



Newsletter

October 2026

Principal Update

It has been a successful and positive start to the new school year, and has been wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm and positivity. We have also been delighted to welcome 17 new students to our school community, alongside new members of staff who have already begun to make a valuable contribution to school life.

The beginning of a new academic year can be challenging for many of our students. Returning after the summer break, adjusting to new routines, moving classes, and building confidence and trust with different staff members all take time. We are incredibly proud of how our students have approached these changes, and it has been pleasing to see them settling in, developing positive relationships, and engaging well with learning. The atmosphere across the school has been purposeful, supportive, and encouraging, and I for one am excited about the year ahead.

Save the Date!

Start of Term 2: Monday 2nd November.

Purple Class Swimming begins: Friday 13th November (3 weeks)

Maths Day: Friday 20th November.

Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 16th–20th November.

Children in Need day: Friday 20th November.

Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon: Monday 23rd November.

Primary Winter Workshops: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December

Secondary Winter Crafts Afternoon with Parents/Carers: Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day: Thursday 10th December.

Celebration Assembly Secondary: Monday 14th December 1:30pm.

Celebration Assembly Primary: Tuesday 15th December 1:30pm.

Christmas Fayre: Wednesday 16th December 1:30pm.

End of Term 2: Friday 18th December.

Start of Term 3: Tuesday 5th January.

We will miss you!

Today we say goodbye to Miss Jamie and Miss Jade.

Although Miss Jamie has only been with the academy for a short time she has worked very hard to create fun learning activities for Green Class.

Miss Jade has worked with some of our youngest students at the academy, caring for them and helping them learn. Thank you, Miss Jamie and Miss Jade, we wish you all the very best for the future.



Staffing Update

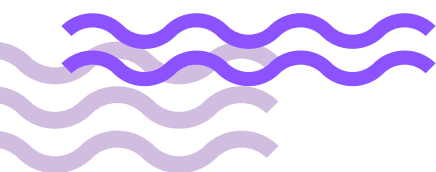
We are delighted to welcome Miss Ella Beeby to our team! Miss Ella will be joining us as the new teacher in Green Class. She has a wealth of experience working within specialist settings and will join the academy on Monday 16th November.

Ms Kat Stefanova has successfully been appointed to the role of Learning Mentor.

We are also delighted that Miss Malavika, Miss Rebecca, and Miss Daniella will also be joining the Academy to support in classes. These are three great additions to the team.

And finally, Ms Dawn Burns recently joined the academy as a Midday Supervisor, having previously worked closely with many of our students as a PA on local authority transport. Dawn is a great addition to the team and is already making a positive impact in her new role.

Congratulations to them all on their appointments, thank you for the support they are already providing to the school and welcome to Medeshamstede!



Attendance

What an incredible start to the new academic year. As of today we are at 94% attendance for the whole school so far. This is due to our students and parents positivity and determination to maintain good routines and learning opportunities.

We have an incredible 53 students with 100% so far and a further 21 above 95%. THANK YOU all so much. Here's to achieving our goal of 95% + for this year. You are amazing!

Mrs Maker





School Council News



New



School Council



Jobs

Everyone who wanted a special role shared why they would be good at the job.
Then the School Council voted.



Congratulations to:

Callum – Chair

Alfie – Vice Chair

Logan – Secretary

Noah – Publicist



Macmillan



Coffee Morning

The School Council talked about:

- What a Coffee Morning is
- Why we are raising money for Macmillan
- How everyone in school can help



The students across the school support the Macmillan Coffee Morning by making cakes, biscuits and decorations. Teal Class were brilliant hosts, making sure parents were welcomed and enjoyed tea and a cake. We raised £60 for the charity.

Thank you to all who contributed and special thanks to Boots and Bakes for donating the very popular cookies and brownies and to Ms Nicholson for the beautiful Autumn wreath.



UNITY

As an academy, we are continually striving to improve and evolve to ensure we provide the very best for every pupil, every day. Central to this mission is our commitment to creating a learning environment that is inclusive, ambitious, and nurturing.

