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Headteacher: Mr K Medway

What an action-packed first half-term we have shared. You cannot help but notice the significant progress happening around the school! We currently have a large amount of **building work underway** to enhance our facilities, which is exciting news for the future of Broadmeadow. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our parents and children for your exceptional **patience** and for diligently following the new safety guidance. This cooperation is vital, and we appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe. The work is currently on schedule and is due to be completed by the **end of December 2025**. We thank you for bearing with us as we work to improve our learning environment.



The past few weeks have been full of memorable events:

- Our Year 6 pupils started the year with a memorable experience as they went on residential to PGL Liddington and pushed their bravery to new limits.
- We hosted **M&M Productions** for a spectacular pantomime performance of '**Jack and the Beanstalk**'. The children's laughter and participation filled the hall and provided a perfect theatrical experience!
- Our older pupils have stepped up as role models, with our **Year 4 and Year 6 children completing their training to become Play Leaders**. They are already doing a brilliant job of organising fun and inclusive activities during break times.
- On Thursday, October 16th, we held a wonderful **Harvest Festival**. Thank you to everyone who contributed; your generous donations will make a real difference to those in need.
- We've also been celebrating kindness! On October 24th, we marked **Think Pink Day** to raise awareness, and we proudly awarded the first of our new '**Heraper Heart of Gold**' awards to pupils who consistently demonstrate kindness and empathy.



As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we are undertaking a review of several key school documents, including our **Relationships and Behaviour Policy**. This is a crucial piece of work that also involves looking at our **Vision Statement** and our overall **Communication Methods**. We value your input as parents, and welcome your feedback via the online link provided later in this newsletter.

As we now head into a well-deserved half-term break, I wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable time together. We look forward to seeing the children back, refreshed and ready for an exciting run-up to Christmas, on **Tuesday 4th November 2025**

How can I help my child?

We have been emphasising the importance of the Perfect Posture

Maintaining an effective **handwriting position** and **pencil grip** is vital for comfortable, legible, and fluent writing. Please help by reinforcing the message when your child is writing.



The Correct Position & Grip:

- **Sitting Position:** A stable base is essential. The writer should sit upright with their **feet flat on the floor** (or on a footrest), their back supported, and their knees and hips bent at a 90 degree angle. The desk height should allow the forearms to rest comfortably on the surface without shrugging the shoulders.
- **Paper Position:** The paper should be tilted slightly, aligned with the writing arm, and held steady by the non-writing hand.
- **Pencil Grip (Dynamic Tripod Grasp):** The pencil should be held primarily by the **thumb** and **index finger** near the tip, and gently rested on the side of the **middle finger** for support. This leaves an open "web space" (the 'O' shape between the thumb and index finger), allowing the small muscles of the fingers to move the pencil freely.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HANDWRITING POSITION



M&M Performances treating the children to a Panto Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk



Autumn Disco Delight!

The school hall was buzzing with energy and excitement for our Autumn Disco! The children had a **wonderful time** dancing, enjoying sweets, and getting creative with their fancy dress.

We spotted some truly imaginative costumes! The dance floor was invaded by everything from spooky **ghosts** and terrific **dinosaurs** to the iconic green figure of a **Creeper** (a clear favourite from the world of *Minecraft*!).

A huge thank you to all the families and staff for helping your children with their costumes and for making the evening such a memorable one.



We Wore it Pink!

The children were keen to show their support and donated generously while wearing a fantastic sea of pink across the school. It was wonderful to see them embrace the spirit of the day!



A Fluttering Display of Hope

As a special activity, the children created **beautiful, unique butterflies** which will then put together to form a stunning, colourful display. This collaborative artwork not only looks amazing but also serves as a meaningful reminder of the importance of awareness and support.

'Heart of Gold' Awards

In recognition of their kindness, empathy, and positive contributions, staff nominated pupils to receive a special **'Heraper Heart of Gold'** award. This award recognises students who display exceptional character and make a difference to others.

A huge **congratulations** to all the winners! You truly embody the caring spirit of our school community.



Safety Message: Have a Spooktacular and Safe Halloween!

As the half-term break approaches, we know many of our pupils are looking forward to the excitement of Halloween! This fun-filled night often involves being out after dark, so please take a moment to discuss these essential safety reminders with your children:

- **Be Seen:** Many costumes are dark. Please use **reflective tape, glow sticks, or flashlights** to ensure children are clearly visible to drivers, especially near roads.
- **Vision First:** Where possible, opt for **face paint** instead of masks, which can easily restrict a child's vision, making it hard to see cars or trip hazards.
- **Stay Lit and Together:** Children should always be **accompanied by a responsible adult** and only visit houses with their **lights on**.
- **Costume Safety:** Check that costumes are **flame-resistant** (or layered over normal clothes) and ensure they are not too long to prevent tripping.
- **Treat Check:** Remind children **not to eat any treats** until they are home and an adult has checked them over.

