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Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year, 2025-2026, and a particularly warm welcome to you if you are new to our school. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and have enjoyed the long holiday.

This letter contains lots of reminders and general information for the term ahead.

Overview of classes for 2025-2026

Class Name	Year Group	Class teacher/s
Chicks	Reception	Mrs Miller/ Mrs Abercrombie
Ducklings	Reception	Mrs Peebles/Mrs Abercrombie
Wrens	Year 1	Mrs Jeukens
Robins	Year 2	Miss Robinson
Owls	Year 2	Mr Durrell
Puffins	Year 3/4	Mr Berry
Kingfishers	Year 3/4	Mrs Smith/Mrs Firkins
Kestrels	Year 4/5	Miss Liquorish
Hawks	Year 5	Miss Hill
Eagles	Year 6	Mrs Baggaley
Falcons	Year 6	Mrs Cherrington & Mrs Griffiths

Email Messages & Communication

- New Reception – please email your messages for our EYFS staff to EYFS@meadows.shropshire.sch.uk Our Early Years staff will check this inbox first thing each morning for any messages from parents/carers.

- Y1 – Y6 - For anything non-urgent you can still message your child's class teacher via Seesaw. Seesaw messages will be checked first thing each morning by a member of the class team.

- If you have a message of a more urgent nature that arises during the day, for example a change to who is picking your child up at the end of school, then please make sure that you telephone these messages through to the School Office on 656080 to ensure that staff receive them during the school day.

Seesaw Messages from Class teachers

To ensure that you no longer miss messages on Seesaw, particularly if you have more than one child at school, we have now enabled a function that means notifications and messages can be sent directly to your mobile phone rather than you having to log in to each of your children's Seesaw accounts. To ensure that this function works for you, you will need to download the **Seesaw App**, available on iOS and Android.

Updates to Personal Information

Please let us know if you have changed any of your emergency contact telephone numbers or if you have moved house over the holidays, so that we can update our records.

Annual Asthma Healthcare Plan (Y1 – Y6)

In order to update our whole school asthma register for 2025-2026, we need every child's form to be completed and returned to us as soon as possible. Even if your child does not suffer from asthma, we still need their form returning to us to confirm that this is the case.

Asthma Inhalers

For your child's safety, we ask for all children who are on our whole school asthma register to have two inhalers in school. One is kept in the child's classroom, in the lime green class asthma bag and the other is kept in the School Office as an emergency back-up. Please ensure that all inhalers (and the cardboard boxes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Annual Permissions Update 2025-2026 (Y1 – Y6 only)

Please complete the annual update of school permissions form for the 2025-2026 school year and return to school as soon as possible please.

Medical Information Update 2025-2026 (Y1 – Y6)

We are requesting that all parents complete and return this annual medical update form to us as soon as possible, so that we can update our database. This information is required for all children, so please complete and return to school, even if your child does not suffer from any pre-existing medical conditions or allergies.

P.E. Kits

We will send out an email to all parents confirming P.E. days and when children need to wear their P.E. kits to school.

As a reminder, our school PE kit comprises of the following items:

- A white round-necked t-shirt
- Plain, navy-blue shorts* or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms* (for outside P.E. in colder weather). **These items should be logo free*
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- White socks
- Sports trainers

On Thursdays, when some classes have an outdoor P.E. session with Mr O'Reilly, (our PE/school sport coach) we would ask that in addition to their school P.E. kit, children also bring a suitably warm, waterproof coat (that your child can easily move around in for sports activities) and possibly even a warm hat and gloves too in colder weather. Please note that all earrings should be removed prior to P.E. lessons. If your child is unable to do this independently, then earrings should be removed at home, prior to school.

Holidays in Term Time

As most of you are already aware, we are unable to grant requests for leave during term time for the purposes of a family holiday, unless we deem there to be 'exceptional circumstances' involved. Therefore, we urge all families to take note of this year's term dates and other important national assessment dates, which are attached to this letter, when planning family holidays.

