



“Pupils really enjoy reading. They relish taking part in the school’s reading challenges and many are ‘reading ambassadors’. Pupils talk excitedly about the wide range of different books they have read. Older pupils help younger children with their reading. Reading is at the heart of school life.”
Ofsted, December 2022

MEADGATE SCHOOL’S BOOK WEEK 2024: Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Dear families,

From Monday 4th March, Meadgate School will be celebrating reading and our love of books. Teachers are planning a range of book-centred activities to excite and engage your children but, as always, we would also like to invite you to help your children make the most of book week activities that parents and carers can get involved with too.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair will arrive on Thursday 29th February and be in the school until Wednesday 6th March. The fair will be open every afternoon once the children have been dismissed from class until 3:45. As always, there will be a good range of quality fiction and non-fiction available to purchase. You can, of course, use your World Book Day voucher to get a £1 discount off your chosen book!

Don’t forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school. All books bought by you will earn the school commission in new books so we appreciate your custom very much.

Learning Walks – Monday 4th March

We would love to invite you into school to see what our programme looks like at Meadgate. As partners in your we believe it is essential for you to have some insight into reading and support your child’s literacy development.



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When can you come?

9:00-9:30 Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

2:30-3:10 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Please note the difference in timings for KS1 and KS2 children. We know that many families have children in both key stages and so we are aiming to make the sessions as accessible as we can for parents and carers, so please feel free to attend both sessions if your family have children in both.

During this time, you will have the opportunity to observe reading lessons in action and experience first-hand how our dedicated staff engage students. You will learn about our teaching methods and the strategies and techniques we employ to teach the phonics code, foster a love for vocabulary and reading and enhance comprehension and expressive reading aloud.

We believe that family involvement is crucial in supporting your child's academic journey, especially in literacy development. By coming to our learning walks, you'll gain valuable insights into how you can further support your child's reading progress at home.



World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help each child on their reading journey, each child will be given a £1 voucher which they can use to purchase books at a reduced cost. The voucher can also be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books available at book stores.

Meadgate Primary's Book Swap Station

On World Book Day, some of our KS2 Reading before school for the grand opening of our This will be located just outside the school office by book no longer needed, bring it along before or after school and swap it for something you might enjoy from the shed.

BOOKSWAP



Ambassadors will be on hand Meadgate Book Swap Station! our front door. If you have a

Reader's Theatre: Friday 8th March

Throughout the week in school, your children will be building on the reading lesson you will have seen on Monday, developing their reading skills until they are ready to perform. You may well be chosen by your child as a 'lucky listener' at home to show off to! Then, at the end of book week, we want to share a celebration with you. You are invited to Reader's Theatre at Meadgate Primary School where your children will perform whatever they have been working on all week with their class. Please come along to celebrate with us!

9:00-9:30 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

9:30-9:50 Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

On that day, **KS1 will have a dress up day** – your child can come dressed as a book character! **KS2 will come with a clue for the performance they are going to give!** We would like to invite the children to bring or wear to school an item that gives a clue to the book they are reading from.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can empower our students to become confident, lifelong readers.

Happy reading!



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