



Week Ending:

Friday 28th March 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big well done to all of the children in Year 4 this week. There were a few nervous children on Monday as it was the first time that they have been swimming in school but I am delighted to tell you that within seconds of the children getting into the pool, all of their nerves disappeared and were replaced by huge, proud smiles! The children have loved every second of their daily lessons and all of the teachers are delighted with the progress they are making! Well done, everyone.

A huge thank you to all of the children in Cadbury and Bournville for their wonderful class assemblies this week which kept us all thoroughly entertained yesterday and today. Mrs Cross and I both loved learning all about the Stone Age as we were transported back in time by Year 3's special time machine and I know that all of the parents, grandparents and friends who came along did too! The children's love of learning and confidence shone through and their singing blew us all away! Well done, everyone. What a great example of succeeding together in action.

We have a number of children from school representing Green Meadow at different competitions this afternoon. Good luck to Mrs Mullard and our Year 6 debating team who are competing in the King Edwards debating competition - what great practise this will be for the national finals of the Cicero Cup later in July. Good luck too to our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team who are playing league matches later today. We'll keep you posted with how everyone gets on.

Best wishes,
Miss Arrowsmith

PE and Outdoor Learning days



Year 4 continue with their swimming lessons this week.

Please note that Year 4 do not have a separate PE lesson this week as they have swimming.

Please note changes to Year 5 and 6 PE this week.

Monday
Year 2 and Year 5

Tuesday
Year 6 and Year 3

Wednesday
Year 1 and Year 6 PE

Friday
Reception PE

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR
SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025



A reminder that clocks 'spring' forward an hour on Sunday, 30th March 2025. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!

Parents' Evening

This term's Parents' Meetings will be held after school on Wednesday, 9th April and Thursday, 10th April.

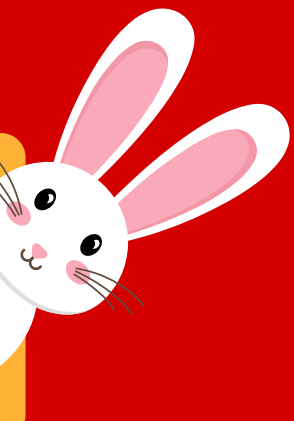
Don't forget to book your 10 minute appointment on Arbor.



A polite reminder to help keep our children safe at drop off and collection times by driving with caution and consideration around school at all times.



Tickets for the FOGM Easter Challenge which will take place after school on Friday, 4th April are selling fast! A reminder that the last day to buy tickets is on Monday, 31st March 2025. Tickets cost £2.50 and will be on sale in classes on Monday morning.



Every week, we aim for all of our children in to become an Attendance HERO (Here Everyday Ready On time) and this week, our whole school attendance has been higher than the national figure! Well done, everyone. Let's see if there are even more Attendance Heroes in school next week!



CELEBRATING GREAT LEARNING!



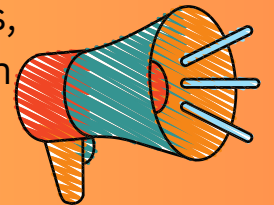
Well done to all of the children who have been practising their spelling on **Spelling Shed** this week. Our class leader board this week has **Jupiter** in 1st place, **Saturn** in 2nd and **Tolkien** in 3rd place! Well done to our whole-school top speller, **Aalam** in **Jupiter**, who helped his class secure top place!



A huge well done to this week's **Mathletes**, **Millie** in **Cadbury**, **Daniel** in **Bournville**, **Dufie** in **Shakespeare**, **Shayla** in **Tolkien**, **Emily** in **Mars**, **Daniel** in **Saturn**, **Sofia** in **Jupiter** and **Siva** in **Pluto**.

Our top scoring classes were **Saturn** 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**, **R** in **Leopards**, **I** in **Zebras**, **C** in **Tigers**, **J** in **Lions**, **Minnie** in **Giraffes**, **Evie** in **Gazelles**, **Micah** in **Bournville**, **Leo** in **Cadbury**, **Neraya** in **Shakespeare**, **Ollie** in **Tolkien**, **Hufton** in **Mars**, **Vinni** in **Saturn**, **Florence** in **Jupiter** and **Carter** 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! **W** in **Zebras**, **i** in **Leopards**, **C** in **Lions**, **Z** in **Tigers**, **jaxon** in **Gazelles**, **Reggie** in **Giraffes**, **Nazik** in **Bournville**, **Scarlett** in **Cadbury**, **Ollie** in **Tolkien**, **Wing** in **Shakespeare**, **Vinni** in **Saturn**, **Lukas** in **Mars**, **Ollie** in **Pluto** and **Jake** 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 67 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!



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Be an Attendance

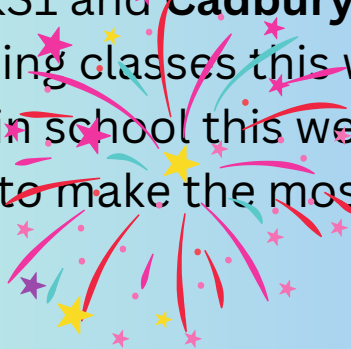
Here Everyday Ready On time

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A graphic with a black border. At the top, it says "Be an Attendance". Below that, the word "HERO" is written in large, red, 3D block letters. Each letter is accompanied by a small illustration: 'H' has a girl in a red cape, 'E' has a girl in a blue and yellow outfit, 'R' has a boy in a red and blue outfit, and 'O' has a red circular object with a white star. Below the letters, the words "Here", "Everyday", "Ready", and "On time" are written in a black, handwritten-style font. At the bottom center, the word "igers" is written in a small, black, lowercase font.

