



Dear Parents and Carers,

Some dates for your diary have been added to the calendar at the end of the Newsletter. Please keep a look out for changes each week – New items have been added in yellow.

Breakfast and After school Club Following feedback, we have been able to review our policy for booking breakfast and afterschool club. From half term, the cheaper rate will be available when booking 2 weeks in advance rather than 28 days. We have however had to put a limit on the number of attendees. A maximum of 30 children will be able to book each session – Please see updated info attached.



Harvest Celebration - We will celebrate harvest with the children on Thursday 15th October. We would like to make donations to The Runnymede Food Bank. Please bring donations of any pantry items (tins, packets, dried foods) to class on the Wednesday or Thursday of that week.

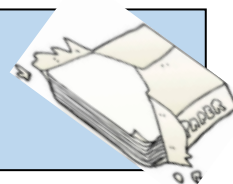
Parents Consultations – If you haven't already, please see your child's class teacher at the end of the day or call the office to sign up for a parent consultation on either the 3rd or 5th November.

Pantomime We are excited to be planning our trip to see the Wizard of Oz at Camberley theatre on 9th December. There is something special about taking the whole school out together. A big thanks to The Friends for treating us to an ice cream for the interval. Please see separate letter emailed last week.

Christmas Fair – Date for Your Diary We are thrilled to announce that we will be having a Christmas Fair on 4th December. This will be held in the hall after school and run by The Friends – look out for further information after half term.



We are always grateful to receive reams of A4 paper and boxes of tissues for the Children. If you would like to donate either of these please drop them into the office.



End of day arrangements – We have a duty to safeguard children in our care. An important part of this is considering how to ensure that pupils arrive and leave our premises safely. We would like to remind parents that we are only able to **release children at the end of the day to an adult** unless alternative arrangements have been agreed.



Message from The Friends:

Dear Parents,

This term we have decided to participate in a 'winter or Christmas design project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has been creating their own winter scene or Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalized cards, gift labels, wrapping paper, playing cards and/or mugs.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas and the mugs are great for gifts!

Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions. You can also watch a video with instructions here: <https://youtu.be/t7ACsObwql4?si=TIRRGHyuN7hJGj9w>

All artwork where orders have been placed must be returned to school by: Thursday 15th October 2026.

Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Yours sincerely,

The Friends of Meadowcroft





Traffic and Parking – Please help to reduce the congestion as much as possible outside school by **parking considerably** and avoiding the area directly in front of the school if possible.

Please be considerate by **not parking in a way that blocks the neighbours' driveways.**

Please do not stop in the road to let your child out of the car – this causes congestion.

Playtime and afterschool snacks – Many children bring in a **nut free** snack for breaktime and to eat before they attend an after-school club. We would like to remind you that these snacks should be a healthy option for example:

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.
- A piece of cheddar cheese or babybel
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit (if you are sending grapes these should be halved)
- Cereal bar or healthy homemade snack – e.g. flapjacks or other oat/wholegrain based snack.



Lunchbox sweet choice - chocolate bars are **not allowed** in lunchboxes or as snacks. Chocolate covered biscuits are a good alternative – if you can buy it in the biscuit aisle, it is OK if it is in the sweet section then it is not allowed.

Well done to **Beech** for being the class with the best attendance this week. Our Attendance Hero appears every Friday to give stickers to those children that achieve 100% for the previous week.





NO Mobile Phones or Vapes Please can we remind you that you need to put your phones away once you enter the school site. Also – vaping on site is strictly prohibited

Dropping Children when the Gate is Closed – Children **must** be escorted to the door and received by an adult when the gate is not manned by a member of staff. Gates are manned and open between 8.30am – 8.40am and 3.15pm – 3.25pm. Outside of these times children must be accompanied by an adult. This includes dropping to breakfast Club.



Certificates of achievement

presented to...