Our values are embedded into our daily practice and form the foundation of our expectations. All staff are accountable to these values, which guide our interactions, decision-making, and the way we support our pupils to thrive both academically and personally.

Understanding – We take time to truly know and understand each pupil – their communication style, sensory profile, interests, and challenges. We respond with empathy and adapt our support so that every child feels seen, heard, and respected. Understanding is the foundation of trust, connection, and learning.

Nurturing – We provide a caring, predictable environment where pupils feel emotionally and physically safe. Our staff build positive relationships that support wellbeing and help students develop confidence, independence, and emotional regulation. We nurture growth, not just academically, but as whole people.

Inclusion – Every pupil belongs and is part of our community. We create flexible, accessible learning environments so that all students, regardless of their starting point, can participate meaningfully in school life. Inclusion means more than access – it means celebrating difference and making sure everyone feels valued.

Trust – Trust is built through honesty and reliability. We keep our promises and always act with respect and kindness. You can trust that we will be here for each child, supporting and helping them every step of the way.

You Matter – Our school community know they are seen, heard, and valued every single day.





Over the past year, we have been working hard to further develop and strengthen our curriculum offer. As part of this work, we have reimagined our curriculum and pathway model to ensure that every pupil receives the learning experiences, support and opportunities they need to flourish.

Our curriculum is now known as The Meadows Pathway, built around the symbolism of a meadow. A meadow represents safety, belonging, diversity and growth. Just as every flower in a meadow grows and blooms in its own unique way, every pupil follows their own individual journey. While each pupil's strengths, needs and aspirations may be different, all require the right conditions to learn, develop confidence and achieve success.

Throughout their time with us, pupils draw upon the opportunities, experiences and support available within the meadow to thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Our three pathways have been carefully designed to provide the curriculum conditions each pupil needs to learn, grow and make meaningful progress.

As part of this exciting development, our pathways have been renamed to better reflect the learning journey that pupils undertake:

- ***Discover Pathway** (formerly Pre-Formal Pathway)
- ***Explore Pathway** (formerly Semi-Formal Pathway)
- ***Investigate Pathway** (formerly Formal Pathway)

These new pathway names reflect our commitment to nurturing curiosity, independence and a love of learning, while recognising that every pupil's journey through the meadow is unique.

We are excited to continue this next stage of our curriculum throughout the year. Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team if you would like further information about our pathways.

Preparing for Adulthood

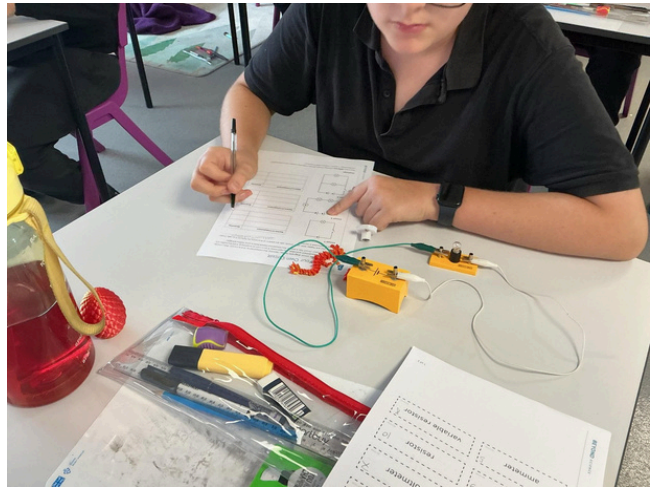
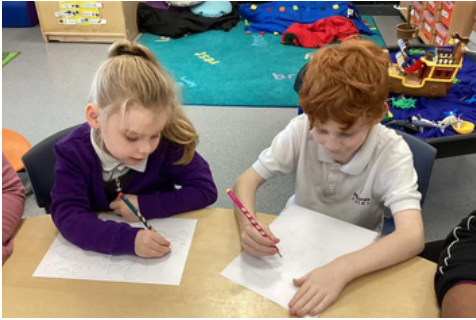
This term, Teal students completed their work experience placement at The Green Backyard in Peterborough. Through hands-on environmental projects, students helped support biodiversity, sustainability and community wellbeing while developing valuable employability skills. Their experience enabled them to move beyond observation and become active contributors, making a positive impact on the local environment.



