



Week Ending:

Friday 6th September 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday, everyone! What a fabulous first week back it's been. All of the children, from our wonderful new starters in reception to our oldest children in Year 6, have come back to school highly motivated, buzzing with enthusiasm and excited and ready to learn. What a wonderful start to the new school year. All of the children have remembered our three school rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe and we have seen some excellent examples of these throughout the week.

One of the highlights of the week was listening to the children's ideas in assemblies. On Wednesday, we discussed what it means to be part of our great team at Green Meadow and the children proudly told us that one of the things that makes Green Meadow so special is that everyone belongs here...everyone is welcome and we have no outsiders at our school. They added that at Green Meadow, everyone is welcoming, supportive and friendly. On Thursday, we learned all about a world record attempt that a group of skydivers took part in...you can see the picture we all shared later in the newsletter. The children were quick to tell us that the skydivers were able to all create such a beautiful image in the sky because of teamwork and perseverance. It worked because we are strong when we work together and this is exactly what we do at Green Meadow; we work together. What great responses and definitely superb examples of just how important our No Outsiders message is to everyone in school.

We have all been very impressed with how punctual everyone has been this week. Lessons start each day at 8.55am so we open up the school gates nice and early at 8.30am and close them at 8.50am to allow all of the children to be in class bright and early and ready to learn! Well done, everyone!

It has been fabulous to hear all of the children delivering their speeches to their classes ready for the election of this year's Pupil Parliament this week. Classes will vote for MPs next week in our whole school election before we then elect our Green Meadow Prime Minister! How exciting! We will keep you updated about this and all of the other exciting things we have planned for this year in our weekly newsletters so please keep an eye out for these each Friday.

It looks as though it's going to be lovely weatherwise for the next couple of days before it turns a little cooler next week so I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes,

PE Days:



Please wear PE kits to school on PE days.

Monday
Year 2 PE

Tuesday
Year 3 and Year 4 PE

Wednesday
Year 1 PE

Thursday
Year 5 and Year 6 PE

Friday
Reception PE

After school clubs will be starting soon! More information to follow shortly!

COMING SOON

OPAL OCTOBER!

More information to follow in next week's newsletter!

Breakfast Club and After School Wraparound Care at Green Meadow



Wraparound care at Green Meadow Primary School

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be offering a Breakfast Club and After School Wraparound Care service for children in Reception through to Year 6 from Monday, 16th September 2024.

Initially, we will have 20 places available, but this may increase if we feel the demand is there. The breakfast club will run from 7:30am - 8:30am each morning, Monday to Friday, and cost £2.50 per session and the after school wraparound care will run until 5:30pm from Monday to Friday and cost £5 per session. (Please note that any children collected after 5:30pm will incur a £10 charge per late collection per child.) The wraparound care will be run by 2 of our staff here at Green Meadow Primary School.

Children who attend an after-school club (such as art or football) will be able to join the after school wraparound care after their club finishes if you book and pay for a place. We hope this new addition to the provisions we already provide will help those that struggle at present with collections from school.

Look out for further information about this and how to book your place next week!





PE Days



PE days are as follows:

Reception - Friday

Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 - Tuesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

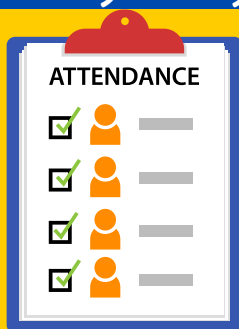
Year 5 - Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday

On PE days, please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits. This includes plain black shorts, plain black or grey jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt (no football shirts, please) and plain trainers or plimsolls (velcro fastening for EYFS and KS1). Whilst we try to ensure that PE days remain the same for year groups each week, please note that these may need to be changed if there are trips, workshops or events taking place so keep an eye out for any changes in the weekly newsletter. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children have all looked incredibly smart in their school uniform this week. Thank you for your support. Please make sure that all items of uniform have names written in them as we have already needed to reunite some items of uniform with their owners and it is so much easier if names are written in them! A polite reminder that all children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers to school, unless it is a PE day. Children wanting to wear trainers for OPAL lunchtimes should bring trainers in to school to change into at lunchtime. Thank you for your support.

