



Tuesday 8th September 2026,

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we settle into the new school year, it has been fantastic to see such high standards across the board, particularly in uniform and behaviour. Our students are arriving each day ready to learn, dressed smartly and showing pride in their school – something we know is only possible through the strong partnership between home and school. Your continued support plays a vital role in maintaining these expectations, and we are grateful for the positive impact this has on the whole school community.

Reading continues to be a focus across the school, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and engagement in their reading both in class and at home. We've seen a significant increase in Boom Reader entries, which is fantastic evidence of this shared commitment to reading for pleasure and progress. Thank you for encouraging regular reading at home – it's making a real difference. We are still working on the reading comprehension to improve end of Key Stage 2 outcomes.

Uniform

A polite reminder that all children should be in full school uniform every day. Small stud earrings are allowed, however children cannot partake in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings, they will be provided with a different role within the lesson, so they need to be removed.

Communication

To keep parents informed and maintain strong school-family relationships, the school will use the following communication platforms:

Class Dojo: Used for key school updates, photos and communication. New families will receive login details this week. The school will not be using text messages this year, so please check Class Dojo regularly.

Facebook: The school's page will share class events and learning highlights. Please like and follow *Mesne Lea Primary School* on Facebook.

Communication Guidance:

Use **Class Dojo** to contact your child's teacher.

For ongoing concerns, always contact the class teacher in the first instance, so they can quickly find solutions.

In addition to this, you can then contact:

Nursery/Reception: Miss Alexander

Key Stage 1: Mrs Stott

Lower Key Stage 2: Miss Gibson

Upper Key Stage 2: Mr Evans

Our SENDCo in school is Mrs Dougill and our deputy SENDCo is Mrs Stott.

If you feel that an issue has not been addressed or resolved, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carwright, our Deputy Head Teacher, who will be happy to assist you.

Attendance

At Mesne Lea Primary School, we know the impact regular attendance has on your child's learning and well-being, and that having good attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and developing skills for life and work. Regular attendance enables pupils to adapt to better routines, schoolwork and friendship groups.

Therefore, we ask that parents/carers support the school by ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives ready to learn and on time.

Punctuality

We are very proud of the way that our pupils come into school in the morning. Almost all our pupils arrive on time. This is very important and encourages habits of good timekeeping and stops classroom disruption.

I would like to remind you that school starts at 8.50am and the school gates will be locked promptly At 8:55am. If you arrive after the gates are locked, please come to the main office and sign in using the screen. A pupil who arrives late, after the register has closed, will be marked as late. If they arrive after 09:30am, they will be marked as U on the school register which counts as an unauthorised absence. Poor punctuality will mean your child is walking into an already working classroom and can have a huge impact on their learning.

A reminder to parents and carers that children should not enter school via the main office each morning, unless this has been specifically agreed in advance with the Head Teacher. This helps us to maintain a smooth and safe start to the school day and ensures that children enter school through the appropriate routes.

We would also kindly ask parents and carers to avoid making appointments or arranging early collections during the school day wherever possible. Regular attendance and learning time are extremely important, and even short periods away from school can impact on a child's learning and progress. If an appointment is unavoidable, please provide the office with as much notice as possible and follow the usual collection procedures. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Food, Allergens and Birthday Celebrations

At Mesne Lea Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of all our children is our priority. We are working closely with Citywide, with regards to Benedict's Law, to ensure that food is prepared and served safely, with allergy information carefully managed. Please ensure that the school is informed of any allergies or dietary requirements and that this information is kept up to date. To support our commitment to allergy safety and inclusion, birthday cakes and sweets brought into school from home will no longer be permitted. Instead, families may choose to donate a book to our school library in their child's name as a special and lasting way to celebrate their birthday. We thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping us keep every child safe.

PE Days for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

PE lessons starts this week. Cherry Tree Room children will have their PE session with their mainstream class. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the following day:

Mesne Lea Minis – Tuesday
Reception Bees – Wednesday
Reception Butterflies – Wednesday
Year 1 Canaries – Thursday
Year 1 Robins – Thursday
Year 2 Starlings – Friday
Year 2 Wrens – Friday
Year 3 Dolphins – Friday

Year 3 Orcas – Friday
 Year 4 Giraffes – Wednesday
 Year 4 Wallabies – Wednesday
 Year 5 Macaws – Tuesday
 Year 5 Geckos – Tuesday
 Year 6 Geese – Thursday
 Year 6 Swans – Thursday

Yours sincerely,
 Ms V Unsworth
 Head Teacher

Please see below all our important dates and events for the next couple of weeks/months.

Monday 21st September 2026	EYFS Open Day	New Nursery and Reception for September 2026	Prospective parents for Nursery/Reception for September 2026 start 9:30am and 1:30pm sessions. Please email school mesnelea@prestoleetrust.org to book to attend one of the sessions.
Tuesday 22nd September 2026	Whole School	Individual Pictures	All children in full school uniform, please bring PE kit in a bag if your child has PE on that day.
Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Whole School	Siblings Pictures	Children with siblings in school in full school uniform, please bring PE kit in a bag if your child has PE on that day.
Thursday 24th September 2026	Selected Year 5 and Year 6 pupils	Quicksticks Competition	Selected Year 5 and Year 6 Quicksticks competition at Waterloo Primary School. 1:00pm-3:30pm
Wednesday 30th September 2026	Reception to Year 6	Nasal Flu	Nasal flu vaccination in school.
Friday 9th October 2026	Year 2	Harvest Assembly	Year 2 Harvest class assembly, all Year 2 Parents/Carers welcome to attend. 2:30pm 3:30pm in the hall.
Wednesday 14th October 2026	Reception	Read Write Inc Workshop	Read Write Inc Workshop in the hall. All reception parent/carers are encouraged to attend. 9:00am-10:00am
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Year 5 and Year 6	Halloween Disco	Halloween Disco organised by school. Tickets will be available to purchase from the 1st October to the 15th October. 6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026	Year 3 and Year 4	Halloween Disco	Halloween Disco organised by Kickstart. 6:00pm-7:30pm. A link to purchase your ticket will be sent nearer the time.
Thursday 22nd October 2026	Whole School	Last day of term	School will be closing at 3:25pm, as normal.
Friday 23rd October 2026	Whole School	Inset Day	School is closed for all pupils.
Monday 26th October 2026 to Sunday 1st November 2026	Whole School	Half term holiday	School is closed for all pupils. Kickstart will be operating a holiday club.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Whole School	First Day of term	School opens at 8:50am as normal.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Year 5	Swimming	Monday 2 nd November will be the last swimming session for Year 5.