

# KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

## We can't wait to see what this term continues to bring!

### Year 6 – Just Amazing!

As we head into this week, our thoughts are particularly with our Year 6 children as they sit their statutory assessments. We hope they enjoy their special SATs breakfast each morning, helping them to come into school feeling relaxed and ready for the day ahead. All we ask is that they try their very best, just as they have done throughout the year. Remember what makes you special. SATs are only a tiny snapshot and we are already unbelievably proud of you all.



### Reception and Key Stage One – Shine during their class assemblies!

Staff have thoroughly enjoyed watching the first ever King's Meadow class assemblies! A class assembly is an opportunity for children to share their learning with parents and the wider school community. Children speak, perform and present together, helping them to build confidence, practise communication skills and celebrate what they have achieved as a class.

Reception and Key Stage 1 class assemblies. The children beamed with confidence and enthusiasm, speaking so clearly and demonstrating how much effort they had put in, with many lines practised at home. Thank you to parents for supporting your children with this. It is hard to believe just how much the children have achieved already this year – and we still have over half a term to go! We are now looking forward to key stage two assemblies taking place at the end of this term and next half term.

### Trim Trail Update

Parents may have noticed that our trim trail on the school field is currently in need of repair. We are liaising with specialist companies to have this addressed as soon as possible so that the children can enjoy using it safely again.



### Non-Uniform Day (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May) to support Waterton Trust's nominated charity for 2026

Our School Captain, Dylan Bastow, attended the Waterton Children's Parliament last term. At this meeting, children representing every school in the Trust were asked to select two charities that Waterton Academy Trust would support in 2026.

This year, the Children's Parliament chose PhysCap Children's Charity and Barnsley Animal Rescue Charity. To help raise funds for these worthwhile causes, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for all children and staff. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be given directly to class teachers or sent into school securely with your child.



We also share reminders, messages and celebrations on our school Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kingsmeadowacademy/> Please follow us to keep up to date.

**Mrs Kerry Williams-Kendall**  
Head of School

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## Staffing Update

A few weeks ago, we heard the wonderful news and safe arrival of Miss Ward's baby boy. He has already had his first visit to King's Meadow and treated to lots of cuddles from the staff. Congratulations to you and your family.

## SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the SEND Parent Coffee Morning with Mrs Sawyer. If you missed this opportunity, leaflets with dates and more information can be picked up from the office.



King's Meadow currently has places available across Years 1 to 5. If you know of any families moving into the area who would like to look around, I would be delighted to show them what makes our school so special. Our children are incredibly welcoming, hardworking and proud of their learning—and they truly make the staff smile every single day. Please do encourage families to get in touch to arrange a visit.



While knife crime is often discussed in the context of older young people, early conversations and strong relationships at home and school play an important role in preventing harm and helping children make safe choices as they grow.

## **How parents can support their child**

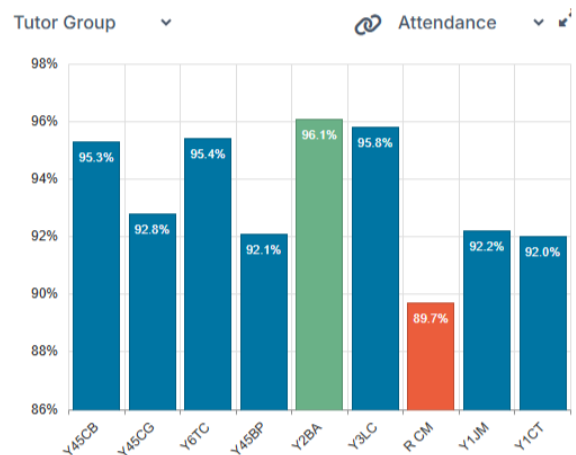
- Have open, age-appropriate conversations
- Talk calmly with your child about staying safe and making positive choices.
- Encourage them to share worries or concerns and reassure them that they can always talk to a trusted adult.
- Take an interest in who your child spends time with and where they are going.
- Help them plan safe routes and agree clear boundaries about where they should be.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

**School Attendance September to now – 94%**

*(This time last year attendance was 92.9% thank you so much for working with us to improve attendance.)*

## Current Attendance – Sept to Now (Classes)



## Summer Term Weekly Attendance so far....

Week 1	94.3%
Week 2	94.6%
Week 3	93.9%

**We will again have two golden ticket winners at the end of this half term – will it be two scooters, two bikes or a bike and a scooter this time?**

## **What is persistent absence?**

Persistent absence is when a child's attendance falls below 90%. While we are incredibly proud of the huge number of families who have worked hard to improve attendance and punctuality this year, there are still a small number of families at risk of falling into this category. We do not want any family to reach this point, as persistent absence can lead to attendance plans, legal clinics and, in some cases, penalty notices in line with national attendance guidance. This is always a last resort and never our desired outcome.

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## Encourage positive activities

- Support involvement in clubs, sports, and hobbies that build confidence, teamwork and a sense of belonging.
- Praise positive behaviour and choices – children who feel valued are more likely to seek help when they need it.
- Be alert to changes
- Changes in behaviour, mood, or friendship groups can be a sign that your child is worried or under pressure.
- If you notice anything concerning, talk to school or seek advice early.

## Promote a clear message

- Remind children that carrying knives is dangerous and illegal and can have life-changing consequences for themselves and others.

## How school supports children

- In school, we teach children about personal safety and making safe choices in an age-appropriate way
- Promote our school values, respect for others and British Values
- Provide safe adults that children can talk to if they feel worried or unsafe

## If you are worried

If you have any concerns about your child or another child's safety, please contact the school and speak to a member of the safeguarding team. No concern is too small — sharing information early helps us to support children before problems escalate.

## 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)**  
**Mrs Sawyer (SENDco)**



The fantastic improvements we have seen show the difference strong attendance makes in helping children feel settled, confident and ready to learn—especially through our *One Life Meet and Greet* start to the day. Please continue to work with us so that together we can give every child the very best learning experience.



We have many exciting events coming up that we do not want any of the children to miss. These include school trips and workshops, the Year 6 residential (with a theme week planned for Year 6 pupils who are not attending), Sports Days, and our Summer Fayre, to name just a few. We will be sharing full details about all of these events in our next newsletter.



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