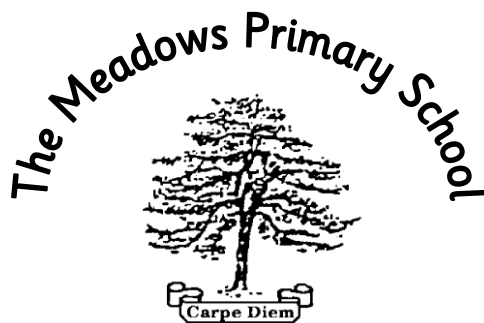




Weekly Newsletter

Friday

1st May

2026

This week's school news and information

Governor Update to Parents

We would like to inform parents of an upcoming **Caretaker vacancy** at our school. Our much-valued caretaker, **Mel**, who has worked at the school for nearly **five years**, will sadly be retiring. We would like to thank Mel for his dedication and contribution to the school community and wish him a very happy retirement.



We are currently advertising for a **School Caretaker** position, required from **June 2026**. The role is for **15 hours per week**, working **term time plus three additional weeks** during school holidays, on a **fixed-term contract until August 2027** (in the first instance). Flexibility is required, including occasional additional hours and responding to **out-of-hours alarm call-outs**. Further details and application information can be found on the school website: <https://www.meadows.shropshire.sch.uk/job-vacancies/>

We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Morris, who has recently returned from maternity leave. We are very pleased to have her back with us. Finally, we would like to wish a huge, good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils as they complete their SATs this term. We are incredibly proud of you all – do your very best and remember how amazing you are.

Shropshire School Half Marathon Event



A huge congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the Shropshire School Half Marathon last Saturday at the showground in Shrewsbury. It was a glorious day, with over 1,800 primary school children from across Shropshire taking part.

We are especially proud that over 120 Meadows pupils participated. It was wonderful to see them all enjoying themselves and taking part with such enthusiasm.

Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing: Practical Strategies for Home

Oswestry School is hosting an Emotion Coaching event on **6 May 2026** to help children understand and manage their emotions. Led by an educational psychologist, the session offers practical strategies for parents and carers. Tickets cost £5, and early booking is advised due to limited spaces. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended!

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GGJW>

Online Safety Advice

Useful Websites

- [Help your child stay safe online - GOV.UK](#) Government Web Hub with a variety of online safety advice and guidance for parents.
- [Internet Matters website](#) A variety of excellent guides and resources for keeping safe online. They cover almost any concern you could think of!
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) Parent and Carer Guides
- **Reporting Concerns**
- [NSPCC Reporting Website](#) Expert information on how to report concerns about online safety or harm.



Setting Parental Controls

Home Broadband Content Filtering [UK Safer Internet Centre's guidance for setting home broadband content filtering and parental controls.](#)

Setting up parental controls on an Android Device How to monitor and control usage on an Android device using Google Family Link. [Google Family Link Guide](#) Click here to find out more.

- **How to Enable Parental Controls on Youtube**
- Find out how you can manage the content that your child is able to view when browsing YouTube.
- **Xbox Family Settings App**
- Easily manage your children's gaming activities on [Xbox consoles](#) and enjoy more peace of mind with the free Xbox Family Settings app on iOS or Android.
- [Xbox Parental Controls website](#)
- **How To: Set PS4 parental controls | PlayStation** How to set up child accounts, parental controls, and set spending and play time limits on a [PS4 console](#). [PlayStation Parental controls website](#)
- **Nintendo Switch Parental Controls** Learn more about the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls smart device app! [Nintendo Switch Parental Controls website](#)
- **Parental Controls on Other Devices** [NSPCC Guides to Parental Controls](#) A guide to set up parental controls on almost any device or platform.
- **ROBLOX Parental Controls** [ROBLOX Parental Controls](#) A video showing how to setup and manage parental controls on the ROBLOX game.
- **Games Ratings Explained and Advice** [PEGI Games Ratings website](#)



Birthdays



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

Ronnie

Noah

Andison

Alba

Well done this week to...

