

# KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES



## Celebrating our first term together

As we come to the end of this term, we want to take a moment to celebrate everything we've achieved together as a school community. This term, we introduced our new set of school values: **We are happy. We are safe. We are compassionate. We enjoy a challenge. We are respectful. We are fit and ready for our future.** Our children have embraced these values wholeheartedly, and it's been wonderful to see staff and pupils sharing the same language and reflecting on how we live by them every day. To celebrate this, we launched our Value Champions Awards in assembly, recognising those who truly shine in living out these values. We also brought in our new 'Meet and Greet' morning routine with high fives, handshakes and hugs to start off our day!

We also brought back a singing assembly, which has been a huge success! The joy and energy in the hall is incredible, and it's lovely to hear singing spilling out into the playground. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen. Around school, we've refreshed our displays to create a calmer environment that showcases progression in all subjects from Reception to Year 6. We've reorganised Breakfast Club to include a variety of activities each day and moved After School Club into the Nest, giving children access to a broader range of experiences.

Another exciting development is the creation of our parent group, with new members already driving fundraising and planning enrichment events for our community—watch this space for more details! We also introduced this new-look newsletter and our Instagram page to keep you informed about school life and local opportunities. Parents you have been fantastic in coming forward with great ideas to support the school further. We've set up an Easy Fundraising account to make supporting the school even simpler, and we've moved the late door to help parents avoid travelling further around the site—thank you for your feedback on this.

Just this week, on Tuesday we were **top of the Trust schools for attendance with an incredible 99.57%!** This is a fantastic achievement, and I want to thank every family for working with us to make this happen. I've spoken to many parents about attendance, and it's been wonderful to see improvements and strong partnerships forming. Attendance is so important for every child—please continue to work with us by bringing your child to school every day so we can help them develop and grow with a love of learning, ready for their future in whatever they choose to be.

I am passionate about making every child's learning experience at King's Meadow the best it can be with your partnership. I have loved this term—so many smiles, laughs, and moments of pride as children recognise their own achievements. They have even brought me to tears such as their reflections during our Remembrance assembly and creating a KMA Flanders Field.

Your children are just amazing! Please give them a huge hug tonight and a big well done from all the staff. Have a wonderful festive holiday and Merry Christmas. I cannot wait to see where 2026 takes us!

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



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Our staff are feeling competitive—especially Miss Peace, our amazing Maths Leader! Over the Christmas holidays, there's a TT Rockstars competition across all the schools in our Trust, and we want to see if we can make it into the Top 3 schools!

## Who can take part?

Children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

## Why join in?

Practising times tables is an important life skill, and daily practice over the holidays will really support your child's learning in Maths.

Let's work together and show what we can do! Encourage your child to log in and play every day—every point counts!

## Wow Ambassadors!



Here are our King's Meadow WOW Ambassadors. We are so pleased so many children want to take part in the walk to school initiative and we have had a great first month.

Class CB won the class of the month for November with 291 active journeys. Well done to them! As a school we are currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the authority and 157 children have earned their badges for November.

Remember to be classed as an active journey you need to walk for 5-10 minutes. If you park at the

## **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

Thanks to your efforts, our overall school attendance has risen to **94.16%**. Let's keep working together to make every day count.

Class Attendance – Since Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to now.

Reception – 90.2%

Year 1 96.7%

Year 2 97%

Year 3 98.3%

Year 4 91.2%

Year 5 94.7%

Year 6 98.9%



In our last assembly of the term this morning, we announced our first golden ticket winner. The winner of the first bran new electric bike was Patrick in year 3. A huge well done!



Next term, we will have two opportunities to win a golden ticket, February half term and at the end of the Spring term. Make sure your child is here everyday each week to gain the maximum amount of tickets!

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bottom of the school field (near Premier) and walk from there, this enables the children to record their journey to school at 'Park and Stride'. Let's get King's Meadow active! Thank you for your support.



We are delighted to invite all pupils to take part in our whole-school reading event this Christmas break! We are setting a reading challenge to find the most weird and wonderful places that children can be seen reading in this half term.

As part of the event, we are asking every child to take a book outdoors or to a new interesting location to enjoy reading for pleasure. We would like to ask for parents who give permission for their child's photo to be shared on our Reading Display in school, to then send us their photo of them 'being caught reading' directly to our Instagram page below or via the school office email address.

@kingsmeadowacademy

Pupils will have until Monday 5th January to submit their entries via the Instagram page.

When we return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026, we will then showcase the photos to the whole school within an exciting assembly. In classes will then be asked to vote for their favourite photo and the 3 winners chosen will be given a book token to use in our wonderful book vending machine.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the powerful impact that early reading for pleasure has on a child's development. Research shows that children who read regularly for enjoyment develop stronger vocabulary, improved comprehension skills, and better overall academic outcomes. Encouraging children to read at home not only supports their academic progress but also nurtures creativity, empathy, and emotional wellbeing.

So, remember to pick up a book and dive into reading this Christmas!

## Safeguarding is a priority here

THC vapes are becoming popular among young people and are illegally available through online platforms including social media. THC is the main psychoactive ingredient in the cannabis plant. Possession is illegal unless medically prescribed.

Vapes claiming to contain THC often contain more harmful substances such as synthetic cannabinoids, often known as "spice". This is a very different substance and has contributed to a number of overdoses and even deaths in recent years in the UK.

Vapes sold with THC or other drugs are not legal so they do not go through any quality control testing. They look very similar to nicotine vapes so can be hard to distinguish. As this is a class B drug, possession has a penalty of up to 5 years in prison, an unlimited fine or both.

