun at the
weekend!**





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 **Jupiter** in 1st place, **Cadbury** in 2nd and **Tolkien** in 3rd place! Well done to our whole-school top speller, **Diana** in **Jupiter**, who helped her class secure top place!

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators**, **L** in **Leopards**, **I** in Zebras, **A** in Tigers, **P** in Lions, **Reuben** in Giraffes, **Alara** in Gazelles, **Imad** in Bournville, **Sean** in Cadbury, **Tommy** in Shakespeare, **Jude** in Tolkien, **Leo** in Mars, **Kimberly** in Saturn, **Jakob** in Jupiter and **Jaanki** 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! **S** in Lions, **L** in Tigers, **Joshua** in Gazelles, **Sydney** in Giraffes, **Oliver** in Cadbury, **Muhammed** in Bournville, **Xin** in Tolkien, **Bronagh** in Shakespeare, **Scarlet** in Mars, **Elisha** in Saturn, **Kaylie** in Pluto and **Diana** 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!

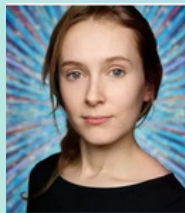
This week, an incredible 64 children from across school received nominations - that's **AMAZING!** We are all so proud of you! We hope you have your certificates displayed somewhere at home to celebrate.

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!



261



366



258



303



301



Here

Be an Attendance

H.E.R.O.

Everyday

Ready



On time

Well done to **Lions** in KS1 and **Tolkien** in KS2 who are our best attending classes this week.

The most punctual classes in school this week were **Lions and Gazelles** who were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY



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



Reminder of absence procedures

If your child is not fit for school, please call us on 0121 475 4505 on the first and every day of absence. **We cannot accept in-app messages or emails.** The office phone lines open at 8am.



Safeguarding Reminder

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. To keep our children safe please can we remind all parents and pupils that the riding of bikes and scooters is not allowed on the school site.



If you drive to school, please ensure you park responsibly. There is often easily accessible parking slightly further away from school. If you are able, please consider parking slightly further away and walking to collect your children to prevent high numbers of vehicles around the school gates.

GMPS ATTENDANCE BY NUMBER

Each week we will let you know the progress on our drive to improve whole school attendance.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK- (NATIONAL EXPECTATION 96.4%)- 94.2%

NUMBER OF LEAVE IN TERM TIME FINES ISSUED TO PARENTS SINCE THE START OF TERM- 2

NUMBER OF PARENTS TAKEN STRAIGHT TO COURT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR- 0

RUNNING COST OF FINES ISSUED TO GREEN MEADOW PARENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR- £840

NUMBER OF CHILDREN BROUGHT TO SCHOOL LATE THIS WEEK- 42

NUMBER OF MINUTES OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LATENESS- 813

NUMBER OF DAYS OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LEAVE IN TERM TIME- 6



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP



In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

VIEW ONCE
CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate "locked chats" folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as non-innocent material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

[CHAT ABOUT PRNACY](#)

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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OSCAR...



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<https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/25/tech/whatsapp-privacy/index.html>



MENU

WE ARE ON WEEK 3 OF THE MENU!

GREEN MEADOW PRIMARY MENU				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 31/8, 21/9, 12/10, 9/11, 30/11, 4/1, 25/1	Pork Sausages in Onion Gravy Veggie Sausage in Onion Gravy (V) Creamy Mash, Peas, Carrots Watermelon Wedges or Orange & Apple Slices	Chicken Tacos with Savoury Rice Cod Bites with Sauté Potatoes & a Lemon Wedge Quorn Tacos with Savoury Rice (V) Sweetcorn & Peppers Assorted Ice Cream	Beef Pasta Bolognese with a Garlic Slice Fish Stars with Diced Potatoes & Tartare Sauce Tomato & Basil Pasta Ragu with a Garlic Slice (V) Broccoli, Cauliflower Banoffee Sponge	Wholemeal Ham & Red Onion Pizza Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Peas Strawberry Mousse
WEEK 2 7/9, 28/9, 19/10, 16/11, 7/12, 11/1, 1/2	All Day Brunch - Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans Fish Fingers with Sauté Potatoes & Lemon Wedge All Day Brunch - Veggie Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans (V) Peas, Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit Salad	Cajun Beef Tex Mex Pitta Cajun Quorn Tex Mex Pitta (V) Cheese & Bean Quesadilla (V) Savoury Rice, Broccoli Chewy Oaty Cookie	Chicken Burger in a Bun Fish Finger Bap Cheese & Onion Lattice (V) Herby Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower Chocolate Crispy Cake	Wholemeal Chicken & Red Onion Pizza Wholemeal Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Peas Raspberry Jelly
WEEK 3 14/9, 5/10, 2/11, 23/11, 14/12, 13/1, 8/2	Pork Hot Dogs with Fried Onions Veggie Hot Dogs with Fried Onions (V) Vegetable Samosa & Curry Sauce (V) Sauté Potatoes, Garden Peas Mixed Berry Smoothie	Meat Feast Pasta Bake with Garlic Slice Mac & Broccoli Cheese with Garlic Slice (V) Veggie Nuggets with Skin on Wedges (V) Sweetcorn & Peppers Lemon Shortbread	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing Herb Roasted Quorn (V) Minted New Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans Fresh Fruit Salad	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice & Nachos Battered Fish with Pomme Noisette & Lemon Wedge Mild 5 Bean Chilli Con Carne with Rice & Nachos (V) Broccoli, Cauliflower Chocolate Orange Sponge
Available Daily- Fresh Bread / Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings / sandwich or wrap with a hot carb option / Fresh salad cart / Fresh Fruit				

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.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Autumn 1, Week 6
w/b 05.10.26

Monday, 5th October 2026

Tuesday, 6th October 2026

School photo day

Warwickshire County Cricket
Club in school

Wednesday, 7th October 2026

Thursday, 8th October 2026

Year 1 trip to Black Country
Living Museum

Mars Class Assembly 9am in
the hall

Friday, 9th October 2026

Year 3 guitars

Saturn Class Assembly 9am in
the hall

Pupil Parliament Speeches

Autumn 1, Week 7
w/b 12.10.26

Monday, 12th October 2026

Book Fair in the hall after school

Tuesday, 13th October 2026

Parents' Evening

Book Fair open at Parents'
Evening

Wednesday, 14th October 2026

Book Fair in the hall after school
Year 5 British Museum Bayeux
Tapestry live lesson

Thursday, 15th October 2026

Parents' Evening

Book Fair open at Parents'
Evening

Friday, 16th October 2026

Year 3 guitars