



Spring/Summer Term

NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Bumper Edition!



Headteacher's Update

Celebrating Spring 2 and Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our short but action-packed Summer 1 half term, I want to reflect on the many achievements and joyful moments we've shared over the last 11 weeks.

Our students have had a fantastic time engaging in a rich variety of learning experiences. From celebrating Easter with a special guest, to honouring VE Day with music, food, and a shared community spirit, they have embraced every opportunity to learn and grow.

We were proud to support Comic Relief with a fun-filled fundraising day, where students led games, activities, and even staff challenges — all in the spirit of giving back.

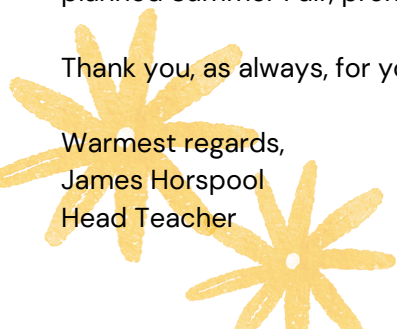
Educational visits have taken place across a range of exciting venues, from local parks and shops to adventure centres and religious sites, helping to bring classroom learning to life.

Across the school, there has been a strong focus on well-being and personal development. Our students have taken part in music and craft sessions, friendship-building activities, and physical challenges, all designed to support their emotional and social growth.

Looking ahead, we're excited to highlight the upcoming Graduation and Prom, for which preparations are well underway, as we know these events will be wonderful milestones for our leavers. We're also thrilled to announce the planned Summer Fair, promising fun for the whole family and a great way to bring our community together.

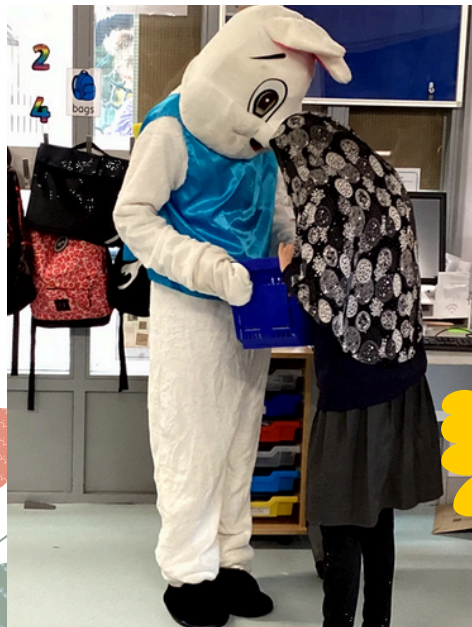
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a joyful and successful end to the school year.

Warmest regards,
James Horspool
Head Teacher



EASTER BUNNY VISIT!

We have been very lucky that the Easter bunny managed to find time in his busy schedule to come to The Meadows and present each student with an Easter egg for all their hard work this term.





COMIC RELIEF

Everyone got into the spirit of Comic Relief day either wearing something red or wearing a red nose and enjoying all of the activities, including a bake sale, everyone wearing their own clothes, a disco and the race of the century involving all of the Senior Leadership Team running around the MUGA area in fancy dress!

Let's eat
CAKE!

Total amount raised on the day was £283.79.





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STUDENT WELLBEING AFTERNOON

Student Wellbeing Afternoon

HUGE thank you to students and staff for generating and running another brilliant Student Wellbeing Afternoon on Friday 4th April. It was another action packed afternoon of adventures including tent building, energetic sports, music and dancing, along with more relaxing sessions such as cinema time, arts and crafts, relaxation sessions and NEW hANOTHER air and beauty. Let's take a look at our creative, fun loving students and what they enjoyed :)



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



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When adults are making decisions that affect children they should ask them what they think.



Adults should take account of children's views when making the decision.



Children should be supported to give their views in a way that is best for them.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



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Adults should make sure children have the chance to play and relax in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment.

