Week Ending: Friday, 23rd October 2026

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Dear Parents,

This week the children have been fully immersed in Art Week and what a wonderful week it has been! The children have made some absolutely beautiful creations, expressing this year's theme 'Our Fragile Planet'. The children have shown their learning and understanding about how sustainability is such a vital part of their role as a global citizen. **We would like to invite all parents to attend our art exhibition after half term. The exhibition is in the hall and will be open from 2.30-3.15pm for you to visit without your children or alternatively the exhibition will be open from 3.30- 4.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Collect your child as usual from the playground and come to the foyer doors by the water feature to enter the exhibition. Please come along to share your child's amazing learning!**

Year 3 had a great day at Wroxeter Roman City on Wednesday. We were delighted that the children were able to show off their extensive knowledge about the Roman Empire. Well done Year 3!

It was great to welcome Coach Ella back to school on Wednesday for extra PE sessions with Year 6 and Reception. Coach Ella is a great friend of our school and the children always love seeing her!

Green Meadow are in action at the first Excelsior basketball competition of the season today. We will keep you updated on how they got on after half term. Come on GM!!

Thank you to our amazing OPAL working party who spent Saturday morning developing OPAL provision for all our children. They did an immense job! We will be holding another working party before Christmas so please come along and join this lovely community event next time! Thanks to all the families who came along to our OPAL stay and play session after school on Monday. It was lovely to see families playing together after school, along with lots of excited younger siblings.

Thank you for generously supporting our OPAL non-uniform day today. We have raised an amazing £347.10 to enhance OPAL play for the next half term!

Well done to our newly elected OPAL play leaders! Amber, Ezra, Rosie, Ellis, Seam, Khloe, Avyukth, Amelia, Aurora, Orla, Hollie and Toby will be helping to shape our play offer this year and will be acting as OPAL role models everyday!

And a final piece of exciting OPAL news. We had our OPAL re-accreditation this week and we are delighted to share that we are now a double-platinum OPAL school, only the fourth school in the West Midlands to achieve this prestigious honour!

Please remember that school is closed for all pupils on Monday, 2nd November 2026 and Tuesday, 3rd November. We will return to school on Wednesday, 4th November ready for the second half of the Autumn term.

Have a wonderful half term holiday!
With Best wishes,
Mrs Cross and Mrs Stirrop

PE and Outdoor Learning days

Due to the short week, the children will have outdoor learning sessions with their class for PE next week. They do not need to wear PE kits

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) CIC

Dear Green Meadow Families,

I am writing to share some brilliant news. Green Meadow Primary has just been awarded the OPAL Platinum Award - the highest award in the programme, placing your school in the top 1% of primary schools nationally for the quality of outdoor play on offer for your children. Incredibly, this is the second time Green Meadow has achieved Platinum in five years, which is a quite remarkable achievement.

Every playtime, your children have access to a rich, varied, and exciting outdoor environment- sand, water, digging, den building, loose parts, small world, wheel play, music, dressing up, nature, and so much more. They help to shape what happens in their playground, their voices are heard, and they are growing into confident, creative, resilient players. The impact of that reaches well beyond lunchtime.

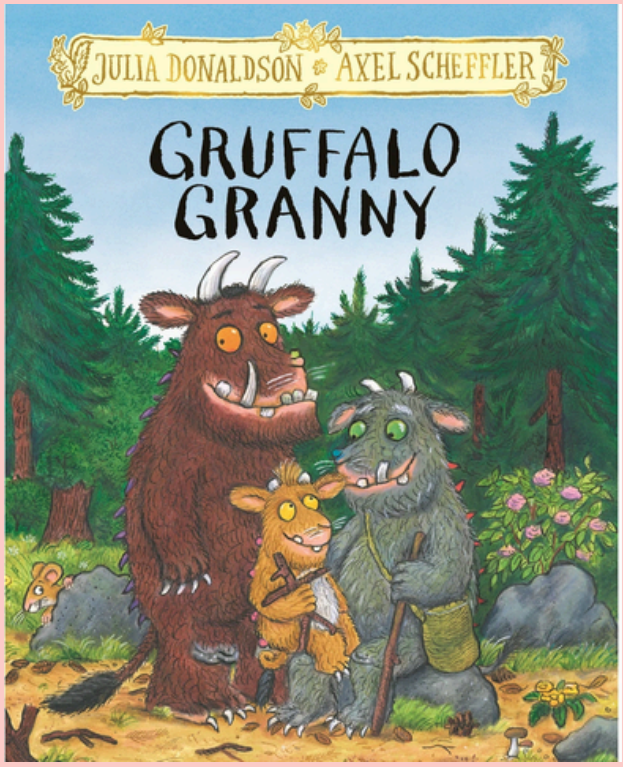
None of this would be possible without the dedication of Mrs Cross and the whole school team, and particularly Miss Holland, whose commitment to the play coordinator role keeps everything running and the playground full of possibility every single day. I also want to say a heartfelt thank you to you - for your donations, your enthusiasm, your presence at stay and play sessions, and for those of you who have given your time to the OPAL working party. You have been a genuine part of building something wonderful for your children.

