

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

What a busy Spring Term so far!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after half term with the first day back filled with warm sunshine. Let's hope we have more of this to come!

There has been such a positive buzz around the school, and it has been a joy to see the children returning with enthusiasm, smiles and a real readiness to learn. Classrooms have been full of energy, with children quickly re-engaging in their lessons and demonstrating excellent focus and determination. There has been a real sense of joy surrounding PE lessons and lunchtime activities with our new Sport Coaches as well as the after-school clubs. My thanks to Mrs Fisher who has worked her magic to make this happen. Mrs Fisher has sent out a parent survey regarding the after-school clubs which I would invite parents whose children attend to let us know any feedback.

A huge congratulations and thank you to a key stage 2 superstar, Scarlett, who won the Golden Ticket for attendance at the end of last half term. She received a brand-new bike, but in an amazing gesture, donated it back to school for another child to win. Meaning, we will be having two chances to win a bike or scooter this half term. Thank you so much Scarlet for showing such amazing school values, kindness and generosity.



A **HUGE** thank you to all parents and carers who have continued to work with the school to improve our overall attendance, and to those who have attended attendance meetings with myself or Mrs Sherard this term. We truly value your partnership. Our aim is always to work alongside families and offer support wherever we can to help children attend school every day. This term, we have sent out several attendance letters, as we are aware that many parents did not realise that lateness also contributes to a child's overall attendance figure, which we are required to monitor closely. Not only have the children become very eager to earn their golden tickets, but staff have also become wonderfully competitive about achieving the highest-class attendance each Friday. The atmosphere in our Friday assembly has been fantastic, full of energy and excitement! Thank you again for your continued support and for working with us.

Attendance Matters



It has been especially heartwarming to see older and younger children reading together pairing up with different classes and using the different reading environments across school. My thanks to a few parents who have donated brand new books to school to support our reading provision as well as other parents donating those from home that their children have outgrown.

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This half term started with our key stage 2 football team celebrating coming second in the Waterton Football Tournament on Friday 27th February. They played with determination, commitment and with great teamwork. We have a wonderful 2nd place trophy to add to our trophy cabinet. The staff were so excited about their progress during the day that we asked Mrs Fisher to send regular updates back to school. The children played eight games in total, won 4, drew 2 and lost 2. In the end, it came down to goal difference! Well done superstars!



Well done to Theo who will represent King's Meadow at Waterton's Got Talent after winning KMA's Got Talent. His amazing music performance playing the violin - Hedwig's Theme (From "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone") was phenomenal. A musical piece by John Williams. We wish you lots of luck at Waterton's Got Talent superstar!



Last half term, we took part in Online Safety Week. Although online safety is frequently taught to children in One Life lessons, computing and as part of the wider curriculum, Online Safety week provided an opportunity to focus on safety in the digital world together as a school community. Keeping children safe online is very much a partnership between us in school and yourselves at home. The internet is forever growing and changing, it is paramount that we educate our children to be safe and respectful when online. As a parent/carer, should you want to know more, you can always look at the following websites where you will be able to find further information or advice:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Finally, we are aware that some parents are still having issues with the MCAS app which we have fed back to the provider (some of which is out of our control), they have asked us to remind

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parents to ensure that they have the latest version of the app and that notifications are turned on so you get up to date messages. We do try to send messages out with good time and to support preparation in advance as much as possible. There are times when specific circumstances may cause us to change events, which are sometimes unforeseen. As part of our Community Parent Leadership Offer, we are trying to put on more parent events, we ask that parents sign up straight away to these so we can also prepare and ascertain numbers for health and safety and safeguarding reasons. If we do not have sufficient uptake, we will have to cancel these.

Mrs Kerry Williams-Kendall
Head of School

Dates Coming Up Soon!

Comic Relief Day – Friday 20th March 2026



Children will be invited to wear red and have messy hair on Friday 20th March to raise money for this charity who are supporting struggling families across communities Nationally and in West Yorkshire.. Please could donations come via your child's class teacher.