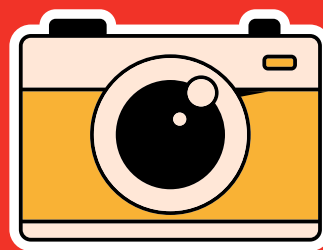


All parents will have received the whole school attendance letter from the legal intervention team at Birmingham City Council via Arbor this week. Please read this letter carefully so you are fully informed of the legal implications if you do not bring your child to school on time each day. We really want to support all our families so that children have full access to education everyday. If you have any concerns or if you need any support with school attendance please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Robinson, Pastoral Lead.

The Government has brought in new guidance due to concerns about the decline in attendance linking to deteriorating attainment and progress levels for children over the last few years. There is more information for parents here:

[National changes to education penalty notices - September 2024 | School attendance, advice for parents | Birmingham City Council](#)

School Photos



The school photographer will be in school on Friday, 20th September to take individual and sibling photographs. Details of how to order your photos will be sent home with your child once they have been taken.

Residential Opportunities 2024-2025

As part of the Green Meadow Offer, we are so excited to announce the residential opportunities for the academic year 2024-25! If you would like to find out more, please come along to our residential 'drop-in' sessions next week.

Year 2 Monday 9th September 9am in Mission Control in the annexe
 Year 5 Tuesday 10th September 9am in Mission Control in the annexe
 Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 11th September 9am in the hall
 Year 6 Thursday 12th September 9am in Mission Control in the annexe

Don't worry if you can't join us as we will send all the information we share in the meetings out via Arbor.

Year group 2024-2025	Residential opportunity	Dates	Approximate cost
Year 2	Talent Show Sleepover in the Green Meadow Hall	TBC in September	£20- to be paid one month before the sleepover
Years 3 and 4	School camp on the Green Meadow Field	Monday, 19th May to Tuesday, 20th May 2025	£65 £20 non-refundable deposit to be paid by Monday 30th September 2025
Year 5	Blackwell Adventure	Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th June 2025	£250 £50 non-refundable deposit to be paid by Monday 30th September 2025
Year 6	Red Ridge Outdoor Centre	Tuesday 8th July to Friday 11th July 2025	£335 £50 non-refundable deposit to be paid by Monday 30th September 2025