Green Meadow is a very special school, and your children are very lucky to play there.

With warmest congratulations,

Kaleigh Atkinson
OPAL West Midlands

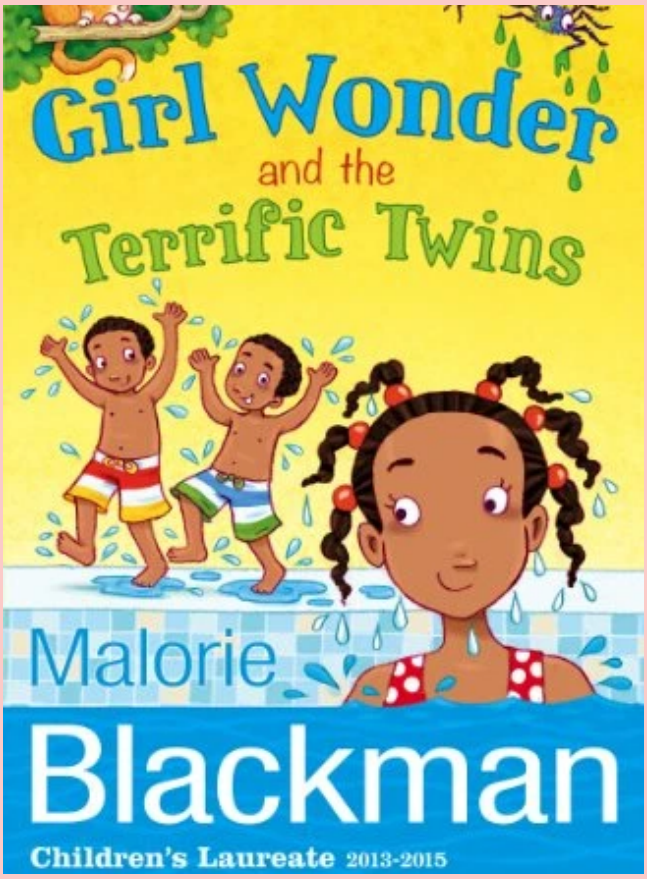
Book of the month - Early Years and KS1



We recommend The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson because it is a fun, engaging story that encourages a love of reading, develops children's imagination and introduces rhyme, rhythm and repetition. It also explores themes of bravery, curiosity and overcoming fears.

Book of the month - KS2

We recommend Girl Wonder and the Terrific Twins by Malorie Blackman because it is a fun, engaging story that celebrates friendship, teamwork and individuality. It encourages children to use their imagination, develop their reading skills and discover the joy of books through relatable characters and exciting adventures.



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, **Pluto** in 2nd and **Shakespeare** 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, C** in Leopards**, B** in Zebras**, J** in Tigers, **S** in Lions, **Ruby** in Giraffes, **Charlie** in Gazelles**, Cody** in Bournville, **Esmae** in Cadbury**, Anaya** in Shakespeare, **Evie** in Tolkien, **Millie** in Mars, **Viana** in Saturn, **Wing** in Jupiter and **Jack** in Pluto. You have all impressed us with how well you have demonstrated your oracy skills this week.

A huge well done to this week's Magma Mathematicians, in Bournville, **Milo** in Cadbury, **Isabella** in Tolkien, **Aaria** in Shakespeare, **Orla** in Mars, **Zachary** in Saturn, **Saja** in Jupiter and **Vinnie** in Pluto.

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! **V** in Lions, **R** in Tigers, **Louis** in Gazelles, **Isabelle** in Giraffes, **Michelle** in Cadbury**, Amaya** in Bournville, **Cairo** in Tolkien, **Lotan** in Shakespeare, **Sully** in Mars, **Cameron** in Saturn, **Margot** in Pluto and **Darcie** in Jupiter.

CELEBRATION TIME!

ABOVE AND BEYOND!

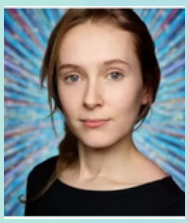
Well done to all the children in school who received hot chocolate nominations from their teachers for

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND!

This week, an incredible 60 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

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

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

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

ORACY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE voice 21 2024

NO OUT SIDERS 'All different, All welcome'

ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORIES BEHIND THE PICTURES WE LOOKED AT IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK AND HOW THEY RELATE TO BRITISH VALUES

KS2

KS1

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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 Reminders

As the colder, wetter weather is now starting, please ensure your child has suitable warm and waterproof clothing to wear at playtime. We have plenty of wet weather gear we can loan children at school and we also highly reccommned Rubery Swop Shop for picking up amazing pre-loved clothing!