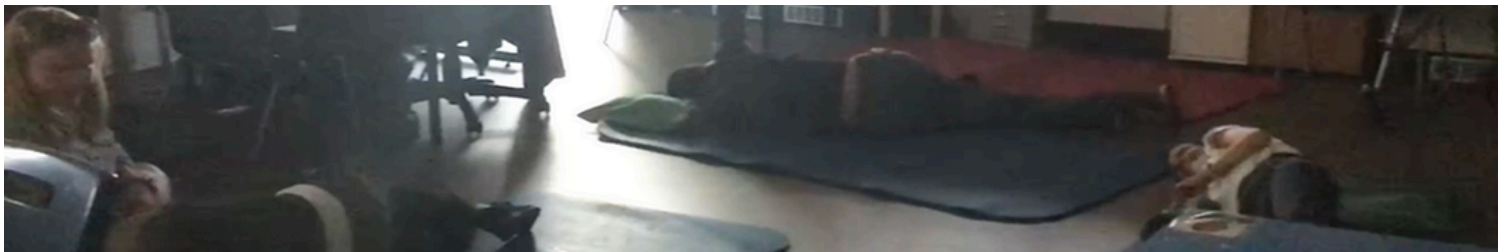


Governments should make sure children can be part of cultural and artistic activities.



When decisions are made about activities in the community, adults should include children in planning these.







VE DAY 80

At The Meadows we held a grand celebration of Victory in Europe Day – VE Day. It's been 80 years since the world celebration of the end of World War II in Europe. We celebrated in style with tea parties, crafts, games, music, bunting and dressing in red, white & blue. Take a look at our wonderful festivities!

Class 5.3

Class 5.3 were very busy! The chefs prepared sandwiches and scones for their beautiful tea party and then turned into artists, crafting commemorative plates.





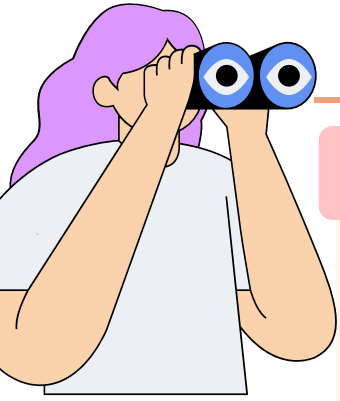
Class 4.5 & 5.4

Class 4.5 & 5.4 had a picnic with some fun and games!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

This Spring/Summer Term?



Class 4.4 went to Iron Bridge

On the 25th of February we were lucky to be able to visit Iron Bridge. We explored the iron museum and took part in lots of activities, the students really enjoyed the sensory room. We then got back on the bus and went to the Iron Bridge; we walked over the bridge and enjoyed the lovely views. We finished off the day with an ice cream before we returned to school.



Class 5.5

Students in 5.5 enjoyed taking on the Baggie Bird in a penalty shoot out. As hard as Baggie Bird tried he could not stop 5.5. The students loved taking part and help raised money for our school and the Albion Foundation.



Class 3.4

We have been really enjoying the wonderful sunshine and a visit from the Therapy Ponies was just what we needed when we were exploring our outdoor area last week!



Class 3.3

Class 3.3 enjoyed a day out to Burger King as a treat to mark the end of term. The students all enjoyed themselves and were very FULL after!!



Class 4.5



What a productive Spring 2 half-term for Class 4:5! We have been participating in lots of exciting activities. In cooking, we have made snacks such as individual apple and cheese pies, fruit crumble and our own version of hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream! In humanities, we used the laptops to research the countries of where the artists we have been studying were born-Andy Warhol and Giuseppe Arcimboldo. In Forest School, we demonstrated how we kept safe around a small open fire and made s'mores-melting marshmallows in the fire and placing the marshmallow between two biscuits. We visited the local supermarket, Sainsbury's to purchase items and used a self-service checkout to pay for items and pack our own bags, promoting more independence and also Costa, as part of Careers week. We are still enjoying our Tuesday lunchtime Dance Club and we have been learning different dance moves, including ballet!



