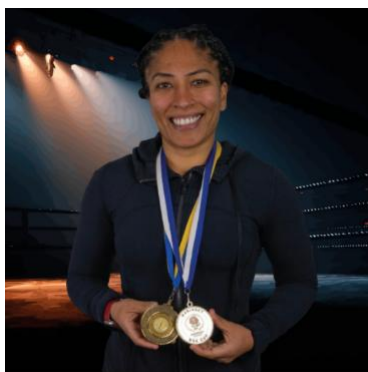




Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome to all of our new starters this week. The children have settled into their new classes well and as always, have embraced the changes in the building they have come back to. The work to update and replace parts of the offices along the front of the school was completed over the summer and so the contractors have now refocussed attention back to the new building. The building is scheduled for KS2 to move into over October half term! Over the coming weeks there will be some changes to how we are able to access the site – please keep an eye open for emails with any changes.

Friends Meeting - We hope to see lots of new faces at the Friends meeting on 21st September at 7pm. We will be voting in our new committee and discussing ideas for the future. As school budgets across the country get tighter, the PTA will help to support items and opportunities that enhance the children's time at school.



HANNAH BEHARRY

On 29th September we have a visit from Hannah Beharry – please see separate email for details. This is part of the Great Athletes programme, supported by the government to encourage and inspire athletes of the future.



As we will continue to use the MUGA for break and lunchtimes, plain black or white trainers will be needed for school from September these can be worn all day or be available to change into.

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.



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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.

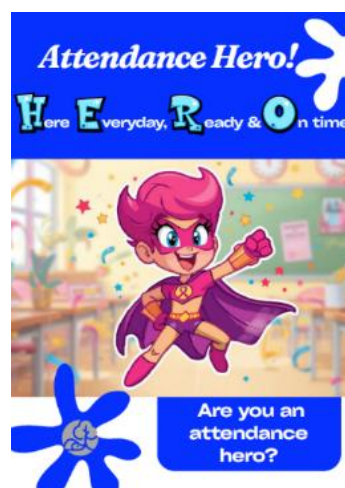
Well done to **Badgers** for being the class with the best attendance this week. Our attendance hero will appear every Friday.



NO Mobile Phones or Vapes

**NO MOBILE
PHONE**

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.



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.

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



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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...

Foxes: Milano and Noah

Badgers: Evelyn, Daisy and Dylan

Willow: Melody and Henry

Beech: Rohma and Charlotte

Elm: Aria-Grace and Mia



Date: 11.9.26

Mrs. J Underwood

J. Underwood

We also celebrated achievements outside school with:

Callie for her gymnastics.

Emilia, Abdullah and Aroush for completing a summer reading Challenge.

Ethan for his amazing amount of awards from entering a variety of categories in the exhibitors tent at the Chertsey show.





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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

CONTACT US

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☎: 01932 561419

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For information and news please visit our website:

🌐: www.meadowcroftprimaryschool.co.uk

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.





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Monday 21 st September	Friends PTA - meeting and committee election 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd September	Year 3 and 4 trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 29 th September	Visit from Hannah Beharry
Wednesday 30 th September	Reading and Phonics information for Hedgehog parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 7 th October	Prospective Parent talks 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Thursday 8 th October	Individual and sibling school photos
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
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
Tuesday 3 rd November	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th November	Flu vaccination visit – more details to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	Whole School trip to Pantomime
Monday 14 th December	Reception and KS1 dress rehearsal for Christmas Production 2pm – KS2 and parents with younger siblings
Tuesday 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols dress rehearsal 9.15am – Reception, KS1 and parents with younger siblings
	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Production 9.15am
	KS2 Christmas Assembly and Carols 2pm
Friday 18 th December	Break Up for Christmas
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th January	INSET
Tuesday 5 th January	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
Thursday 25 th March	Break Up for Easter
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
28 th June	INSET DAY
27 th July	Break Up for Summer
28 th July	INSET

Christmas Performance times TBC