Hedgehogs: Izzy, Hadya and George

Foxes: Nathaniel and Ajani

Badgers: Emaan and Oscar

Willow: Coral and Nathan

Beech: Rayhan and Yazhini

Elm: Jack and Amy-Rose



Date: 9.10.26

Mrs. J Underwood

J. Underwood

We also celebrated achievements outside school with:

Poppy for her swimming achievements and **Rafi** for his achievements in running.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026/27

Tuesday 13 th October	Prospective Parent tours 9.30am or 11am (please call the office to book)
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 1 and 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Thursday 15 th October	Harvest Assembly
Friday 16 th October	Break Up for Half term
19 th - 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Return to School
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th Nov	Book Fair in School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th November	Flu vaccination visit – more details to follow
Tuesday 24 th November	Yr3 Walking Feet Training (Road Safety and Awareness)
Friday 27 th November	MUFTI (items for Christmas Fair – TBC)
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9 th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime
Thursday 10 th December	School Christmas lunch and Festive Jumper Day
Monday 14 th December	9.30am – KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols dress rehearsal for the rest of the school and parents with younger siblings
Monday 14 th December	2.30pm - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production dress rehearsal for the rest of the school and parents with younger siblings
Tuesday 15 th December	9.30am - KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols
Tuesday 15 th December	2.30pm - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 16 th December	9.30am - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 16 th December	2.30pm - KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols
Friday 18 th December	Break Up for Christmas 1.30pm
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January	INSET
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
Friday 12 th February	Break Up for Half Term
15 th – 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 ^d February	Back to School
Tuesday 23 rd February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 th February	Year 5 Local History project – explore day
Thursday 25 th February	Parents Evening
Tuesday 2 nd March	Bedtime Stories evening 5.30pm or 6.30pm
Friday 5 th March	World Book Day dress up
Tuesday 9 th March	Class Photos
15 th - 19 th March	Book Fair in School
Tuesday 16 th March	Year 5 Local History project – explore day 2



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Thursday 25 th March	Break Up for Easter 1.30pm
26 th March – 9 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 12 th April	Return to School
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 31 st May	Bank Holiday
1 st – 4 th June	Half Term
Wednesday 16 th June	District Sports
Monday 21 st – 22 nd June	Year 4 and 5 residential to Walton Firs
28 th June	INSET DAY
27 th July	Break Up for Summer
28 th July	INSET



MEADOWCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROVISION



Early Birds Morning Club is available to all Meadowcroft children from 7.45am until the start of the school day at 8.30am. Children can be dropped at Early Birds via The main pedestrian gate any time from 7.45am. Breakfast is not provided however; children can bring a healthy snack with them if they wish (strictly no nuts or products containing traces of nuts). Children attending Early Birds participate in various activities during the session until they are taken to class at 8.30am by the Early Birds Staff. Please see terms and conditions for booking procedure and session prices. Advanced booking for the club is required.

Owls After School Club is also available to all children attending Meadowcroft School from 3.15pm until 5.30pm. Advanced booking for Owls is required. Children are collected from class at 3.15pm by a member of the After School Club team. Children can be collected at any time during the session and must be signed out by the adult collecting them. Children are provided with a slice of toast and their choice of topping. Children participate in a variety of activities during the After School Club session. Please see terms and conditions for booking procedure and session prices. Advanced booking for the club is required.



Places for both clubs are limited and are offered on a first come first served basis – please make your booking and payment now to avoid disappointment.

Early Birds/Owls After School Club Terms and Conditions are included for your information – please retain for your future reference.





TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS – November 2026

1. Fees for the Early Birds and Owls are detailed below:

Prices per session

 Early Birds – 30 places 7.45am-8.30am £3.50 per session (£5.00 with less than 14 days notice)	 Owls – 30 places 3.15pm-5.30pm £12.00 per session (£15.00 with less than 14 days notice)
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2. Booking and payment should be made in advance. Pre-booked rate will apply to bookings made 14 days in advance. Bookings made with less than 14 days notice will be charged at the higher rate.
3. Early Birds - Parents/carers may drop off to Early Birds at any time up from 7.45am. The club operates a sessional charging system only, hourly rates are not available.
Owls - Parents/carers may pick up from Owls at any time up to 5.30pm. The club operates a sessional charging system only, hourly rates are not available.
4. Sessions runs from the time the children arrive at the club to the agreed finish time.
5. No discounts are available other than for siblings booked in advance of 14 days.
6. Fees apply if your child is sick or unable to attend for any other reason.
7. All parents/carers are requested to make sure that their child/ren are collected from Owls by 5.30pm. If you are unavoidably delayed, please contact the school on 01932 561419 so that a message can be passed onto the club staff. If a parent/carer is late to collect their child/ren a fine of £20.00 for each late collection will be imposed.
8. If you are late to collect your child more than three times, your child will no longer be able to attend future sessions.
9. Any alterations to your child's regular attendance pattern should be made in writing to:
info@meadowcroft.surrey.sch.uk
10. All fees are to be paid **in full in advance**. If fees are not paid your place may be cancelled.
11. Childcare vouchers may be used to pay for Early Birds and Owls but will be required 14 days in advance of any booking to qualify for the lower rate. Please contact the Office if you wish to pay by Childcare vouchers.