We hope you all have a safe, happy, and truly spooktacular holiday!



Last Chance! Your Feedback Needed: Broadmeadow Parent Questionnaire

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a quick reminder that our **Parent Questionnaire** closes soon on Friday 31st October 2025

If you haven't yet shared your thoughts on what we do best and how we can get better, now is the time! We use this feedback directly to shape our school improvement plan..

It only takes a few minutes, and your honest, confidential feedback makes a real difference.

Complete the questionnaire here: [LINK TO QUESTIONNAIRE](#)



Broadmeadow Harvest

But Harvest isn't just about food.

It's also about saying thank you for the good things that grow in our lives — things we can't see or touch, but that make our school and community such a special place.



What a wonderful occasion we shared on **Friday, October 17th**, for our annual Harvest celebration. It was a beautiful opportunity for our whole school community to come together, sing some fantastic harvest songs, and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for.

I want to extend a huge and heartfelt **thank you** to every family for your incredibly **generous donations**. The volume and quality of non-perishable food and essential items we received was truly moving. Your kindness ensures that our celebration goes beyond our school gates and directly benefits our wider local community.

Supporting The Spearhead Trust

All of the donations have now been collected and will be passed directly to **The Spearhead Trust**, who operate out of Bells Farmhouse in Druids Heath.

The Trust does crucial work in the local area, running a **Food Bank** and providing **vital support services** to families and individuals in need, including those facing food insecurity, housing, and benefit challenges. Your contributions will be used immediately to help stock their shelves during a time of high demand, providing practical support to local people who need it most.

Thank you again for demonstrating such wonderful generosity and empathy. It is through events like this that we teach our pupils the true meaning of community and giving.

The Foundations of Online Safety & Google Family Link

At Broadmeadow, we promote open dialogue and effective parental controls to ensure safe digital exploration.

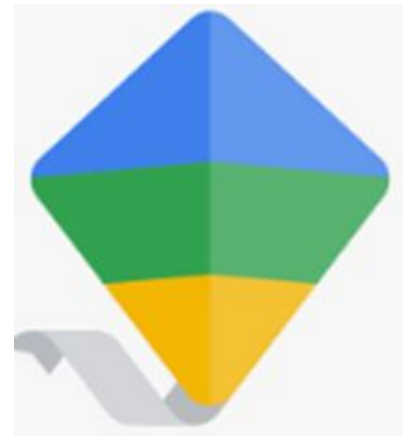
The 4 'C's of Online Risk The internet risks that children face can be categorised into four areas. Discuss these points openly with your child.



Risk Category	What it Involves	Parent Discussion Focus
Content	Exposure to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful material (violence, pornography, fake news, racism, self-harm content).	"Think Critically. Not everything online is true. If it makes you feel uncomfortable, click off it immediately and tell me."
Contact	Harmful interaction with other users (cyberbullying, grooming, pressure, inappropriate advertising).	"Don't Talk to Strangers. Never share personal details (name, address, school) with someone you only know online. Tell me if someone asks you to keep a secret."
Conduct	Online behaviour that causes or increases harm (cyberbullying, sharing explicit images, harmful challenges).	"Be Kind and Respectful. Posts are permanent —only share things you would be happy for everyone to see (friends, family, teachers)."
Commerce	Risks related to commercial activities (scams, inappropriate ads, in-app purchases, online gambling).	"Don't Click to Buy. Never buy anything, enter a competition, or click on an ad that looks too good to be true without checking with me first."

Google Family Link is a free parental control app that allows you to set digital ground rules on your child's Android or Chrome OS device (and provides some features on iOS).

Feature	Action You Can Take	Why it Matters
Screen Time Limits	Set a daily usage limit, scheduled "Downtime" (e.g., bedtime), and " School Time " restrictions.	Helps balance online and offline life and ensures devices aren't used when they should be resting or learning.
App Management	Approve or block every app your child wants to download from the Google Play Store.	Ensures only age-appropriate and safe applications are installed on the device.
Content Filters	Manage filters on Google services like Chrome, YouTube, and Google Search (SafeSearch) .	Blocks inappropriate websites and helps filter out explicit search results.
Account Security	Remotely lock the device, view the device's location, and change or reset your child's Google account password if needed.	Provides peace of mind and the ability to intervene quickly in a safety or security emergency.