### Information and resources

FRANK offers easy to read information on the risks of THC vapes ('Cannabis' vapes - do you know what you're vaping?) <https://www.talktofrank.com/>

If you are concerned about a child please use the below number 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)**



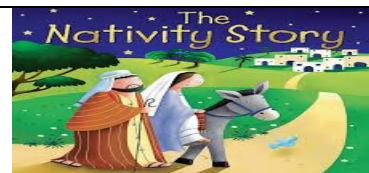
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Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Jumper day last week. We loved seeing the children's different designs and enjoying a festive Christmas lunch too complete with Yorkshire puddings which some of our staff personally bought for the children.



Thank you to our parent group who organised the Christmas Fayre and to the staff who have supported with running stalls. Well done to all the children who made some wonderful Christmas products to sell – the Christmas cakes whizzed off the stall very quickly. We have raised nearly £900 from stalls, the raffle and tombola. Thank you so much for your support.



Lastly, thank you so much to all the children that took part in our Nativity performances in Key Stage 1 and Reception. Every child was an absolute superstar, singing, dancing especially learning so many words. I was so proud of every child. A HUGE thank you go to our staff who organised both performances from start to finish.



## Spring Diary Dates

**More information regarding the different parent events will come out in the New Year!**

Date	Time	Event
5 <sup>th</sup> January	All day	<b>Inset Day (Teacher training) – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	All day	Year 1 Toy Museum Workshop in School
8 <sup>th</sup> January	All day	Nasal Flu 2 <sup>nd</sup> session of those children who missed first one.
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan onwards	8.45 – 9.30am	<b>Book and a biscuit for year 1 classes with parents</b> (to take place Tues, Wed and Thurs for Spring 1 – letter to come out soon)
31 <sup>st</sup> January		<b>Reception Admissions Deadline</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> January	3.45pm	<b>Year 6 SATs Progress Meeting</b> – all parents of children in year 6 please attend (important information about SATs progress to be given by teachers)
19 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30 – 3pm	Pastoral Drop In Session – Sign up via the school office
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Afternoon	<b>In Harmony Music Concert</b> Year 1 parents 1.15-1.35pm Year 2 parents 1.45-2.05pm Year 3 parents 2.15 – 2.35pm

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22 <sup>nd</sup> January	3.45pm	<b>Year 4 MTC Progress Meeting</b> – all parents of children in year 4 please attend (important information about multiplication check to be given by teachers)
27 <sup>th</sup> January	All day	Year 3 Trip to Magna – more information to follow from class teacher
29 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	<b>Year 1 Phonics Progress Meeting</b> - all parents of children in year 1 please attend (important information about phonics check to be given by teachers)
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9 – 9.30am	<b>Reception and Year 6 Cultivating a Mathematician: Helping Your Child Thrive in Maths</b> (Maths workshop with your child – please sign up via the MCAS app)
4 <sup>th</sup> February	9 – 9.30am	<b>Year 1 and 2 Cultivating a Mathematician: Helping Your Child Thrive in Maths</b> (Maths workshop with your child - please sign up via the MCAS app)
5 <sup>th</sup> February	9 – 9.30am	<b>Year 4 and 5 Cultivating a Mathematician: Helping Your Child Thrive in Maths</b> (Maths workshop with your child - please sign up via the MCAS app)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	9 – 9.30am	<b>Year 3 Cultivating a Mathematician: Helping Your Child Thrive in Maths</b> (Maths workshop with your child)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	<b>NSPCC Number Day</b> (Maths) Children come dressed as a number or shape, pattern
10 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Safer Internet day</b> – more information to follow <b>Parent Online Safety Coaching Workshop</b> 9am – ‘Supporting your child to stay safe on the Internet’
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoon 3.30pm	<b>KMA's Great Art Exhibition</b> – Open all to all parents to view children's art in the hall.
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoon 2-3pm	<b>Cultivating a Love for Reading: Helping Your Child Thrive in Reading</b> (Reading workshop with your child)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Afternoon 1.15pm	<b>KMA.'s Got Talent and Stars!</b> – Parents invited for KMA finalists
13 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm	<b>PTA End of Half Term Cake Sale</b> – School fundraising event
9 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week (Sch Council to Lead more info to follow)
11 <sup>th</sup> February	3.45pm	Year 6 Residential Trip Information Meeting for Parents (all parents with children going, please attend)
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>HALF TERM</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	All day	Suzie Senior Author Visit
5th March	All day	<b>World Book Day</b> – Come dressed as a book character
5th March	4.30 – 5.30pm	<b>School PTA World Book Day Nightwear Bedtime Story Event</b> – More information to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	4/5CG and 4/5CB School Trip to Manor Lodge ( <b>Children in these classes are invited to come dressed as a book character on 4<sup>th</sup> March instead. School Uniform is needed for this trip please for safeguarding reasons</b> )
6 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	4/5BP School Trip to Manor Lodge

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13 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Year 2 School trip – more information to follow
19th March	All day	Waterton's Got Talent – KMA chosen finalist will represent the school.
20th March	All day	<b>Red Nose Day</b> – Children can come in red and messy hair! £1 donation.
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Week focus	<b>When I Grow Up: Cultivating Healthy, Happy Futures Careers</b> – Volunteers needed to support Careers Event (more info to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm	<b>PTA End of Term Cake Sale</b> - School fundraising event
27 <sup>th</sup> March	In School	<b>PTA Easter Egg Competition</b>