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12. Children will be expected to use Meadowcroft Values during their time at Early Birds/Owls and adhere to the club's rules. Our responsibility is for the safety and welfare of all children at the club at all times.

Contact details for Owls club:

All correspondence to be sent to: info@meadowcroft.surrey.sch.uk. Telephone: 01932 561419



TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every day in school counts towards your child's learning, progress and friendships.



CAN I TAKE MY CHILD ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME?



NO – holidays during term time are not authorised.



Schools are only allowed to grant leave in **exceptional circumstances**.



WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE MY CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL?



The absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**.



You may be issued with a **Penalty Notice (fine)**.



Your child's attendance could be affected.
(Below **90%** = Persistent Absence)



PENALTY NOTICE INFORMATION



£80 per parent, per child
(if paid within 21 days)



£160 per parent, per child
(if paid within 28 days)



Applies when a child has **5 or more days** of unauthorised absence.



WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Lost learning time



Missed friendships and experiences



Falling behind in lessons



WHAT SHOULD I DO INSTEAD?



Plan holidays during school holidays.



Check term dates in advance.



NEED TO REQUEST LEAVE?



Speak to the school office **BEFORE** making any arrangements.



**EVERY DAY COUNTS –
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



These rules are in place to support all children to achieve the best possible education and to promote fairness for every pupil.



THANK YOU



Message from Runnymede Borough Council:

I am pleased to say that bookings for the Foxhills Community Camps for October are now open. These camps are funded by the Hayton Charitable Trust (Foxhills) and organised by Runnymede Borough Council.

Venue: The Big Hat Bushcamp in Lyne

Ages: 7 to 14

Dates and time: 26 to 30 October, 9am to 5pm

Eligibility: Live in Runnymede and are in receipt of Pupil Premium

To book: <https://eequ.org/book/foxhills-community-camp-bushcamp-october-with-runnymede-borough-council-35043>

Spaces are first come first served and we only accept bookings from children who can attend the full week. More details about what the camps involve can be found on the booking link.

Please cancel if your child can no longer attend. No-notice drop-outs jeopardise future camp funding and leave empty spaces that could otherwise go to children on our waiting list.



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THURSDAY 1ST - CHERTSEY CHAPTERS READING GROUP.
We are discussing 'SHOPAHOLIC ABOARD.'
CHATTER AND CHEER - MON 5TH 2 P.M.
COME AND HAVE A CHAT (FREE)

12TH - 17TH WINNIE THE POOH WEEK!
CELEBRATE WINNIE THE POOH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY WITH RHYME TIME, SCAVENGER HUNT AND COLOURING.

FRIDAY 16TH - JELLY KELLY BOOK LAUNCH 4 P.M.
'QUACKERS THE MAGICAL DUCK' - KELLY WILL BE READING HER BOOK AND THEN HUNTING FOR QUACKER FEATHERS ROUND THE LIBRARY!

FRIDAY 23RD LEGO CLUB 2.30-4 P.M.
£1 PER CHILD. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
PLEASE BOOK AT THE DESK OR EMAIL chertsey.library@surreycc.gov.uk

TUESDAY 27TH - CLOTHING SWAP DAY.
AS PART OF LIBRARIES GREEN WEEK WE WILL BE HOSTING A CLOTHING SWAP. ALL DONATIONS OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN CLOTHES IN GOOD CONDITION GRATEFULLY RECEIVED - COME AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND.

THURSDAY 29TH SPOOKY STORY TIME WITH JELLY KELLY
SPOOKY STORYTIME AND MAGIC ACT WITH JELLY KELLY & BOB THE GHOST TO TRY OUT FOR THE GHOSTBUSTERS. 4 P.M. (FREE)
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Venue: St. George's College Weybridge

Dates: 29-30 October (2-day camp)

Times: 8:30am - 4pm

Ages: 8-13



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October Holiday Activities

Bat Attack!

Tuesday 27th Oct

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Ages 5-12, £4.00

Get ready for Halloween by making this 3-D flappy bat to hang up!

Frankenstein Heads

Thursday 29th Oct

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Ages 5-12, £4.00

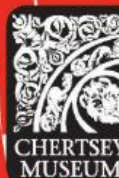
Turn a small box into a monster Frankenstein head to decorate your house!

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

Or phone: 01932 565 764

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