



Week Ending: Friday, 27th March 2026



@Green_MeadowPS

Dear Parents,

It's been another great week here at Green Meadow! Year 4 and Year 2 have been on their RE trips, Year 2 to Birmingham Central Mosque and Year 4 to St David's Church. The members of each faith community were delighted with the thoughtful questions the children asked and how well behaved they were while visiting the two places of worship.

This week also saw our annual Easter Egg Raffle take place during celebration assembly on Wednesday. This year our amazing staff team donated 65 eggs and Easter treats which were gratefully received by our winners. The money raised by ticket sales will support the further development of OPAL provision. A huge thank you to our Year 6 prefect team who sold tickets everyday and helped to distribute the prizes to our lucky winners.

After Easter we are going to trial Mandarin lessons for all children in Year 2 to Year 5. We are very excited about the opportunity for our children to learn a second modern foreign language alongside the current French curriculum. Mrs LuLu Yang Heathcock, who is a native Mandarin speaker and an experienced teacher of modern foreign languages, will join us every Friday to deliver lessons alongside class teachers.

The end of a term often comes with fond farewells. We are saying goodbye to Miss East, our incredible SENCO. Miss East has had considerable impact in her work with children, families and staff over her time at Green Meadow. She will be greatly missed. After Easter we will be delighted to welcome our new SENCO Mrs Claire Halliwell. Mrs Halliwell is a very experienced SENCO and will be joining us from her current role as Deputy Headteacher and SENCO in a local Worcestershire school. Miss East and Mrs Halliwell have had the opportunity for a thorough handover this half term and Mrs Halliwell is really looking forward to joining the GM team and meeting our children and their families.

This week has also been a very exciting week for me. On Wednesday I was appointed as the substantive headteacher of Green Meadow. After working here for 20 years and seeing the school change and grow, I feel proud and passionate about our school community. It will be the greatest honour of my career to lead our school into its next chapter. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to work with our wonderful children, a fantastic staff and MAT team, our families and community. Together we look forward to exceptional outcomes for our children and the very best primary school experience for all. Thank you for your very kind words of congratulations, cards and gifts.

Please remember school is closed on Monday, 13th April for staff training. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **TUESDAY, 14TH APRIL at 8.35am.**

We hope you have a very happy Easter holiday!

Best wishes,
Mrs Cross

PE and Outdoor Learning days



Monday
SCHOOL
CLOSED TO
PUPILS

Tuesday
Year 3 and
Year 4

Wednesday
Year 2 and
Year 1

Thursday
Year 5 and
Year 6

Friday
Year 6 (Coach
Ella) and
Reception

Please wear
PE kit to
school on PE
days.



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

10

in

10

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





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



A huge well done to this week's Mathletes, **Avyukth** in Cadbury, **Darcie** in Bournville, **Sullivan** in Tolkien, **Toby** in Mars, **Diana** in Saturn, **Finlay** in Jupiter and **Billy** in Pluto. Our top scoring classes were **Mars** and **Bournville**. Keep practising on the tasks set by your teacher to become a top Mathlete!

A huge well done to this week's **Outstanding Orators**, **N** in Leopards, **M** in Zebras, **A** in Tigers, **C** in Lions, **Rosie** in Giraffes, **Lincoln** in Gazelles, **Elsie** in Bournville, **Hugo** in Cadbury, **Cameron** in Shakespeare, **Brady** in Tolkien, **Yehia** in Mars, **Darcie** in Saturn, **Lottie** in Jupiter and **Ciaran** 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! **K** in Zebras, **A** in Leopards, **T** in Lions, **A** in Tigers, **Amory** in Gazelles, **Gideon** in Giraffes, **Alana** in Cadbury, **Jaxon** in Bournville, **William** in Tolkien, **Kimberly** in Shakespeare, **Rio** in Saturn, **William** in Mars, **Billy** in Pluto and **Toby** 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 100 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!



338



305



269



415



404

Be an Attendance

H.E.R.O.

Here Everyday Ready On time

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

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



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.



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

GMPS ATTENDANCE BY NUMBER

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

PROGRESS TOWARDS DFE BASELINE ATTENDANCE TARGET 

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK- (NATIONAL EXPECTATION 96.4%)- 95.5% 

NUMBER OF LEAVE IN TERM TIME FINES ISSUED TO PARENTS SINCE THE START OF TERM- 35 

NUMBER OF PARENTS TAKEN STRAIGHT TO COURT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR- 6 

RUNNING COST OF FINES ISSUED TO GREEN MEADOW PARENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR- £17, 133 

NUMBER OF CHILDREN BROUGHT TO SCHOOL LATE THIS WEEK- 30 

NUMBER OF MINUTES OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LATENESS- 714 