What a short but busy Summer 1 half-term! It isn't long now until the end of the academic year! Class 4:5 have been very productive 😊 In our cooking sessions, the focus has been on the use of utensils and tools to make simple snacks such as fruit kebabs and Angel Delight cheesecake. In science, we have been observing how sound travels and how percussion instruments make a sound. In maths, we have been arranging numbers in ascending and descending order.

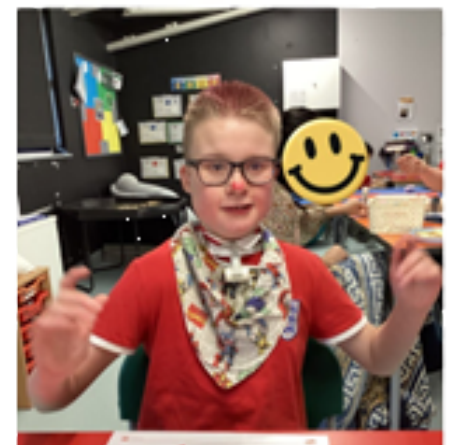
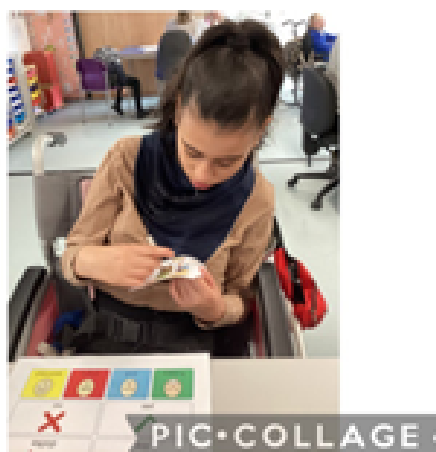
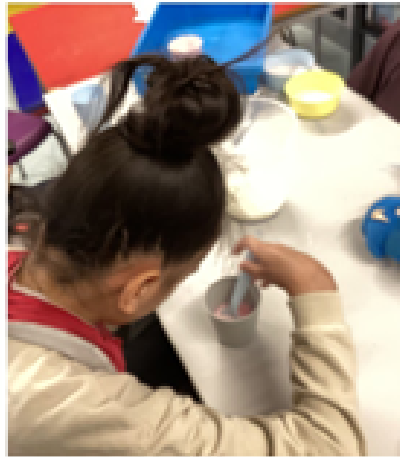
We have started our swimming sessions at Tipton Leisure Centre and we visited Sainsbury's to locate items in store, needed to make a simple snack.

We had a amazing time during VE Day, we participated in games with Class 5:4 and had a party with lots of lovely snacks 😊



Class 3.1

During the spring half term we have had a friend come to visit called Murphy. Murphy is a therapy dog and the students enjoyed practicing their pet care skills out on Murphy from Hugglepets. Students also enjoyed dressing up for Red Nose Day and taking part in the fun around school. We have taken part in 'Personal Development Day' activities including making healthy blueberry muffins.



We have experienced being hair and makeup artists and created our own selfie Andy Warhol style pictures with a range of resources. 3.1 also like to keep fit so have enjoyed taking part in physical activities as part of our keeping healthy topic.



Over this short summer half term 3.1 have fitted in so much! We have really enjoyed visiting the school tuck shop to exchange coins for sweet treats! We have been learning about going on a lion hunt in our sensory story and had fun recognising plants and seeds in science. 3.1 students are also beginning to master grating cheese now from cooking sessions and we have loved learning about being safer near roads whilst visiting the outdoor fitness gym and soaking up some of the sunshine.