Magenta students will begin their work experience placement at West Raven Community Garden in Peterborough. Students will support community projects, help maintain the garden and local area, and contribute to initiatives that promote health, wellbeing and environmental awareness. This exciting opportunity will help students build confidence, develop workplace skills and make a meaningful contribution to their community.



Learning in Action



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Adventures Beyond the Classroom



Pink Class have enjoyed their weekly forest school sessions where they have had the opportunity to explore and identify their favourite areas, as well as build dens, create natural pink wands and emotion faces.



Violet Class spent an amazing morning at Flag Fen looking at timelines, learning about the local area, stone paintings, bark rubbing, clay pot making, looking at historical artefacts and guessing what historical period or pre-historic period they are from. We then looked at the roundhouses and the 3000 year old bridge.



Holiday Events



The Gruffalo

Meet The Gruffalo at the Railway

25th October 2026

All aboard for a woodland railway adventure!



Thomas's Branch Line Weekends

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Last weekend of each month

Travel behind Thomas on his Branch Line to Yarwell and back



Nene Park Trust

28th Oct



Climbing Wall Sessions

Nene Outdoors Watersports & Activity Centre, Peterborough

The climbing wall is up and ready at Nene Outdoors, and it's your chance to see how high you can go! This fun 45-minute session is perfect for anyone who wants to try something new, build confidence and have a great time along the way.

24th Oct - 1st Nov

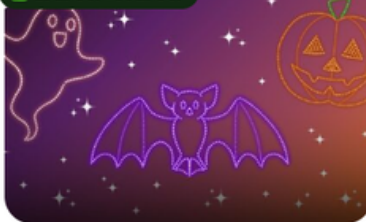


Spooky Adventure Trail

Ferry Meadows, Peterborough

Follow the trail, discover the hidden animals watching you in Ferry Meadows to complete the quiz and claim your well-earned prize!

29th Oct - 30th Oct



Halloween Drone Show

Ferry Meadows, Peterborough

Get ready for a brand-new Halloween experience as Peterborough's first ever Halloween Light Drone Show comes to Ferry Meadows on 29 and 30 October.

26th Oct



FREE Bird Watching for Families Workshop

Ferry Meadows, Peterborough

Join us this October Half Term for a FREE Family Birdwatching Workshop and discover the amazing birds that call Ferry Meadows home!

Please note: These are local community events that may be free or paid. The Academy is not associated with or responsible for the organisation of these activities.

Family Voice Events



Carers Rights Day
Thursday 19th
November 2026

Family Voice
Peterborough are in
Partnership with Argo
Lounge and have a
great deal for Carers
Rights day to come
along and have a free
tea or Coffee.



All you need to do is mention
'Family Voice Parent Carers
Rights Day' at the till



FVP in partnership with Argo Lounge

Family Voice are a local registered charity who are actively seeking to improve services in all areas of the lives of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs.

They are here for Parents and Carers of children and young people aged 0–25 years with a disability or additional needs.

Check out the website:
familyvoice.org

LISTENING EVENT

Monday 23rd November
12:30 - 14:30
The Fleet, Fletton, PE2 8DL

Q & A Session for Parent Carers
general concerns currently on
SEND

This event is online or face to face
when booking you will get the option, then
given a joining link

Want to find out more?
Visit www.familyvoice.org



Registered Charity in England and Wales. Charity No: 1171389



Scan to Book

Scan the QR Code or click on the
linker below to book:

<https://gqr.sh/wYzz>

SAVE THE DATE !
For the Family Voice Annual
Conference 2027

Monday, 1st February 9.15 - 14.30
Venue - to be confirmed

Put the date in your diary for next years
Parent Carer Annual Conference.

You are invited to meet with a Panel of
Professionals from Children's Social Care,
Health and SENI Services to ask questions
and take part in a range of workshops
with a Buffet lunch included.

Your voice counts !



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