Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting end to the first part of the Autumn term. The older children have taken part in the big move this afternoon! When they return on 2nd November, Years 3,4 and 5 will enter the new building through the outside classroom doors. There will be adults around to support them on the first day.

Art 'aprons' – Please can you send your child back to school with a **named** old t-shirt or shirt they can use to cover up their uniform for art and other messy lessons.

Breakfast Club - Meadowcroft are supporting the DfE in collecting information that will inform the roll out of free breakfast clubs. Please take some time to complete the survey below:

We need your help. Independent researchers at Ipsos want to hear from parents and carers about what your family's mornings look like. Researchers worked closely with parents to make sure this survey asks the right questions and doesn't take up too much of your time.

- The ask: complete a 5-10-minute survey – please scan the QR code or CLICK HERE
- The thank you: a chance to win a £100 voucher.
- Who: everyone! We'd like to hear from you whatever your mornings look like.

Please complete the survey by 23rd October 2026.



Your answers will help inform the national rollout of free breakfast clubs.

Harvest Celebration – The children entertained one another with some harvest songs and poems this week. Thank you for the generous donations to the foodbank.

Year 1 and 2 trip to Whipsnade – Year 1 and 2 had a lovely day at Whipsnade Zoo! The children took part in an exciting workshop where they learnt all about different habitats and the animals that live in them. They also got to explore different animal skulls and skeletons and measured their hands against a polar bear paw print.
We then had time to explore and see some amazing animals, including the elephants, where we were lucky enough to watch baby elephants playing in the sand! We also visited the rhinos, admired the beautiful flamingos and explored the Butterfly House, where butterflies from all over the world fluttered around us. We saw the chimps playing in their play area and tried to find the tiger that had tucked itself away in a corner!
Luckily, the weather was on our side, and the children had a fantastic time exploring, learning and discovering more about the wonderful world of animals. What a lovely day full of fun and new experiences!













Data Collection Sheet - Thank you for returning your child's Data Collection Sheet, if you are yet to return it, please do so as soon as possible.

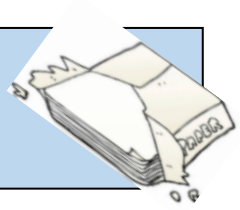
Book Fair – We will be welcoming the Book Fair in the first week back. This will be open everyday after school and during parent evenings.



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.



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.

Traffic and Parking – Please help to reduce the congestion as much as possible outside school by **parking considerately** 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.





Lunchtime - There were some great creations and role play this week and I happened to catch them on camera…





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.



We also celebrated achievements outside school with:

Lizzie for her archery achievements and **Ajani** for his Amazing creations from home that were inspired by his learning in school.



Friends News:

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Mini Maker Kits Fundraiser

20% of every sale goes to Meadowcroft Primary School

Keep kids entertained this Christmas and raise money for The Friends of Meadowcroft School!

Mini Maker Kits are hands-on projects that introduce children aged 5+ to the wonderful world of woodwork.

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How it works

- Choose from a range of fun character or car project kits
- Order your kits at a discounted price of £15.95 (characters) or £16.95 (cars)
- Order online by 11th December 2026
- Free delivery to Meadowcroft School
- Your child brings their kit home to enjoy
- 20% from your order donated to The Friends of Meadowcroft Primary

Order online by Friday 11th December

Friends PTFA Newsletter

Connecting families, supporting our school community



Stronger Together

Our mission is to bring families, staff, and the wider community together to enrich every child's school experience. We aim to create opportunities, raise essential funds, and support initiatives that strengthen learning, wellbeing, and connection across our school

Supporting Our School

Our PTFA's main purpose is to support the school and our children. The long-term goal is to help the school secure a MiniBus, and while we work toward that, we will continue supporting smaller, immediate needs as they arise — which we will share with you.

Everyone Has a Role

Big or small, every bit of time and talent makes a difference. There's a place for everyone in Friends PTFA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends Meeting 2nd Nov 6:30pm
Christmas Fair- 4th Dec
Santa's Grotto- TBC
Black Cherry Fair- 10th July
Summer Fair-TBC
End Of Year Disco-TBC

PTFA Support provided:
Christmas cards
Ice Cream on Pantomime visit
Sports day toilets
New Phonics books
Support with coach expenses

Join the WhatsApp group

A WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to our Friends PTFA newsletter! We're so glad you're here. Together, we're building a caring, inclusive community where our students can learn, grow and thrive. Thank you for being part of it.

Thank you!

Get involved

Your time, ideas and enthusiasm help our school community shine.

Together, we can do great things.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026/27	
Monday 2nd November	Return to School
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th Nov	Book Fair in School
Tuesday 3rd November	Parents Evening
Thursday 5th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 19th November	Flu vaccination visit – more details to follow
Tuesday 24th November	Yr3 Walking Feet Training (Road Safety and Awareness)
Friday 27th November	MUFTI (items for Christmas Fair – TBC)
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime
Thursday 10th December	School Christmas lunch and Festive Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	9.30am – KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols dress rehearsal for the rest of the school and parents with younger siblings
Monday 14th December	2.30pm - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production dress rehearsal for the rest of the school and parents with younger siblings
Tuesday 15th December	9.30am - KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols
Tuesday 15th December	2.30pm - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am - Reception and KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 16th December	2.30pm - KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols
Friday 18th December	Break Up for Christmas 1.30pm
21st December – 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	INSET
Tuesday 5th January	Children return to school
Friday 12th February	Break Up for Half Term
15th – 19th February	Half Term
Monday 22d February	Back to School
Tuesday 23rd February	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24th February	Year 5 Local History project – explore day
Thursday 25th February	Parents Evening
Tuesday 2nd March	Bedtime Stories evening 5.30pm or 6.30pm
Friday 5th March	World Book Day dress up
Tuesday 9th March	Class Photos
15th - 19th March	Book Fair in School
Tuesday 16th March	Year 5 Local History project – explore day 2
Thursday 25th March	Break Up for Easter 1.30pm
26th March – 9th April	Easter Holiday

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

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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

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You're invited to

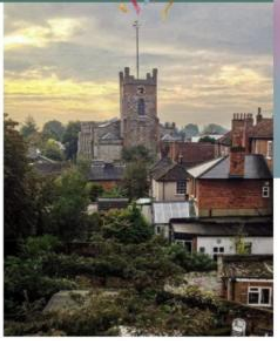
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light & laughter party

Saturday 31st October

4-6:30pm

Games, crafts, stories & fun!
Tickets include hot dogs, fries, doughnuts and sparklers!



All primary age children welcome
Tickets £7.00

Book here (scan QR) by 25th October or on our website

www.stpeterschertsey.org.uk

charity no: 1159207

What's on at Chertsey Library in October.

Thursday 1st - Chertsey Chapters Reading Group .

We are discussing 'Shopaholic Abroad.

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)
Not for the faint hearted!

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Runnymede Family Centre Drop-in

Parenting advice and support available from the Runnymede Family Centre team.
Just drop in and ask for a confidential chat with one of our family support workers.

- **Mondays 10:00 - 12:00** at the Revive Coffee Shop 99, Guildford Street Chertsey, KT16 9AS
- **2nd Tuesday of the month 10:00 - 12:00** at The Village Centre Cafe, Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham TW20 0QX
- **Fridays 9:00 - 10:00** at Runnymede Family Centre, The Poplars, Queen Mary Drive, New Haw, Addlestone, KT15 3TT

Please scan the QR code or visit our website to register your interest.

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