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Security Focus	Advice and Action for Parents	What to Tell Your Child
Passwords	Use strong, unique passwords for every account. Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) where available.	"Never share your password with <i>anyone</i> , not even your best friends. It keeps your private information safe."
Privacy Defaults	For new social media or gaming accounts, immediately set the profile to 'Private' (only approved friends can see posts).	"Only accept friend requests from people you know in real life. If a stranger follows you, block them."
Location Services	Review and disable device-level location services for most apps. Disable geotagging on photo/video apps.	"Turning off your location stops people from knowing exactly where you are, where you live, and where you go to school."
App Permissions	When downloading, check what the app wants to access (camera, microphone, contacts). Disable unnecessary permissions.	"Only give an app permission if it absolutely needs it to work. A drawing app doesn't need to know where you are!"
Digital Footprint	Remind your child that once something is posted online, it leaves a permanent 'digital footprint' that is almost impossible to erase.	"Before you post or share anything, ask yourself: 'Would I be happy if my teacher, future boss, or grandparent saw this?'"



 [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

**Click Logo for
a Parent Guide**



OCTOBER HALF TERM AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PREMIER EDUCATION ARE DELIGHTED TO PARTNER UP WITH YOU THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!

9AM-4PM 5-11 YEAR OLDS £22
9AM-1PM 4 YEAR OLDS £14

TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER - THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

PLENTY OF FUN ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED EACH DAY! ALL YOU NEED IS A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE AND PLENTY OF ENERGY!



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps



Holiday Club Update:

Due to our ongoing building works, we are unfortunately unable to host our regular holiday activity club here at Broadmeadow. However, we are delighted to inform you that our excellent Wrap Around Care provider, **Premier Education**, will be running a holiday club at a nearby venue: **St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School**. Please contact Premier Education directly or use the QR codes for booking and availability.



ST DUNSTANS HOLIDAY CLUB ACTIVITY TIMETABLE



	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
ICE-BREAKERS	Team Games	Team Games	Team Games
ACTIVITY 1	Fencing	Glow in the Dark Dodgeball	Gymnastics
ACTIVITY 2	Invasion Games	Capture the Flag	Indoor Kurling
ACTIVITY 3	Arts and Crafts	Archery	Invasion Games
ACTIVITY 4	Hide and Seek Tag	Structured Play and Sports	Halloween Party!!
CELEBRATION	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers	Certificates and Stickers



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BOOK NOW!

Key Dates for next term

Tuesday 4th November - Children return to school

Monday 10th November 6H Swimming (assessment)

Mondays from 17th November- 15th December 6A Swimming

23rd November 2025 12 - 4pm

Operation Santa Charity Christmas Fair
(craft stalls and traditional festive games)

Kings Heath Cricket club

247 Alcester Road South B14 6DT

Monday 8th December - IRock Christmas Concert (2.30pm)

Wednesday 10th December - Infant Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December - Junior Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 16th December - Carol Service - St Nicholas's

Evidence consistently shows that students with the highest attendance gain the best exam results. Missing just 19 days in a school year brings a child's attendance down to the 90% Persistent Absence (PA) threshold.

- Punctuality - Children are expected to be in class by **8:55 AM**. Arriving after this time will result in a 'Late' mark.
- Registration Closes- The morning register officially closes at **9:30 AM**. Any arrival after 9:30 AM is recorded as an **unauthorised absence** ('U' code) for the entire morning session.
- Reporting Absence - If your child is ill, you must inform the school **before 9:15 AM** on the first day of absence.
- Unauthorised Absence - Failure to provide a reasonable explanation for an absence within **5 days** will result in the absence being marked as unauthorised. The Headteacher makes the final decision on authorising absences. We urge parents to avoid term-time holidays as they will not be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.
- By working together, we can ensure your child receives their full entitlement to education. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Training Days 2025-2026
Children not in school.

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Thursday 7th May 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

For full dates, please see the school calendar on our website.

Term Dates

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF BOOKING A HOLIDAY, PLEASE SEE THE TERM DATES AS HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME CANNOT BE AUTHORISED.

Autumn Term 2025

Half-term: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
Children return: **Tuesday 4 November 2025**
Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
Children return: Tuesday 6 January 2026
Half-term: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
Training Day and polling: 7 May 2026 (Children Not in)
Year 6 SATs in 2026 are scheduled to take place from Monday, May 11th to Thursday, May 14th
Half-term: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
Term ends: Friday 17 July 2026
Term starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026 (Training days TBC)