Easter Cake Sale – Last day of term 27th March



We will be holding a Cake Sale on the last day of term in the front office reception, if parents would like to donate or bake cakes for this event.

Easter Egg Hunt – In School 27th March



The PTA / School will be purchasing a small Easter egg for each child in school as part of this end of term activities. The children in classes will take part in an Easter egg hunt on the last day to find letters across the school grounds to form a message. We hope the children enjoy taking part in this fun activity and to celebrate a brilliant term of learning.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

School Attendance Figures to Date

Thank you to parents for having your children in school to support with their learning. Below is a break down of the Spring Term attendance so far.

Spring Term Attendance Jan to Present

Week 1	95.6%
Week 2	94.8%
Week 3	93.8%
Week 4	93.4%
Week 5	94.4%
Week 6	94.5%
Week 7	92.9%
Week 8	96.2%

Class Attendance – **Since Sept 3rd to present.**

WHOLE SCHOOL – 93.9%

Reception	– 94.7%
Year 1JM	– 91.6%
Year 1CT	– 92.1%
Year 2	– 95.7%
Year 3	– 95.7%
Year 4/5CB	– 95.5%
Year 4/5 BP	– 91.6%
Year 4/5 CG	– 93.0%
Year 6	– 95.5%



We only have 3 weeks left until we have two golden tickets to be won this half term

Safeguarding
is a priority here

Gaming – support for parents

Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people
Research conducted by OFCOM shows that gaming is still one of the top activities enjoyed by 5-16 year olds online, with many of them gaming via mobile devices and going online using their games console.

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Easter – Guess the name of the rabbit

The PTA have kindly arranged a Guess the name of the Easter Rabbit competition. The school office staff will be running this every Thursday and Friday after school up to Easter and it will be 50p a go.



Easter Raffle

The PTA will also be running an Easter Raffle with school office staff running this too. If parents would like raffle tickets, please come in after school to purchase tickets. It will be £1 a go.

Times Tables Rock Stars School Leader Board



Can we knock off 4/5BP off the Times Tables Rockstar School Leader board this week?

All the key stage 2 teachers are very competitive when it comes to their classes learning their times tables as they know the positive impact it can have on learning across all aspects of Maths. It seems that Miss Peace's class have remained at the top of the leader board for several weeks. Can year 3, 6 or other year 4/5 classes beat them next week?



Thank you to parents who have continued to support our fundraising through different events such as Cake Sales, Christmas Fayre and the Story Telling Event. The amount received from the Christmas Fayre and other events so far has raised enough to fund the school pantomime in December 2026 which we have now booked.

We have also been able to purchase books linked to our One Life personal development scheme too. We are now looking to raise funds to purchase more books for the children to enjoy as well as History, Geography, Art and Technology resources. Thankyou so much for your support.

Online safety advice applies to online gaming as risks can be present in the game's content and chat features.

Regulated by [PEGI](#), these show how old you need to be in order to legally buy a game in the UK. PEGI have also created a set of content descriptors which show at a glance what content will be seen in the game and give an indication as to why it received its rating.

Before a young person buys or downloads a new game, check its rating first to be aware of any potential risks. You can read guidance on [Common Sense Media](#). You can also find out more about PEGI age ratings and content descriptors by visiting [Ask About Games](#).

Make sure young people know not to share their personal information or anyone else's when playing online games. This includes whilst chatting within a game or creating profiles. Encourage them to talk to a trusted adult and ask for help if someone is pressuring them to share personal information or if they are asked to meet up in real life. You can report this kind of online communication to CEOP. (Taken from [Gaming | Childnet](#))

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child in the community please use the below number at weekends or in the holidays or if the child or yourself is in immediate harm, please call **999**. Wakefield Safeguarding Integrated Front Door (also known as Social Care Direct or MASH) is **0345 8503 503**.

Our school Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Penny (Executive Head)

Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)

Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)

Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)