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%)- 94.3%

NUMBER OF LEAVE IN TERM TIME FINES ISSUED TO PARENTS SINCE THE START OF TERM- 18

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

RUNNING COST OF FINES ISSUED TO GREEN MEADOW PARENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR- £5,740

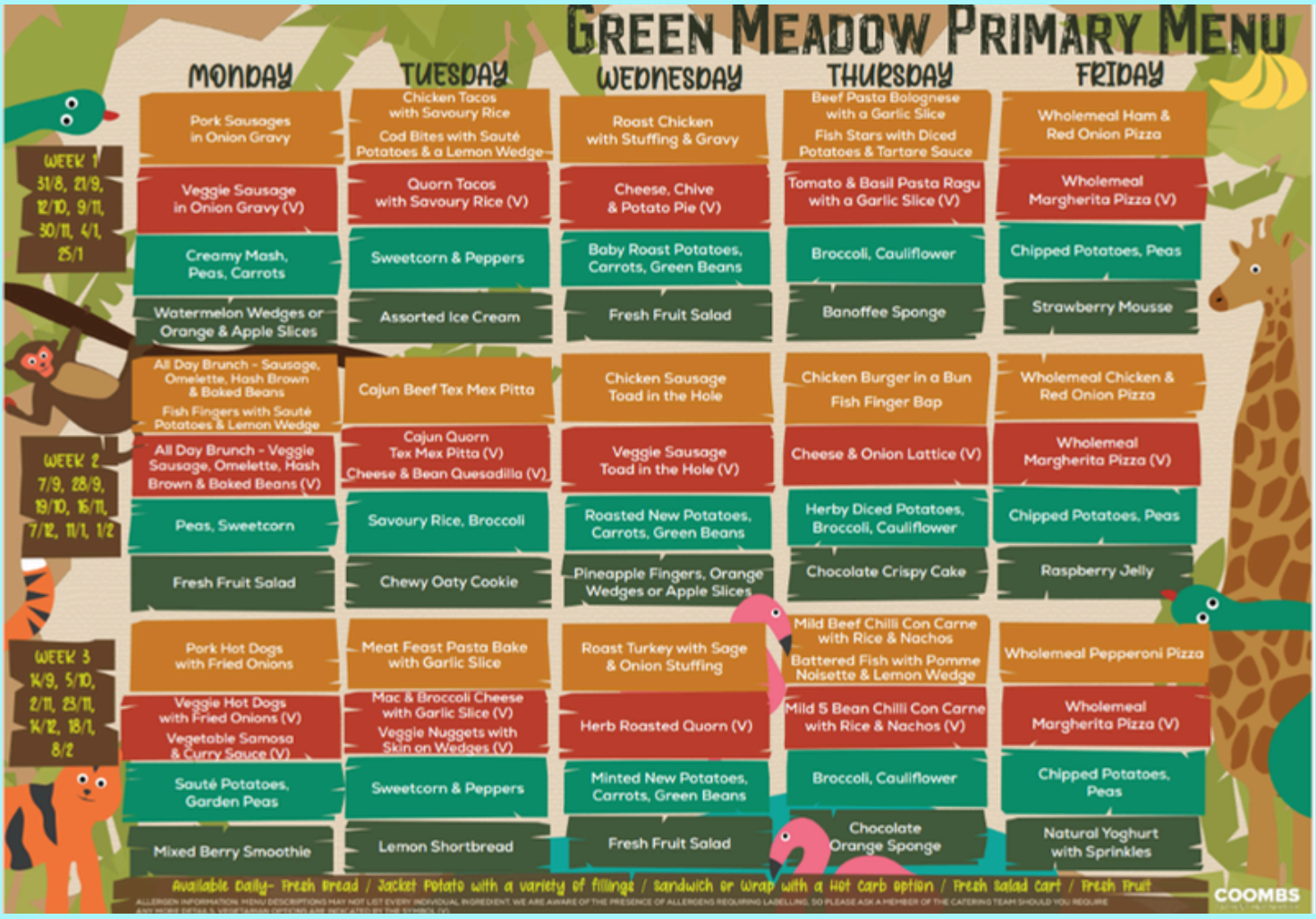
NUMBER OF CHILDREN BROUGHT TO SCHOOL LATE THIS WEEK- 25

NUMBER OF MINUTES OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LATENESS- 763

NUMBER OF DAYS OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LEAVE IN TERM TIME-0

MENU

WE ARE ON WEEK 3 OF THE MENU!



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 2, Week 9
w/b 02.11.26

Monday, 2nd November 2026
School closed to pupils for staff training

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026
School closed to pupils for staff training

Wednesday, 4th November 2026
SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR ALL PUPILS
Whole school art exhibition in the hall after school

Reception Teddy Bears Hospital- see information from Miss Spencer

Thursday, 5th November 2026
Whole school art exhibition in the hall after school

Friday, 6th November 2026
Whole school art exhibition in the hall after school

Autumn 2, Week 10
w/b 09.11.26

Monday. 9th November 2026
Reception '27 show arounds 10.30am, 2pm and 4pm please call the school office to book if your child is due to start reception in September 2027

Tuesday, 10th November 2026
Lions class assembly 9am in the hall

Reception '27 show arounds 10.30am, and 4pm please call the school office to book if your child is due to start reception in September 2027

Wednesday, 11th November 2026
SEND coffee morning 9am in the hall

Year 5 and 6 visit to St Davids Church

Thursday, 12th November 2026

Friday, 13th November 2026
Tigers class assembly 9am in the hall