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

The most punctual class in school this week is **Tigers** who were in school on time every day to make the most of their learning time.





MENU

WE ARE ON WEEK 3 OF THE MENU!

GREEN MEADOW PRIMARY MENU

WEEK 1
06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03, 07/04

WEEK 2
13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03

WEEK 3
20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

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 symbol (V).

MONDAY	THURSDAY	MONDAY	THURSDAY	MONDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Pork Sausages, in Onion Gravy</p> <p>Vegetable Spring Rolls (V)</p> <p>Creamy Mash, Peas, Oriental Noodles & Vegetables, Salad Cart</p> <p>1/2 Waffle with Toffee Sauce</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Pasta Bolognese or Sea Stars with Lemon & Tartare Sauce.</p> <p>Mediterranean Tomato & Basil Ragù (V)</p> <p>Diced Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Beans, Salad Cart</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookie</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>All Day Brunch (Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown) or Fish Fingers with Lemon & Tartare Sauce</p> <p>All Day Veggie Brunch (Veggie Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown) (V)</p> <p>Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Salad Cart</p> <p>Raspberry & Vanilla Ice Cream Cake</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Lamb Keema Curry or Beef Burger Bun</p> <p>Vegetable Samosa & Curry Sauce (V)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Herby Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Salad Cart</p> <p>Flapjack</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Mild Beef Chilli or Fish Fingers with Lemon & Tartare Sauce</p> <p>5 Bean Chilli (V)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Sauté Potatoes, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Salad Cart</p> <p>Ice Cream</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Mexican Chicken & Vegetables, in a Warm Floured Mini Tortilla or Battered Fish with Lemon & Tartare Sauce</p> <p>Vegetable Tikka Curry (V)</p> <p>Spicy Potato Wedges, Steamed Rice, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans, Salad Cart</p> <p>Iced Shortbread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>
TUESDAY	FRIDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Chinese Chicken Curry</p> <p>Mac N Cheese (V)</p> <p>Boiled Rice, Naan Bread/ Garlic Bread, Peas & Sweetcorn, Salad Cart</p> <p>Syrup Sponge & Custard</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>BBQ Chicken & Sweetcorn Pizza.</p> <p>Homemade Margherita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Beef Lasagne</p> <p>Vegetable Lasagne or Vegetable Burger Bun (V)</p> <p>Potato Wedges, Peas, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Salad Cart</p> <p>Chocolate & Beetroot Traybake with Custard Sauce</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Homemade Moroccan Spiced Beef & Sweet Pepper Pizza</p> <p>Homemade Margherita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart</p> <p>Homemade Summer Fruits Muffin</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake</p> <p>Vegetable Pasta Bake or Vegetable Sausage Hot Dog (V)</p> <p>Diced Potatoes, Garlic Bread, Peppers & Sweetcorn, Salad Cart</p> <p>Lemon Drizzle Cake & Custard Sauce</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Traditional Pepperoni Pizza</p> <p>Homemade Margherita Pizza (V)</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Peas, Sauces, Salad Cart</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookie</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	AVAILABLE DAILY		
<p>Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & a Rich Gravy Sauce</p> <p>Cheese, Chive & Potato Pie (V)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Salad Cart</p> <p>Ice Lolly</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken, Sage & Onion Seasoning & a Rich Gravy Sauce</p> <p>Vegetarian Sausage Toad in the Hole (V)</p> <p>Roasted New Potatoes, Cauliflower, Carrots & Green Beans, Salad Cart</p> <p>American Pancakes with Strawberry Drizzle</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Seasoning & a Rich Gravy Sauce</p> <p>Herb Roasted Quorn (V)</p> <p>Minted New Potatoes, Carrots & Peas, Salad Cart</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly & Fruit</p> <p>Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fresh Bread</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans or Tuna</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandwich or Wrap with a Hot Carb</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Salad Cart</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOMBS <small>CATERING PARTNERSHIP</small></p>		

VEGETARIAN

STAY HYDRATED

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.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY



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

KS1



KS2

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREENTIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Spring 2 Week 12
wb 31st March 2025
Year 4 swimming week

Monday, 31st March 2025
Last day for children to buy
tickets for the FOGM Easter
Challenge

Wednesday, 2nd April 2025
Year 5 maths team at King
Edwards competition final-
invited pupils

Friday, 4th April 2025
am only- Birmingham Athletics
Championships- invited pupils

Year 5 at KEVI Sports Day at
Ballam Wood

FOGM Easter Challenge - 3.30pm
- 4.15pm

Spring 2 Week 13
wb 7th April 2025

Monday, 7th April 2025
Pupil Parliament meeting at Green
Meadow- invited pupils

After school- Football Competition at
Bournville school- invited pupils

Wednesday, 9th April 2025
Parents' Evening

Thursday, 10th April 2025
Year 5 Financial Security Day with
Lloyds Bank
Parents' Evening

School closes at 3.20pm for the
Easter Holidays

The Friends of
Green Meadow
PTA



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The Friends of Green Meadow Easter Challenge! Friday 4th April - 3.30pm - 4.15pm

The Friends of Green Meadow are hosting the first ever Easter Challenge straight after school next Friday. Once you have collected your child from school at the end of the day, they have prepared a set of fun challenges (including physical and problem solving) for them to have a go at outside. Tickets cost £2.50 each and the last chance to purchase these will be in class on Monday 31st March.

All children who complete the challenges will win a delicious Easter prize!

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENTS AT ALL TIMES WHILST CARRYING OUT THE ACTIVITIES

