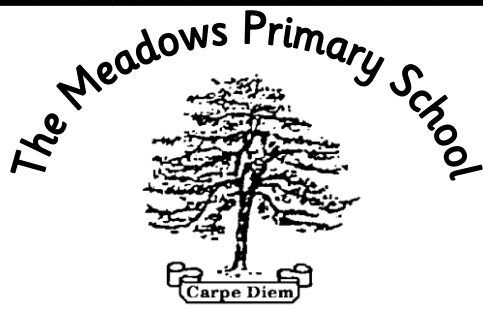




Weekly Newsletter
Friday
19th June
2026

This week's school news and information

Sports Day Arrangements – Wednesday 24th June

Weather permitting, we will be holding our annual Sports Day on Wednesday afternoon next week.

Timings:

- **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:** 1:00–2:00pm
- **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6:** 2:00–3:00pm



Spectator Information:

- Spectators are welcome to bring camping chairs or picnic rugs for seating.
- Access to the field will be via the **staff car park**, then down past the EYFS playground to the **double field gates**.
- Gates will open at **12:55pm** for a prompt 1:00pm start.

End of KS1 Event (2:00pm):

- Children will leave the field first (via the single pedestrian gate) to return to class.
- Parents/carers who are **not staying** for KS2 may then exit via the pedestrian gate and wait on the playground to collect Reception, Year 1 or 2 children (without an older sibling) early.
- All other Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to class at 2:00pm.

Arrival for KS2 (2:00pm):

- Parents/carers attending KS2 Sports Day should again enter via the **staff car park and around to the double field gates**.
- Please **do not attempt to access the field via the playground**, as this route will not be open.

End of KS2 Event (3:00pm):

- Children will leave the field first to return to school and collect belongings.
- Parents/carers can then exit via the pedestrian gate and move to the playground for collection.

Additional Reminders:

- Please ensure children have a **water bottle, sun hat/cap, and suncream applied**, as they will be outside for an extended period.
- A reminder that this is a **no smoking or vaping site**.
- **There will be no parking available around the school roundabout, including neighbouring businesses.** If you are unable to walk to school, we kindly ask you to park a short distance away and walk the remaining distance.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope for favourable weather!

Year 6 Tennis Tournament



Our Year 6 tennis teams represented the school superbly this week. Their behaviour was excellent throughout, and they demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship on and off the court.

We entered two teams, who finished in an impressive 3rd and 5th place – a great achievement! Well done to George, Jack, Isaac, Henry, Keira, Thea, Elsie and Issy for their effort, teamwork and positive attitude. We are very proud of you all!

Year 6 Football Friendly



Our Year 6 football team recently played a friendly match at Gobowen Primary School. The team showed excellent teamwork throughout the game, along with some fantastic ball skills. Well done to **Zach, Henry, Jack, Rhys, George, Joe, Henri, Max, Levi and Lewis** for representing the school so positively – a great effort from everyone involved!

Governors' Update to Parents and Carers

Following careful consideration, the Governing Body has now approved the school's budget for the 2026–2027 financial year and submitted this to the Local Authority. As part of this process, we have had to make some very difficult decisions to ensure that we can continue to maintain high standards of teaching and protect staffing levels for our pupils in the years ahead. Due to changes in budget allocation, it has not been possible to sustain all aspects of our current provision. Regrettably, one of the decisions agreed is that swimming lessons will now be offered to pupils in Key Stage 2 only. We fully recognise that this will be disappointing for families, particularly those with children in Key Stage 1 who have previously benefited from this opportunity.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly. In reaching it, we have carefully balanced our statutory responsibilities and priorities. There is currently no requirement for schools to provide swimming for Key Stage 1, and many other schools locally do not offer this provision. By focusing resources on Key Stage 2, we are ensuring that pupils continue to meet national expectations before they leave primary school.

We understand that this change may be frustrating, and we sincerely apologise for any disappointment it may cause. The Governing Body, alongside school leaders, remains fully committed to making decisions that are in the best long-term interests of all pupils, particularly in maintaining the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Thank you for your continued understanding, support, and partnership with the school.



This week we would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday.

Elliot

Lyla

Jesse

Well done this week to...

