



Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians.

We close school at the end of today for one week and although the weather next week is looking to be rather mixed we are all hoping for some good autumnal sunshine to enjoy so that the children can spend time outside before winter sets in. We reopen on Tuesday 4th November to what will be a busy seven weeks as we run up to Christmas.

We have welcomed a new teacher in school this week. Miss Murphy will be teaching in year 2 alongside Mrs Selby-Browne and we thank Miss Mills for her hard work and care of her class whilst we completed our recruitment process.

Our building projects begin on Monday and Phase 1 is expected to be completed by the February half term break. During this phase of our building improvements our older children's toilets are being refurbished along with our after school childcare club and our Year 2 classes. The toilets are expected to be completed in around 4 weeks so this minor disruption will soon pass. When we return to school our Year 2 children will learn in our temporary classrooms. They have visited the classes today and see it as an adventure. They are looking forward to returning to their new classrooms soon. Year 2 parents can drop off and collect their children from the Key Stage 1 playground as they usually do. Our after school childcare club will relocate temporarily to the school hall and dining hall, so we ask that parents collect their children from the door that is located at the top of the staff carpark.

Changing Catering

We have been met with some challenges during our move from Orian Catering to Taylor Shaw. It is now clear that it will take a little time to resolve these issues and so we will be retaining Orian as our caterers for a period of time. Further information will be shared with you outside of this letter. I can only apologise for the confusion caused, it is not of Meadowbank's making, and we will resolve them as soon as we are able.

Parent / Teacher meeting evenings

You will soon receive the appointment information for our parent / teacher meetings that will take place on Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 13th November between 3.30pm and 5.50pm and we look forward to celebrating all of your children's successes during these discussions. Please remember to make alternative arrangements for your children during these evenings so that we can have quality time with you to discuss your child's learning without distraction.

We know that working commitments may make these evenings difficult for some parents and for some childcare may present difficulties. Therefore, if you are not able to join us on our parent meeting evenings do not worry; we aim to see everyone. Please contact your child's class teacher through Class Dojo and an alternative appointment will be made for you. Also, if you would like your appointment to be a Team's call please let your child's class teacher know and they will arrange a convenient time with you. We really do want to see all of our parents for these valuable conversations, our partnership with you in your child's progress is very important to us.

Absence reporting through Study Bugs

Many of you have already registered for Study Bugs and parents who have used it so far have reported that it is easy to use. We are already finding that it is ensuring a smoother running of our attendance monitoring in school and in order to ensure that this is working efficiently, we need all parents to register. After the Half Term holiday, we will no longer be using the Parent Mail absence reporting function.



You can register for Study Bugs on the website or through the app, available for apple and android devices.
<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Our attendance has dipped towards the end of this half term, which we don't like to see. We appreciate there have been some nasty bugs going around but our aspiration is for us to be back above 96% whole school attendance as we move into next half term. Every day really does make a difference – lost days are lost learning.

Below you will find the dates that you need for the coming half term and, information regarding our parents' evenings.

Dates for this half term Autumn 2 (Tuesday 4th November – Thursday 18th December 2025)

Whole school events

School reopens after the October break	Tu 4.10.25	8.55
	(Gates open at 8.45 & close at 8.55)	
Speech and Language Therapy Parent drop in – in the Training Room	Tuesday 4 th November 9.00-9.20am drop in for all parents 9.20-10am 1:1 appointments	
Outdoor Learning Day	Thursday 6 th November 2025	
Parent meeting - Have your say - discussion about building improvement progress	Wednesday 11 th November 9.00 in Training Room	
Parent / Teacher meeting evenings	Tuesday 11 th November 3.30-5.50 Thursday 13 th November 3.30 - 5.50	
Anti-bullying week	Week beginning 10 th November	
Odd socks day - in support of Anti-Bullying	Odd socks day Monday 10 th November	
School tour for prospective 2026 new families	Wednesday 19 th November 9.30 & 1.30 Thursday 27 th November 4.00pm	
Children In Need - wear stripes or spots accessory to school with a donation to the charity	Friday 14 th November	
School closes for the Christmas break	Thursday 18.12.25	3.20
	(Gates open at 3.15 & close at 3.25)	

Christmas events

Friends of Meadowbank Christmas Hamper Raffle	During December
Foundation Stage Christmas Sing-Along	Wednesday 10 th December 9.15 Thursday 11 th December 2.30
Key Stage One Christmas Performance	Monday 8 th December - 2.15 Tuesday 9 th December - 9.30
Children's Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 10 th December
Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Performance	Tuesday 9 th December 2.15 Thursday 11 th December 9.15
Christmas Jumper Day - Save the children Charity event led by Foundation Stage One	Thursday 11 th December
Friends of Meadowbank Santa Dance-a-thon	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Parties	Thursday 18 th December



Class events where parents are invited to join the learning

	Event	Date	Time
FS1	Early Reading Workshop	26 th November	9.00-10.00 (Beg of Week/Full time) 2.00-3.00 (End of the Week/Full time)
	Foundation Stage Christmas Sing-Along	10 th December 11 th December	9.15am 2.30pm
FS2	Foundation Stage Christmas Sing-Along	10 th December 11 th December	9.15am 2.30pm
Yr1 & 2	Christmas Performance	8 th December 9 th December	2.15pm 9.15am
Yr3 & 4	Christmas Performance	9 th December 11 th December	2.15pm 9.15am
Yr5	Come to create salt dough sculptures with us using our knowledge of coastal features	27 th November	2:30pm
Yr6	VE Day Celebration with tea and scones	5 th December	2:30pm
Meadow RM	Parents will be contacted about their children's Christmas performances		

Class events in school – children only

	Event	Date
FS1	Local Musicians performing during the half term.	Dates across the weeks.
FS2	Visit from a guide dog from the Stockport and South Manchester group.	W/C 3 rd November
Yr1	The Enormous Crocodile at the Lowry Theatre	18 th December
Yr2	Visitor from the Jewish community for a Chanukah workshop	TBC
Yr3	Visit to St Cuthbert's Church	TBC
Yr4	Electricity workshop	8 th December
Yr5	Christmas Decoration Art Workshop at The Kingsway School	20 th November
	Christmas Production at Stockport Academy	TBC
Yr 6	A day in the life of an evacuee	Friday 5 th December
Meadow Rm	Visit to Z Arts theatre – 'The Snowy Day'	17 th December

Prospective Parents tours for September 2026 cohort

We still have a number of opportunities for families with children who will begin school next year to come and look around Meadowbank, talk with us about our school and see our children learning. If you know of any parents with young children who may like to come and visit us, then please share these dates with them and ask them to contact school on **0161 428 6286** to book a place on one of our tours.

Date	Time
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	9.30 am
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	1.30 pm
Thursday 27 th November 2025	4.00 (after school)

Next half term promises to be an exciting and busy build up towards Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in school during this period. Have a great half term break.

Kind regards

Janine Appleton