



# Meadows First School

## March 2024

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### A message from Mr Satchwell

Before the half term break, we collected your responses to our annual parents questionnaire and I am pleased to say we had almost 100 returned. This questionnaire is based on the Ofsted parent feedback form that is collected during an inspection and so using it before such a time does give us good insights into your perception of our school and give pointers for things to focus on. We were really pleased with the positive results that included :

**100% of parents and carers responding said their child is happy at school.**

**100% of parents and carers responding said their child feels safe at school.**

**100% of parents and carers responding would recommend the school to others.**

**98% of parents and carers responding said the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.**

**Comments included :**

*"Our child loves coming to school here. As a parent, I can see the evidence of a really healthy values culture within the staff team. Thank you so much".*

*"My daughter is always excited to tell me about her day and what she has been learning. Meadows is such a positive learning environment and has had a wonderful impact on our daughter these last few years".*

*"Meadows is a very friendly, caring school. Our child enjoys going to school and he has a varied learning experience".*

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey and we will be using all the results to inform our development priorities. If you would like to see a complete set of the results, they are available on the website.

[2024 Parent Questionnaire results](#)



1 - Word cloud created from parental comments

Today, the first Parents' Forum for quite some time took place in school and we had a really purposeful discussion on a number of topics including school communication, pupil wellbeing and after school clubs. This type of forum is a really valuable opportunity to discuss aspects of school directly with parents and carers and we plan to hold these meetings at least once a term. We will be publishing the minutes of the meeting early next week on the website so that you can read what was discussed along with the actions we will take as a result. If you think you might like to attend a future meeting, please let us know and my thanks go again to those parents and carers in attendance to today.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Satchwell

## Latest News 1st March 2024

### World Book Day Visitor

We are really excited to announce that there will be a renowned poet and author with us on 6th March for World Book Day this year. Spoz is with us all day and the children will have lots of opportunities to meet him and take part in a range of activities. Please see the flyer below for more information. It also gives details of his books and where to buy them if you wish.

<https://www.authorsabroad.com/bookshop?tag=Spoz#orderbooks>

Any books ordered will be delivered to school on the day.



**Hello**  
We are thrilled to tell you that poet Spoz is coming to your school!

Spoz's sessions aim to nurture and develop students' skills and enthusiasm towards reading, writing and poetry.

Books are available to order now - scan the QR code to buy online, or order through school if this is supported (cash/parentpay etc).

Spoz will sign and personalise the books!

**Spoz**  
Spoz has been astounding audiences with his poetry, both young and old, since 2005. In that time he has been Birmingham's Poet Laureate (2006/7), performed at Glastonbury Festival and Cheltenham Literature Festival to name just two of many and has facilitated poetry workshops at hundreds of schools, both in the UK and abroad. He has also been commissioned by the BBC on several occasions and even popped up on The One Show.

His enthusiasm for the spoken and written word, as well as his previous victories in Slam Poetry competitions ensure he is able to excite even the most reluctant reader about poetry.

**Spoz's Skirts... and the Occasional Long One**  
£5.99  
A collection of 52 poems by the ever enthusiastic poet, writer, performer and musician, Spoz.  
Described by poet A.F. Herold "Birmingham's most surprising poet laureate has failed to grow up adequately. He writes for children without adults getting in the way."

**Canalligater**  
£9.99  
"Canalligater" is a graphic novel set in the canals of Birmingham and tells the mythical tale of Carey, an unlikely reptile hero and his friendship with four young people. With interactive QR codes that take you to YouTube films of the book, which are narrated by Spoz with music by Les Robinson.

**Authors Abroad**

### Mothers Day

Friends of Meadows are organising a sale in school for children to purchase a Mother's Day gift, below is the link to order. Please send payment in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked. Cheques to be made payable to Friends of Meadows.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ei473JFA65?origin=lprLink>

### Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited Warwick Castle as part of their history topic this term. They had a super day which included a guided tour around the castle, a birds of prey and archery show, climbing a spiral staircase to get to the battlements and towers as well as spending some time in the castle gaol. The children were extremely well behaved and had an amazing time. Thanks to the Year 2 team of teachers and support staff for making it happen.











## Meadows Mouse Awards



### ***Cygnets***

Kenza T - amazing independent writing about rainforests.

Jude A - excellent Maths explanations about days of the week.

### ***Goslings***

Violet - great enthusiasm for learning.

Hunter - brilliant improvement in writing.

### ***Caterpillars***

Aoife C H - great enthusiasm and progress in Maths.

Layla F - being determined in her reading and decoding.

### ***Dragonflies***

Amber - great answers given at carpet time and in all lessons.

Amy - excellent effort in Maths.

### ***Owls***

Edward - great focus and for writing a super persuasive advert for Warwick Castle.

Devon - amazing enthusiasm and for asking so many great questions during our trip to Warwick

### ***Hedgehogs***

Sophie - determination when climbing the tower at Warwick Castle.

Grayson S D - focus with his writing this week.

### ***Sharks***

Florence B - excellent work when measuring perimeter.

Alex B - super improvement with her handwriting and presentation.

### ***Dolphins***

Abbie-Marie E - fantastic effort at the gymnastics festival.

Ava T - wonderful reading which is a pleasure to listen to.

### ***Jaguars***

Chase - great progress in learning his weekly spellings.

Bella - great sentence structure in her writing about Henry VIII.

### ***Tigers***

Leo E - amazing portrait of Henry VIII.

Noah H - creating a wonderful Easter Triptych in RE.



## Diary Dates



Monday 4th March

Year 1 Animal Man visit

Tuesday 5th March

Year 4 Harvington Hall

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Year 1 Parents Phonics meeting, 2.15 pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Thursday 14th & Friday 15th March

Year 4 Residential trip to Blackwell

Friday 22nd March

Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 8th April

Return from Easter holiday

*'We are enthusiastic'.*

