

# NEWS



## Issue 5- JAN 25

### Welcome Back After the Holidays!

It has been wonderful to see pupils returning to school after the Christmas break. The first week back was exciting but also a little stressful due to the snow, ice, and significantly low temperatures. Thank you to all the parents and carers who ensured their children attended school every day and on time despite the challenging weather conditions.

This week has also been eventful for another reason—the school underwent an Ofsted Inspection, our first since 2019. It was a busy but positive process, as we shared the school's strengths and outlined areas we continue to develop. The final report will be published within the next month and emailed to all parents for you to review.

We are delighted to see the children returning with the same enthusiasm for learning. This term, pupils in 4BP have started swimming lessons on Thursdays, with 4S scheduled to begin after the half term. In addition, Year 5 has commenced their gymnastics lessons with Coach Winward, and they have been amazing so far!

A big thank you to parents for maintaining the consistent standards of school uniform—it is very much appreciated, and the children look fantastic. As a reminder, please ensure pupils are wearing the correct PE uniform as well. The guidelines can be found both online and in this newsletter.



# Spring Term Key Dates

<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	School Nursing Team to see Year 6 Classes and pupils.
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	4S Class Assembly at 10.30am – Parents of 4S invited.
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	3B Class Assembly 10.30am – Parents of 3B invited
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	NSPCC Numbers Day- More information to follow.
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Surprise Behaviour treat one day this week.
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Break the Rules Day
	Stay & Learn – The Meadow (invite only)
	School Closes for Half Term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Opens
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Stay and Read- Creative Theme
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Smithills Farm visit- The Meadow
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening – Save the Date
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening – Save the Date
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Non-Uniform Day- Chocolate Donation
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	6pm Chocolate Bingo Family Event.

## **Timetable and Daily Routine**

The school day will remain the same, but it is crucial to note that learning begins promptly at 8:50 am, starting with English and Reading. Assemblies will now be held at a different time during the day. ***Punctuality and attendance are more important than ever, as children who are late will miss out on essential learning. Persistent lates may result in unauthorised attendance marks, leading to a potential penalty notice.***

## **Uniform Expectations**

Uniform expectations have been shared on our Facebook page, but here are the key changes and non-negotiables:

