



12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It's been fantastic to see the children return so happy and eager to share their holiday stories. They've settled in well and are excited for the year ahead.

A warm welcome to our new Nursery and our new to Mead Reception children, as well as new staff and families joining the Mead family. We're excited to get to know you all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask—we're here to help.

We are looking forward to the year ahead. These are some of the things that we will be focusing on this year:

- Maintaining the school's robust safeguarding policies and procedures so that there continues to be a strong safeguarding culture
- Continue to ensure that our behaviour policy is understood by all stakeholders including revisiting our learning behaviours
- Continuing to work collaboratively with Auriol to create a "Primary Community"
- Continuing to ensure that good standards of attendance and punctuality are maintained in line with DFE expectations
- Embedding our new writing and science schemes
- Participating in the math's mastery program through the Surrey Math's Hub
- Continuing to ensure that equality, diversity and inclusion to ensure is at the front and center to all our thinking, actions and planning
- Further enriching the curriculum by increasing the opportunities for all pupils to develop their character, stretch their talents and widen their interests during their time at The Mead
- Engaging with parents further to support their children's education

Reminders

School Uniform

It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniform. If your child is wearing trainers to school, they must be all black including any logo. Hair bands should be small and discreet and in school colours (blue, grey or white only).

If your child wears earrings to school, they must only be a small stud and must be removed for PE. Your child must be able to do this themselves or if they are unable to do this, your child must not wear earrings on PE days. This is for health and safety reasons.

Please refer to our school uniform policy further information [School Uniform Policy](#)

Drop off and Pick up Times

Year Group/Class	Drop Off	Location	Pick Up	Location
Rock Hoppers (15hrs)	8.50	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	12.00	Cuddington Avenue side of school
Rock Hoppers (30hrs)	8.50	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	3.00	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)
Emperors	8.50	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	3.00	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)
Reception	8.40	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)	2.50	Cudas Close side of the school (Nursery outdoor classroom)
Year 1	Between 8.30 and 8.35	Year 1 classroom doors accessed by the black gate next to the field	3.05	Year 1 classroom doors accessed by the black gate next to the field
Year 2	Between 8.30 and 8.35	Doors by the school mosaic	3.05	Circles in the playground- please wait behind the green fence in the main playground

Please note that for safety of our staff and children the school gates will be locked at 9.00 am and 3.15 pm

If your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by 9.00am

The school can be notified on our absences phone line – 0208 393 0966 or via email attendance@mead.surrey.sch.uk

If we have not heard from you by 9.30 a.m. and your child is not in school, we will telephone you to reassure ourselves that they are safe. If we are unable to make contact, we will then try your emergency contact. If we are still unable to make contact, the school will carry out a welfare check to your home to check that your child is safe.

If you arrive late to the school, please take your child to the school office, which is accessed via Cuddington Avenue during the school day after 9.00am

Scooters and Bikes

We love to see children scooting or cycling to school but please remember that once they are in the playground they must not cycle or scoot. The reason we ask the children not to do this is because it is very busy during these times and accidents can happen. The bike and scooter racks are behind the school near the year 1 classrooms.



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Parking

We continue to see a number of cars parking on Cudas Close during drop off and pick up times. Please remember there are parking restrictions on Cudas Close and Cuddington Avenue. It means that you must not park or wait in your car during drop off and pick up times unless you are a blue badge holder. These are there to keep our families safe, please help us to do this by abiding by the restrictions.

Parent Volunteers.

We love to welcome parent volunteers into school. If this is something that you are interested in doing and finding out more about, please could you email the school office office@mead.surrey.sch.uk to register your interest by Friday 26th September.

For further information on volunteering at school please click on this link [Volunteering in School](#) or see our website

Communication

Teachers are usually available at the end of the day for you to ask them any questions but please wait until they have made sure that all their children have been handed over safely to their parents and carers. They are also happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time if you need a longer opportunity to talk with them or give you a call if you are unable to see them at school. You can also email your teacher via the class email.

Class Email Addresses and Guidance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
rockhoppers@mead.surrey.sch.uk	turtles@mead.surrey.sch.uk	hedgehogs@mead.surrey.sch.uk	bears@mead.surrey.sch.uk
emperors@mead.surrey.sch.uk	jellyfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk	badgers@mead.surrey.sch.uk	leopards@mead.surrey.sch.uk
	starfish@mead.surrey.sch.uk	squirrels@mead.surrey.sch.uk	monkeys@mead.surrey.sch.uk

To support a healthy work-life balance, staff are not expected to respond to emails between 5:00pm and 8am or during weekends and school holidays. Emails will be answered within 48 hours, but urgent matters

will be addressed as soon as possible. We expect all emails to be courteous and respectful from both staff and parents. Thank you

Mrs Bedford (my Deputy Head and SENDco) and I are out in the playground before and after school when we can be, but if you need to make an appointment to see us, please do this through the school office by email or telephone and we will try our best to see you as soon as possible. We are always happy to meet with you and work together to resolve any issues.

Please see below a list of important dates for this term

I appreciate that there is lots of information to remember, but we are always happy to help, so please just ask us if you are not sure.

Kindest regards
Mrs Creasey

Upcoming Events

Please also keep a look out on “Coming up Next Week” for further events specific to the year groups.

Date	Event	Time/place
Wednesday 17th September	Year 2 Parent Welcome Meeting Year 1 Parent Welcome Meeting	10.30am online 1.30pm online
Thursday 18 th September	Reception Parent Welcome Meeting	1.30pm online
Friday 19th September	Nursery Welcome meeting	9.10am School Hall
Tuesday 23 rd September	Darwin’s Kingdom visiting Nursery	
Thursday 2 nd October	School Photos	
Friday 3 rd October	School Photos	
Thursday 9 th October		
Friday 10 th October	Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day – children wear something yellow with their school uniform	Further information to follow
Week beginning Monday 13 th October	Parent consultations	Hybrid Virtual /face to face – further details will follow
Thursday 16 th October	9.30 Year R parents reading/phonics workshop 10.30 Year 1 parents reading/phonics workshop Foodbank donations for Harvest	Online Online
Friday 17th October	Harvest Assembly (children and staff) Break for half term	2 weeks (return Monday 3rd November)



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Monday 3 rd November	Children return to School Year R Parent Maths Workshop	9.05 - online
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 1 drop in for parents for children to share their learning with you	3.15pm-3.35pm
Thursday 6 th November	Year 2 drop in for parents for children to share their learning with you	3.15pm-3.35pm
Monday 10 ^h November	Anti- Bullying Week Odd socks day Scholastic Book fair this week Year 1 Parent Maths Workshop	Online
Tuesday 11 th November	Parent Tours for prospective Nursery and Reception parents (Sept 2026 intake) Please check the website for further information and share this information with any prospective parents you know!	
Wednesday 12 th November	Positive Noticing Day	Further information to follow
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need	Further information to follow
Tuesday 18 th November Tuesday 25 th November	Parent Tours for prospective Nursery and Reception parents (Sept 2026 intake) Please check the website for further information and share this information with any prospective parents you know!	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Nursery Christmas Shows Emperors show 1 Rockhoppers Emperors show 2	9.30am 11.30am 2.15pm
Thursday 4 th December	Year R Christmas Show	9.30am- 10am
Friday 5 th December	Year R Christmas Show	9.30am- 10am
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Show Year 2 Christmas Show	9.15am-10.00am 10.15- 11.00am

Friday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas Show Year 1 Christmas Show	9.15am-10.00am 10.15- 11.00am
Tuesday 16 th December	Last day of term for children	
Monday 5th January	Term starts and all children return	

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