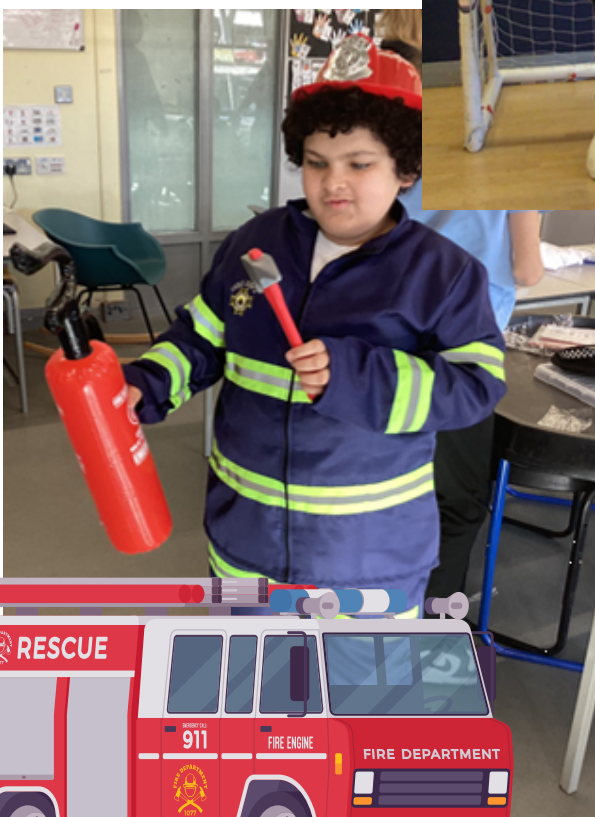
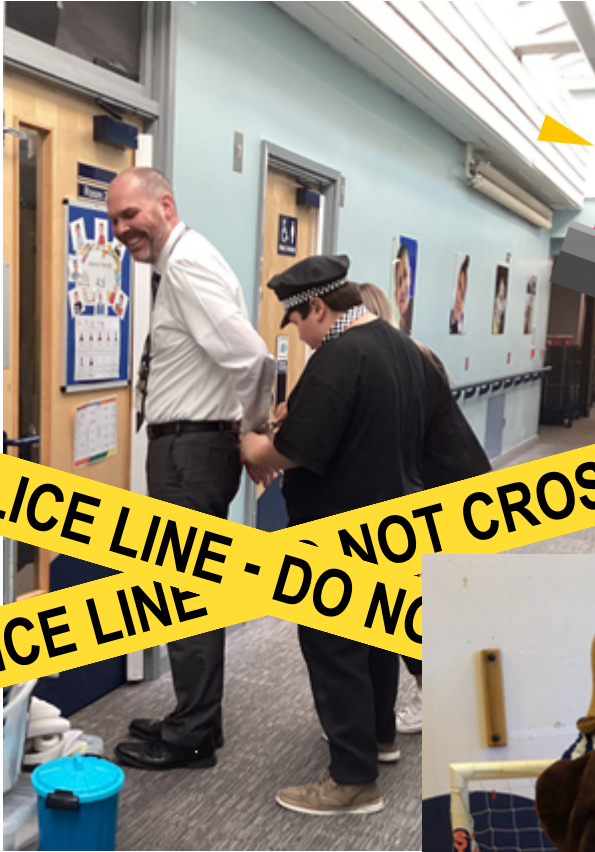




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Class 3.6

3.6 have really enjoyed learning about occupations in English. Mr Horspool got arrested by Policeman Rishabh, he was soon released without charge. We also enjoyed a visit to the local Temple as part of the Holi topic in RE. A very successful term. Enjoy the holidays everyone.



Class 5.3

The students in 5.3 have been learning about healthy lifestyles as part of their PSHE curriculum. They have designed and planned a healthy meal and then worked together to go shopping for the ingredients. Back at school, the students practiced peeling and chopping different fruits to make tasty fruit salads.



Class 4.6

Class 4.6 have loved taking part in offsite activities at Malthouse this half-term. We have enjoyed taking part in archery, canoeing and rock-climbing. The class have worked on travelling safely offsite and have been exposed to the skills needed for outdoor activities. We have loved seeing the different animals whilst canoeing and some of us made it to the top of the wall. We cannot wait to go next half term!!



Class 4.3

This term class 4.3 have had the opportunity to go to Malt House. We have enjoyed doing archery, taking turns and having lots of fun.





As part of our wellbeing day the children had a chance to stroke and groom the therapy ponies. They also enjoyed a relaxing sound bath experience.