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

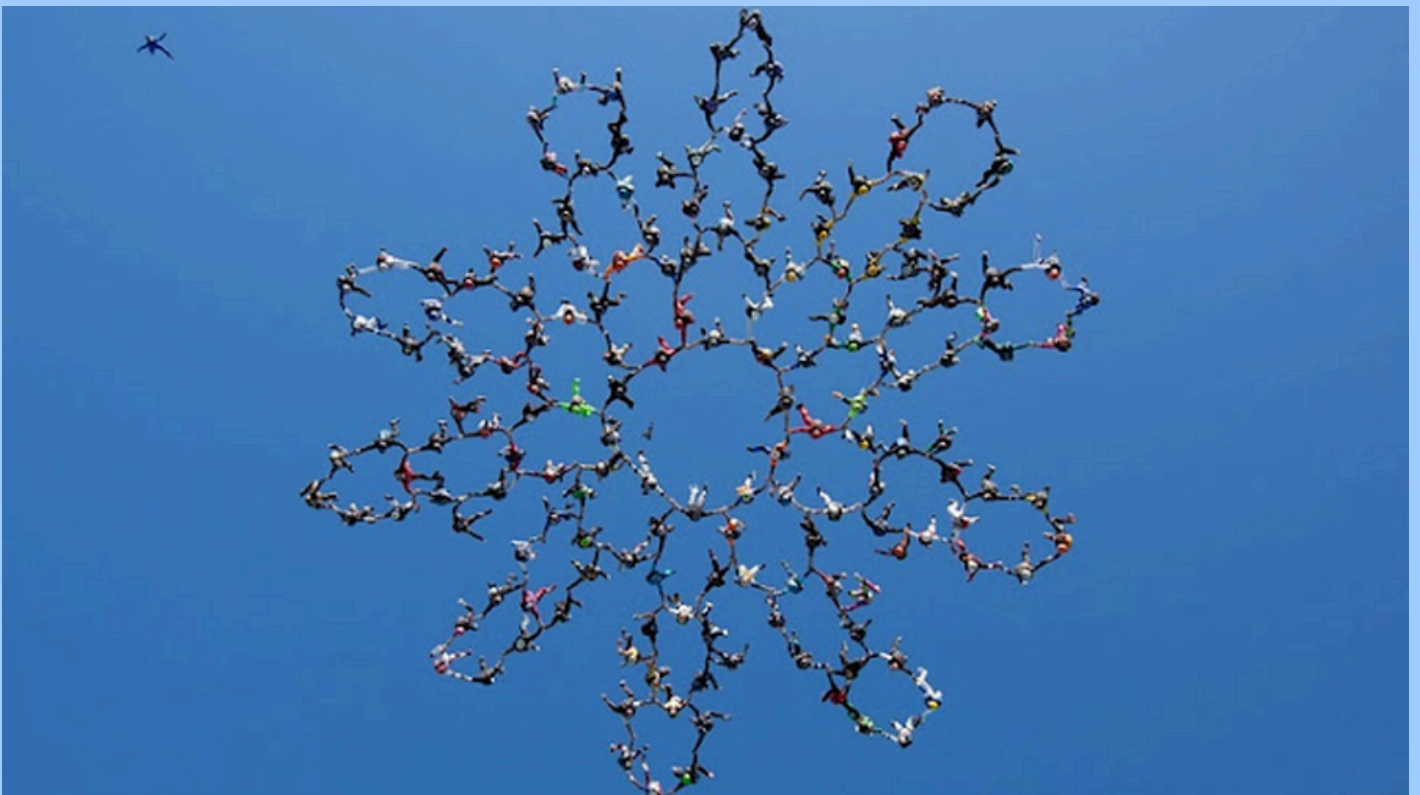
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ADVENTURE

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY



ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THE STORY BEHIND THE
PICTURE WE LOOKED AT IN
ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK AND HOW
IT RELATES TO BRITISH VALUES





MENU

WEEK COMMENCING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Potato Pie Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Lamb Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Roast Chicken With Gravy Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Chicken Goujons Vegan Bites Jacket Potatoes with Cheese & Beans Assorted Sandwiches	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
Herby Diced Potatoes Carrots Or Beans	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas	Tomato Pasta Carrots	Chips Baked Beans
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day With Bread Baked Fresh Daily				
Selection Of Fresh Fruit & Yogurts Available Daily				
Vegetarian Options Available Daily. For Any Allergen/Dietary Requirements Please Speak To The Catering Supervisor				

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 1 Week 2 wb 9th September 2024

Monday, 9th September 2024

Pupil Parliament Election Day

9am - Year 2 Residential meeting

Tuesday, 10th September 2024

9am - Year 5 Residential meeting

**Wednesday, 11th September
2024**

Year 1 Local Walk

9am - Year 3 and 4 Residential
meeting

Thursday, 12th September 2024

9am - Year 6 Residential meeting

Autumn 1 Week 3 wb 16th September 2024

**Wednesday, 18th September
2024**

Reception No Outsiders Parent
Workshop 9am in the hall (please
see separate letter)

Thursday, 19th September 2024

Pupil Parliament visit to London

Friday, 20th September 2024

School photographs



Term Dates for 2024 – 2025 at Green Meadow Primary School

Autumn Term 2024

Training Days	Monday 2nd September 2024 Tuesday 3rd September 2024
School Opens	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024
Training Day	Monday 4th November 2024
School Opens	Tuesday 5th November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Training Day	Monday 6th January 2025
School Opens	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half Term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Training Day	Monday 24th February 2025
School Opens	Tuesday 25th February 2025
Term Ends	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

School Opens	Monday 28th April 2025
Half Term	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends	Friday 18th July 2025
Training Day	Monday 21st July 2025

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

IMPORTANT!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent or carer receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notices will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days,

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty notices will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

2 sessions = 1 day



First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days.

Any Further Offences

(within 3 years)

The third time, and any further time, an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can be shown on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.