Children are required to attend school for 190 days in each school year, which leaves 175 in which to plan family holidays and breaks away.

Unauthorised family holidays taken in term time in 2025-2026 can result in each parent being fined separately by the Local Authority through a fixed penalty notice of £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days of receipt, rising to £160 if not paid within 21 days. A second fine is immediately £160.

Any request for leave of absence during term time should be made using the appropriate form (available on the school website) and sent to the Headteacher as soon as possible and no less than two weeks prior to the absence.

Early Birds Breakfast Club
07.30 – 08.30 each school morning

Prices for 2025-2026 are as follows:
From 07.30—08.30 am. £6.00, which includes breakfast (or £5.00 without breakfast).
From 08.15—08.30 (early drop-off) £1.50 (no breakfast)

Caterpillars After-school Club
3.15 – 5.30 Monday to Friday

Prices for 2025-2026 are as follows:
From 3.15 – 4.30 p.m. £4.00
From 4.30 – 5.30 p.m. £6.00, which includes a snack tea.
From 3.15 – 5.30 p.m. £7.50, which includes a snack tea.

All payments need to be made in advance, via Eduspot, to guarantee your booking.

Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices
Students are not permitted to use mobile phones or personal electronic devices during the school day. If a device must be brought in, it must be clearly labelled, handed in to the school office at the start of the day, and collected by an adult at the end of the day.

Swimming Organisation for 2025-2026
With the exception of our Reception classes, each class will have ten weekly swimming lessons on either a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon during one of the terms this academic year. This year's organisation is as follows:

Autumn term 2025

Start date	*TUESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*	*Start date*	*WEDNESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*
23 SEP	*Y2 Owls & Y3/4 Kingfishers*	*25 SEP*	*Y2 Robins*

Spring term 2026

Start date	*TUESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*	*Start date*	*WEDNESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*
13 JAN	*Y3/4 Puffins*	*15 JAN*	*Y4/5 Kestrels & Y1 Wrens*

Summer term 2026

Start date	*TUESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*	*Start date*	*WEDNESDAY 2.30 – 3.00*
21 APR	*Y6 Eagles & Falcons*	*30 APR*	*Y5 Hawks & YR Chicks**
		2 JUN	*YR Ducklings**

**Reception children will have five weeks of swimming per class*

It has been lovely to see all the children return to school today and we hope that they are all settling in well to their new year groups and classes. Please do not hesitate to talk to either myself, or the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Thomas, on the playground in the mornings if there is anything you would like to know more about or are unsure of.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Angie Jones
Headteacher

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Term Begins	**Tuesday 2nd September 2025**
First half term ends	Friday 24th October 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
Second half term begins	Tuesday 4th November 2025
Term Ends	**Friday 19th December 2025**
P.D. Days	Monday 1st September 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 2026	
Term Begins	**Tuesday 6th January 2026**
First half term ends	Friday 13th February 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Second half term begins	Tuesday 24th February 2026
Term Ends	**Friday 27th March 2026**
P.D. Days	Monday 5th January 2026 Monday 23rd February 2026

Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026	
Term Begins	**Monday 13th April 2026**
First half term ends	Friday 22nd May 2026
Half term holiday	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Second half term begins	Monday 1st June 2026
Term Ends	**Friday 17th July 2026**
P.D. Days	Monday 20th July 2026

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026

Summer Holidays: Monday 20th July – Friday 28th August 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026 will be a PD day.

The new academic year 2026/76 begins for children on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT DATES FOR NEXT YEAR – 2025-2026

- Reception baseline Assessment – Within the first six weeks of starting school
- Year 2 Optional KS1 SATs – during May 2026
- Year 6 KS2 SATs – 11th – 14th May 2026
- Year 1 (& some Year 2 children) Phonics Screening Check Week – 8th – 12th June 2026
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Fortnight – 1st – 12th June 2026