Personal Development Day

On Friday 10th April, The Meadows held their first Personal Development Day. Students had a day of different activities, some of which included a Jungle Run bouncy assault course, gaming bus, a visit from the 'Animal Man', story massage, horticulture, dancing sessions and Big Top. It was an incredible day and fun was had by all.





NOTICES

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Transport

If you have any issues regarding your child's transport, including vehicles not turning up to collect your child, please contact the LA's TAS Team on 0121 569 4888 or email travel_assistance@sandwell.gov.uk



Early & Late Departures

Many thanks for your support with our new signing in and out procedures at the start and end of the school day.

We would like to request that if you need to collect your child from school during the day as an emergency collection school are notified **as soon as possible** so we can begin the procedures in school to reduce waiting time in reception when you come to collect your child.

These new procedures have been put in place to make sure we are keeping your children safe and we thank you for your understanding.



Up-to-date Contact Details

Please ensure that we have your most **up-to-date contact details**. If you change your address or telephone number, it is imperative that school is made aware in case we need to contact you and in case of emergency.

Evidence for Absence

Please provide a copy of appointment letters, texts, emails, discharge from hospital letters for our records to support the authorised absence.

School Footwear

Please ensure your child has **closed toe** footwear. We are active in school with riding bikes, visiting forest school, offsite visits, it is essential to wear safe and secure footwear. Croc-style footwear is not allowed.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Parental Engagement Sessions

The Pastoral Team continue to be available term time to support our families. Please feel free to contact them should you need any support or guidance and they will always be happy to help.

Please feel free to come along and enjoy! Some of these sessions are parents and carers social sessions whilst others are looking at specific topics. Keep your eye out on ClassDojo for upcoming craft mornings where all parents are welcome.

- **Thursday 19th June** Makaton – for use at home and in the community, Resources are provided. (With Ade) 09:15 until 10:30am
- **Thursday 26th June** Student well being and mental health. (With Pastoral) 09:30 – 10:30am
- **Thursday 17th July** Phonics – promoting reading at home. How to read by learning sounds to read words. Use of COSST – sentence construction. (With Ade) 09:15–10:30am

Parent / Carer Coffee Mornings

Please come along to our coffee mornings where parents/carers can meet up for coffee, biscuits and have a chat.

- **Tuesday 10th June** Parent & Carers Social 09:30 until 11:30am
- **Wednesday 9th July** Parent and Carers Social 09:30 until 11:30am — bring a dish!



Year 14 Graduation

Friday 18th July 2025

Parents of Year 14 students are invited to join us to celebrate their child's graduation from The Meadows as they embark on their next journey

End of Year Prom

Friday 18th July 2025

End of year prom for all students to enjoy!

Term Dates

Summer Term 2025

Students Last Day: Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Students Return: Monday 2nd June 2025

Inset (Training) Day: Monday 23rd June 2025

Last Day of Term: Monday 21st July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 8 September 2025 FOR ALL STUDENTS AT BOTH SITES

Half-term holiday: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October 2025

Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

Please note that inset days for Autumn Term 2025 have not yet been agreed





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Summer Fair 11th July

Come and join us on 11th July 1-3pm for our Summer Fair!

We are hoping to have lots of different stalls, including:

- Refreshments
- Games Table
- Craft Stalls (including our Parents Craft Group stall)
- Toy stall
- Stocks (I hear a certain headteacher may be getting soaked on that afternoon)
- Bottle stall
- Sweets and Chocolate Stall
- Bouncy Castle



Donations Welcome

- Toys in good working order
- Raffle prizes
- Bottle donations (anything in a bottle eg. squash, wine, body wash)
- a £10 donation if you would like to hire or hold a stall

Fiona Lee

Assistant Head Teacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead

Please let me know if you have any questions or queries via ClassDojo, telephone school reception or via email fiona.lee@themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk



Dress Down Day Friday 6th June

'Dress Down' day in school – we ask for a bottle donation for our raffle – anything in a bottle (squash, wine, body wash, etc.).

Dress Down Day Friday 27th June

'Dress Down' day in school – we ask for a donation of sweets or chocolate

Have a lovely half term from all at The Meadows!

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