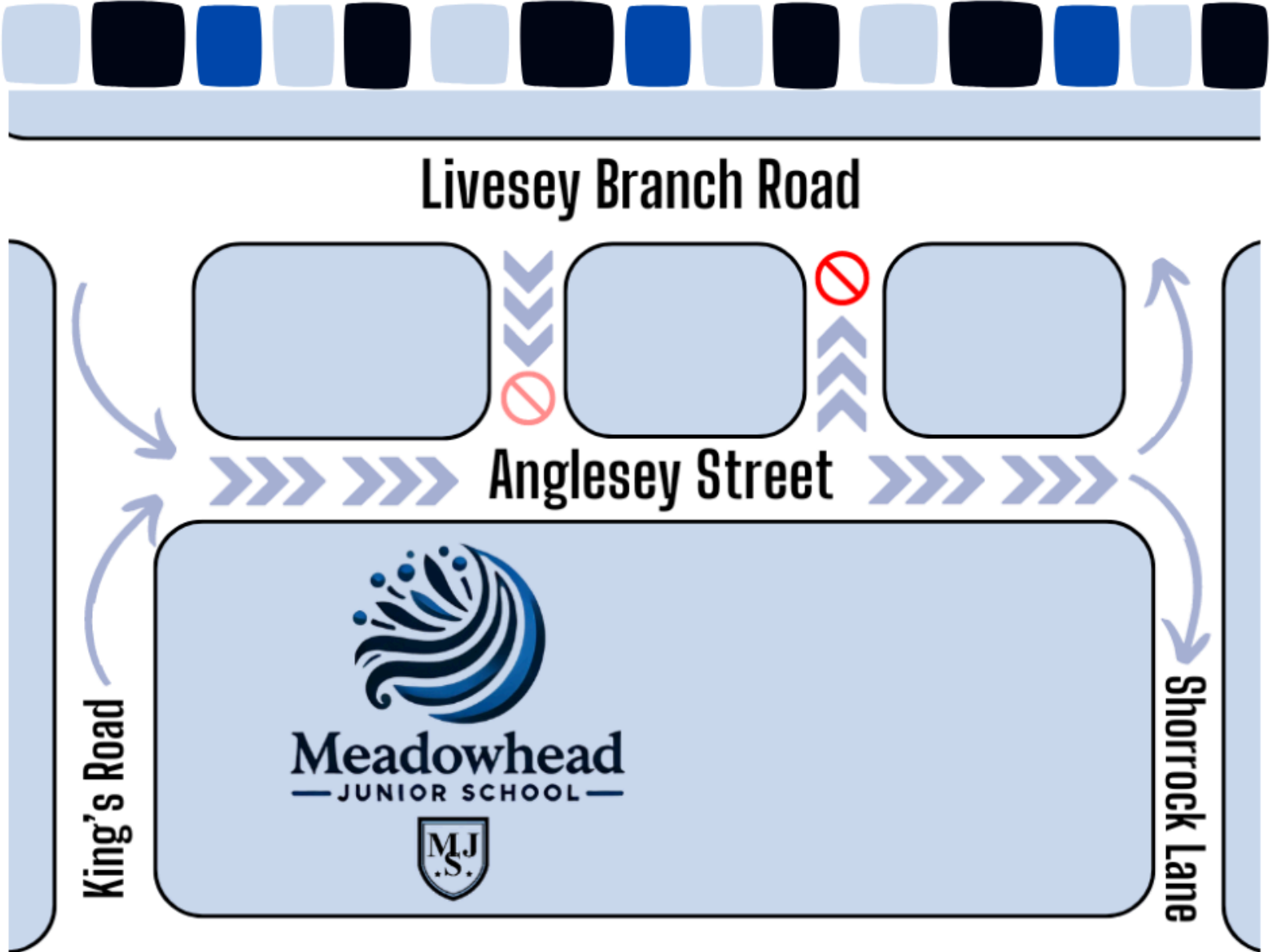
- Children may wear school shoes and/or black trainers. Trainers must be completely black, and there are no exceptions to this rule regardless on a PE Day or not.
- Hairstyles: We kindly remind parents that hairstyles should be neat and appropriate for school. Brightly colored hair, extreme cuts, and patterns shaved into the hair are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons.
- PE Kits: On days when children have PE, they are expected to wear the appropriate PE kit. This includes a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper, and **BLACK** trainers. Please ensure your child follows this on their designated PE days. This will be enforced after half term to allow parents and carers to source the correct uniform

## **Behaviour Policy**

We are implementing our Meadowhead Hero behaviour approach, which has been detailed on Facebook. Dojo points will be an integral part of this, and to ensure consistency, family access to the Dojo system has been revoked.

Any messages should now be directed through the school office and will be passed on to the relevant staff members.

**The Governing Body have now approved the schools Suspension and Exclusion policy, this can be found on the school website.**



We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who consistently follow our unofficial one-way system during school drop-off and pick-up times. By adhering to this system, we help maintain a safe, calm, and orderly process for everyone.

**Key Reminders:**

- Please use Anglesey Street to enter, following the directional arrows as shown on the diagram.
- Livesey Branch Road serves as the primary approach route.
- Exiting should occur via Shorrock Lane to avoid congestion.
- Remember, the section marked with the red symbol is a no entry point, and we ask that everyone respect this.

Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding. Your efforts help create a smoother, safer experience for all involved.

# Updates- Attendance

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the vast majority of parents who consistently prioritise their child's education by ensuring their regular attendance at Meadowhead Junior School. Your commitment to their education is commendable, and I would like to thank you for your continued support in this matter. By attending school as much as possible, you are playing a vital role in your child's academic progress and overall development.

I would like to remind all parents that holiday leave requests must be submitted in advance of the leave date. Please be aware that if the number of unauthorised absences exceeds the specified limit (5 days), penalty notices will be issued following the absence. It is crucial that we work together to prioritise your child's education and minimise any disruptions to their learning journey.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to those parents who consistently prioritise their child's education and support our efforts to maintain a positive and productive learning environment. By working together, we can ensure that every child at Meadowhead Junior School receives the education they deserve.



**Did you know? Late marks will be given and poor punctuality could generate a penalty notice?**