NUMBER OF DAYS OF LOST LEARNING DUE TO LEAVE IN TERM TIME- 18 





MENU

WE ARE ON WEEK 3 OF THE MENU!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 23/2, 16/3, 20/4, 11/5, 8/6, 29/6	Park Sausage in Onion Gravy Veggie Sausage in Onion Gravy (V) Creamy Mash, Peas, Sweetcorn Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Chinese Chicken / Quorn (V) Curry Vegetable Samosa & Curry Sauce (V) Boiled Rice, Naan Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn Fruit Crumble Cake Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Homemade Chicken Pie Cheese, Chive & Potato Pie (V) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans Assorted Ice Cream Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Beef Pastá Bolognese Tomato & Basil Pasta Ragu (V) Fish Stars Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Beans Homemade Gingerbread Cookie Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas Strawberry Mousse Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
	All Day Brunch All Day Veggie Brunch (V) Fish Fingers with Lemon Wedge Omelette & Hash Brown, Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn American Pancakes with Strawberry Sauce Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Sticky BBQ Chicken Sticky BBQ Quorn (V) Cheese & Onion Roll (V) Potato Wedges, Garlic Bread, Broccoli, Peas Chocolate Concrete Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Roast Chicken with Stuffing Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole (V) Roasted New Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans Strawberry Jelly & Fruit Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Beef /Veggie (V) Burger in a Bun Mac & Broccoli Cheese (V) Herby Diced Potatoes, Steamed Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Golden Flapjack Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Cheesy Meatball Pizza Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Iced Sponge Tray Bake Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
WEEK 3 9/3, 13/4, 4/5, 1/6, 22/6, 13/7	Park/Veggie Hot Dogs (V) with Fried Onions Fish Fingers with Lemon Wedge Sauté Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake Herby Tomato Pasta Bake (V) Veggie Nuggets (V) Diced Potatoes, Garlic Slice, Sweetcorn & Peppers Banana Toffee Sponge Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing Herb Roasted Quorn (V) Minted New Potatoes, Carrots, Peas Strawberry Jelly Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Mild Chicken / Vegetable (V) Korma Battered Fish with Lemon Wedge Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Spicy Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn Iced Shortbread Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Pepperoni Pizza Margherita Pizza (V) Chipped Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt
<p>Available daily- Fresh bread / Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings / sandwich or wrap with a Hot carb option / Fresh salad cart / Fresh Fruit</p> <p><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 (V) SYMBOL.</small></p>					

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...

**Summer 1 Week 1
w/b 13.04.26**

Monday, 13th April 2026
School closed to pupils-
Staff Training Day

Tuesday, 14th April 2026

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

Thursday, 16th April 2026

Friday 17th April 2026
Birmingham City Mission
Assemblies

**Summer 1 Week 2
w/b 20.04.26**

Year 5 Swimming Week

Monday, 20th April 2026
Living Eggs arrive in
Reception

Tuesday, 21st April 2026
3pm Year 5 Red Ridge parent
drop-in session in the hall

Wednesday, 22nd April 2026
Year 4 to present Oracy
outcomes to SLT

Thursday, 23rd April 2026

Friday, 24th April 2026

Key Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April Easter Holidays

MONDAY 13TH APRIL- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS- STAFF TRAINING DAY

wb 20.04.26 Year 5 Swimming Week

20.04.26 Living Eggs arrive in Reception

21.04.26 Year 5 Red Ridge parent drop-in session in the hall

22.04.26 Year 4 present Oracy Outcomes to SLT

wb 27.04.26 Year 5 Swimming Week

30.04.26 Shakespeare class assembly

01.05.26 Tolkien class assembly

01.05.26 Year 2 Weston-super-Mare Family Trip

04.05.26 BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY- SCHOOL CLOSED

05-08.05.26 Year 5 Red Ridge Residential Trip

11.05.26 Unit 4 Geography and History topics start

11.05.26 Year 6 SATs week

11.05.26 Year 1 RE trip

12.05.26 Year 1 RE trip

15.05.26 Year 6 Lickey Hills trip

20-22.05.26 Year 4 Blackwell Residential Trip

21.05.26 Word Cup Special Menu

25-29.05.26 MAY HALF TERM

wb 01.06.26 Year 4 Multiplication Check fortnight starts

02.06.26 Year 2 parents 'Ready for Year 3' Reading Workshop 2.45pm in the hall

wb 08.06.26 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

wb 15.06.26 Enterprise Week

19.06.26 Year 6 World of Work Day

19.06.26 Enterprise Summer Fair after school

wb 22.06.26 Year 6 Swimming Week

23.06.26 Year 5 Oracy Outcome Flipped Parents' Evening

25.06.26 Year 2, 4 and 6 'I can save a life' First Aid Training

26.06.26 Speak Up! Speak Out! Speech competition

wb 29.06.26 Year 6 Swimming Week

01.07.26 Transition Day

03.07.26 Sports Day

06-10.07.26 Year 6 France Trip

14.07.26 Year 6 Leavers Assembly

15.07.26 Excelsior Olympics

16.07.26 Year 6 VIP Day

16.07.26 Seaside Special Menu

17.07.26 BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