Chicks Year R	Amelia has had a wonderful week, settling back into school with confidence and lots of smiles after her time away. With growing confidence, she joined a friend in assembly and has enjoyed sharing her holiday news and joining in with class activities. Hardworking and enthusiastic, Amelia impressed in Read, Write Inc., produced lovely writing, and had great fun retelling The Three Little Pigs.
Ducklings Year R	Oliver has been working incredibly hard to complete his morning jobs quickly, showing great independence and pride in his speedy efforts. In the mornings, Oliver comes into school ready to organise his belongings and write his name at lightning speed, just like Sonic the Hedgehog. With his super happy nature, Oliver listens carefully on the carpet and brightens the classroom with his smile.
Wrens Year 1	Emilia comes to school every day ready to learn, showing excellent behaviour and acting as a wonderful role model. With great responsibility, Emilia takes pride in her role as a school councillor, works hard at home, and always completes her homework. Kind and helpful, she plays gently with her friends and is always willing to support with classroom jobs.
Robins Year	Lillie-Mae has shown fantastic effort this week and is making excellent progress across her learning. With growing confidence, she has worked hard on her handwriting and tried her best in maths. Creativity shines through in Lillie-Mae's art, where she has enjoyed making prints and produced some wonderful work.
Owls Year 2	Oliver has earned his third award of the year through consistently calm, polite behaviour and excellent effort. With great focus, he produced impressive writing on The Last Wolf and showed strong subtraction skills using a range of strategies. Outside the classroom, Oliver demonstrated dedication by completing a half marathon challenge and creating a fantastic piece of art for display.
Puffins Year 3/4	Nellie has worked incredibly hard this week, impressing with her effort and dedication in every lesson. With great care, she has produced lovely work, including wonderful English writing that really stands out. Independently and creatively, Nellie designed and made an excellent decorated picture frame in D&T.
Kingfishers Year 3/4	Noah has shown fantastic effort this week, impressing staff with his positive attitude and active participation in lessons. With great focus, he has contributed thoughtfully, improved his handwriting, and worked well with others to create noun phrases. In maths, Noah has demonstrated strong understanding of fractions, confidently applying his knowledge to solve problems.
Kestrels Year 4/5	Oliver has shown outstanding effort this week, especially in Times Tables Rock Stars, where his progress and positive attitude have really stood out. Throughout his lessons, he has worked carefully to improve his handwriting and presentation, producing neat and well-completed work every time. With growing confidence, he contributed thoughtfully in PSHE and Geography, showing good understanding and engagement in discussions.
Hawks Year 5	Thomas has had an exceptional week, showing excellent behaviour and impeccable manners as a true role model. With confidence and creativity, he impressed in History as a town crier and produced thoughtful, descriptive writing in English. In addition, Thomas demonstrated great progress in swimming, building confidence and improving his breaststroke skills.
Eagles Year 6	Luke is a caring and perceptive friend who supports others and helps create a calm, trusting classroom. With determination, Luke has shown a proactive approach to his SATs, especially in Maths, by asking questions and striving to improve. Confident and skilled, Luke also impressed with his excellent performance in rounders this week.
Falcons Year 6	Andison shows wonderful reliability and a calm, positive attitude, making him a valued member of Falcons. In everything he does, Andison works hard, stays focused, and takes pride in completing tasks with care. Kind and thoughtful, Andison supports others and helps create a happy, welcoming classroom environment.

What is happening in school next week?

Day/Date	During School Time	After School
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 5th May	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Swimming – Eagles & Falcons	Caterpillar Club 3.15—5.30 pm 3.15-4.30 KS2 - Cricket
Wednesday 6th May	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Swimming – Hawks & Chicks Music Mob—Woodwind Lessons Year 6 Social Media Lesson with Sophie Khan, Community Engagement & Training Officer	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 3.15-4.30 KS2 - Athletics
Thursday 7th May	7.30 onwards—Early Bird Breakfast Club Music Squad – Piano Lessons 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 Cross Country Event at The Marches
Friday 8th May	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 & Y1 - Gymnastics