Chicks Year R	Arlo set a shining example every day, showing excellent behaviour and always following expectations in class. He worked hard in RWI and impressed with his wonderful writing, producing some fantastic work independently. Arlo listened carefully to the visitor, asked thoughtful questions, and took part enthusiastically in PE while practising for Sports Day.
Ducklings Year R	William was a kind and caring member of the class, showing great enthusiasm for the 'Minibeasts' topic, especially during the visit from Paul the Bee Keeper. He showed growing confidence in his writing this week, producing some wonderful independent sentences. William felt proud of his achievements, and his progress has been fantastic to see.
Wrens Year 1	Oscar had an amazing week, showing great determination as he completed his end of Year 1 assessments and worked hard to do his very best. With enthusiasm for learning, Oscar used a range of strategies and wrote an exciting story, using descriptive adjectives to bring his lagoon setting to life. Oscar showed he is ready for Year 2, having had a fantastic year and consistently trying his best in all that he does.
Robins Year 2	Evie demonstrated exceptional effort across all areas of her learning, impressing her teachers with the quality of her work throughout the week. With determination, She completed her assessments successfully and applied her knowledge independently across every subject. Always kind and helpful, Evie approached every task with a positive attitude and continued to strive to do her very best.
Owls Year 2	Digby had an excellent week, showing lots of positives across a range of different lessons. With growing confidence, Digby found fractions of amounts in maths and wrote a vivid diary entry in English using powerful vocabulary and descriptions. Digby also showed creativity in art and DT and demonstrated great enthusiasm and skill during sports day practice.
Puffins Year 3/4	Ava demonstrated excellent independence and responsibility during the Anglo-Saxon workshop day, impressing everyone with her conduct. She worked diligently on each task, persevering to ensure she produced her very best in every activity. Ava listened carefully throughout and readily offered help when needed, showing great teamwork and awareness.
Kingfishers Year 3/4	Amber showed a mature, positive, and determined approach to her learning throughout the week. With thoughtfulness, Amber approached her assessments with pride and confidently sought support to support her wellbeing. Amber engaged enthusiastically in history and the Anglo-Saxon workshop, showing curiosity, teamwork, and a real eagerness to learn.
Kestrels Year 4/5	Ella showed wonderful enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the week, bringing a positive attitude and bright smile to every lesson. With creativity and confidence, Ella contributed thoughtful ideas and produced a brilliant coal mining poem as well as an impressive history speech about Ironbridge. Ella demonstrated dedication in all she did, enriching the classroom with her effort and commitment to learning.
Hawks Year 5	Olivia had an outstanding week, showing exceptional behaviour every day and approaching her learning with maturity and enthusiasm. With great determination, Olivia remained focused during assessments and gave her absolute best in all she did. During English, Olivia contributed thoughtful ideas in group work and produced a creative and detailed character description of the Paperbag Prince, while continuing to be kind and helpful to others.
Eagles Year 6	Lewis was a delightful member of the class, bringing humour, positivity, and a love of sport that brightened the classroom. He worked hard on his independent residential writing, thoughtfully including his feelings to create an engaging and personal recount. Lewis showed commitment in production rehearsals and impressed in computing by accurately using and duplicating formulas in spreadsheets.
Falcons Year 6	Issy demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the week, consistently showing a positive attitude and determination to succeed. With kindness and care, Issy supported others and represented the school brilliantly, including at the recent tennis competition. She took great pride in her work, confidently sharing ideas and showing enthusiasm for learning in all that she did.

What is happening in school next week?

Day/Date	During School Time	After School
Monday 22nd June	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Music Mob—Violin Lessons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 Y1-3 – Football 3.15-4.30 Y3-5 – Colouring Club
Tuesday 23rd June	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club New YR visit – Group 1 & 2 9-10.15 am New YR visit – Group 3 & 4 10.30- 11.45 am Swimming – Eagles & Falcons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 KS2 – Cricket Arthog Meeting for new Y5 Pupils- online @ 5 pm.
Wednesday 24th June	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Swimming – Hawks Music Mob—Woodwind Lessons Sports Day ~ Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 1:00–2:00pm ~ Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 2:00–3:00pm	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 KS2 – Tennis 3.15-4.30 Y2-3 – Art 3.15-4.30 Y1-6 – Homework club
Thursday 25th June	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Music Mob—Guitar Lessons Music Mob—Brass Lessons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 Y4 & 5 – Football 3.15-4.30 Y4 & 5 – Art
Friday 26th June	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Brass Lessons—Puffins & Kingfishers Music Mob—Drum Lessons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 EYFS & KS1 - Gymnastics