Meadowbank Primary School

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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We close today for one week and we are hoping for better weather than we have at the moment during our break from school. Our lovely summer weather is long gone and we are definitely heading into winter.

Our school year has begun smoothly and recently we have been able to share the release of Meadowbank's Ofsted report. We are pleased that the report recognises what a happy school we are, where children are '**diligent**, **polite** and **harmonious**'; we are privileged to see this every day. The report also recognises that school '**prepares children for their future well**'; they '**make a positive start to their education, settling well in the early years, developing independence and confidence'**. In addition, our '**ambitious curriculum'** ensures that children '**achieve well'** and are, '**well prepared for the new challenges that they will face in their secondary phase of education**'. Our school is indeed a special place and we would like to thank each of our families for your partnership in creating this environment where children can Flourish and amaze us continually.



We know that parents with young children are thinking about the schools that they will join next September 2027 and we have enjoyed hosting some families' visits to us recently. We still have a few dates with places open for families who would like to visit school so if you know of any parents with young children please let them know that we would love to see them. They just need to phone school and let us know.

Dates: **Wednesday 18th November 2026 - 9.30am and 1.30pm**
Monday 23rd November 2026 - 4.00pm
Thursday 3rd December 2026 - 4.00pm

We would like to invite all of our parents into school to see how we teach writing and have a few events for your diaries, if you are able to join us.



Key Stage One Parent Writing Workshop - Friday 20th November 2026 - 9.00am
We are running a writing workshop for the parents of children who are in Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2). It will be lovely to see you there to share with you how we teach writing and handwriting in school. Please look out for the form that will be sent via Parentmail after the half term break.

Parent writing with children in class - learn about our writing strategy in the hall and then join your child in class to see learning in action.

Foundation Stage 1 & 2 - Wednesday 25th November at 9.00am & 2.00pm
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) - Friday 20th November at 9.00am
Key stage 2 (Years 3-6) - Tuesday 17th November at 9.00am

The children have been having discussions with their teachers about the charities that they would like to champion this year and have made some very thoughtful and caring decisions that reach out in support of others locally, nationally and globally. Keep an eye out for dates and events that they will lead in this work.

Year Group	Chosen Charity to champion	
Foundation Stage 1&2	**Stockport Guide Dogs For The Blind**	Provides services, mobility support, and independence training for adults and children with sight loss in the Stockport area.
Year 1	**Cheadle Civic Society**	The Cheadle Clean Team - tackling litter on the streets.
Year 2	**Natasha's Foundation**	Working towards a future without food allergies.
Year 3	**The Red Cross**	Helping people across the world whose lives have been turned upside down by conflict, disaster, hardship or displacement.
Year 4	**Cancer Research**	Funding scientists, doctors and nurses to help beat cancer sooner and provide information to the public.
Year 5	**Save The Children**	Fighting for every child's right to survive, learn and be protected.
Year 6	**UNICEF** - United Nations children's Fund	Responding to humanitarian crises, wherever a child's right to a happy, safe and healthy childhood is threatened.

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The next half term is always a busy one for school and for families also. Here are some key dates that you might want to pin onto your fridge door.

Whole school events

School reopens after the October break	Tu 3.11.26	8.55
	(Gates open at 8.45 & close at 8.55)	
Outdoor Learning Day	Thursday 5th November 2026	
Parent / Teacher meeting evenings	Wednesday 11th November 3.40-5.50 Thursday 12th November 3.40 - 5.50	
Anti-bulling week - Odd socks day - in support of Anti-Bullying	Odd socks day Monday 16th November	
School tour for prospective 2026 new families	Wednesday 18th November 2026 - 9.30am & 1.30pm Monday 23rd November 2026 - 4.00pm Thursday 3rd December 2026 - 4.00pm	
Children In Need - wear stripes or spots accessary to school with a donation to the charity	Friday 13th November	
School closes for the Christmas break	Friday 18.12.26	3.20
	(Gates open at 3.15 & close at 3.25)	

Christmas events

Year 5 visit to The Kingsway School Christmas Workshop	Thursday 19th November
Friends of Meadowbank Christmas Hamper Raffle	During December
Foundation Stage Christmas Sing-Along	Wednesday 9th December 9.15 Thursday 10th December 2.30
Key Stage One Christmas Performance	Monday 7th December - 2.15 Tuesday 8th December - 9.15
Children's Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 9th December
Lower Key Stage Two Christmas Performance	Tuesday 8th December 2.00 Thursday 10th December 9.15
Christmas Jumper Day - Save the children Charity event led by Year 5	Thursday 10th December
Friends of Meadowbank Santa Dance-a-thon	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Parties	Friday 18th December

As we head towards the less predictable weather, I am sharing a reminder of our emergency procedures. It is very rare that we need to put these plans in place and we will always strive to remain open for our children and families. However, in the unlikely event of a situation that we cannot navigate around this is what you need to know.

Snowy day start and end of day plans - If there is very heavy snow or frozen ice on the ground the Parent Path will be closed and all children will enter school through the front, main school office door. School adults will be there to greet children and younger children will be escorted to their classrooms. Our older children will make their own way to their classrooms from the office. This will be communicated to families via Class Dojo.

If the snow melts during the day, children will have their usual breaks outside and the Parent Path will be open at the end of the day. If the snow settles and does not melt, children will stay in inside, remaining dry, and they will leave school by the front office doors, at the end of the day. Again, we will communicate with families via Class dojo.

Emergency closure or partial closure of school plans - It is extremely unlikely that Meadowbank would ever need to close and all possibilities would be considered and put in place before a decision not to open or to close part of school would be taken. A closure would only happen if it were felt that school would be unsafe to open. For example if a boiler had broken and could not be repaired in a reasonable time scale, if there was a flood or if there was an illness effecting a significant number of staff and we did not have enough adults to care for our children.

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If we did need to close, we would use Class Dojo to communicate with families and share whether all of school was closed or, if it was a partial closure, which classes would be effected. If a class closed for some children, any siblings would be expected to be in school. We will keep parents informed via Class Dojo about when children can return.

Prices of School's Breakfast Club and After School Clubs.
From January 2027, the daily price for our Breakfast and After School Clubs will increase by £1. Therefore, when we return to school following the Christmas Break the cost of attending the breakfast Club will be £4 per day and the After School club will be £11 per day.

Have a lovely autumn break and we will see you all back in school on the Tuesday 3rd November at 8.55am. If you have any safeguarding concerns with immediate risk next week please contact Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's Multi-Agency safeguarding and support Hub (MASSH) on 0161 217 6028 or visit their website to make an online referral: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/contacting-the-massh.

Kindest regards



Janine Appleton