



PARENTS EVENING

Parents evenings are next **Monday 20th** and **Wednesday 22nd October**.

Please book your appointment via Arbor as soon as possible. If you need help, please contact the office.


POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal is back!
Children can bring cash to school to purchase merch from the office. Please note that we can't provide change as the money will go directly into the collection tub.



All proceeds go to the RBL, supporting the armed forces community past and present.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Thank you for helping us support 'Show Racism the Red Card' today - you all look amazing in red! 

SPORTING SUPERSTARS

We have some fantastic sporting achievements to share with you this week! A huge well done to the following children:

Violet attended the Everton ladies match on Sunday with her football team and got to walk out onto the pitch with the players!

"I loved walking out with Van Gool. I looked for Mrs McCarthy in the crowd."

Maisie and Sophia both brought home medals from their gymnastics competition last weekend!

Tommy was named 'Fielder of the Year' for the U9s at his Cricket presentation last Friday!



PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The closing date for [secondary school applications](#) is **31st October 2025**.

The closing date for [primary school applications](#) is **15th January 2026**.

You **MUST** apply before these dates, any applications made after these dates will be classed as late.

Paper applications for secondary school must be handed in by next Friday 24th October due to the half term break.

If you need help with your application please see the school office.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We currently have vacancies for parent governors on our board. The link below provides a little more information.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRqJ_bFipHk

If you are interested in becoming a member of our governing board please drop an email to the office

enquiries@admin.beechill.wigan.sch.uk

WONDERFUL WRITING

A huge well done to Jordan M on winning a writing competition at the Deanery last week. Enjoy your prizes!

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial if children are to achieve the best outcomes possible. Please ensure your child attends school every day or you may be given a fixed penalty notice.

Best attending classes week ending **10/10/25:**

EY/KS1 - Swift 99.7%

KS2 - Eagle 100% !!!



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20.10.25: Parents evening

22.10.25: Parents evening

24.10.25: Last day of half term

03.11.25: Return to school today



Woodpecker Newsletter



In Art, we are learning about 3D sculptures. We practiced handling clay and making our own wall relief.



In Science, we have been learning about light sources. We learnt about the UV rays from the sun and designed our own sunglasses to protect us.

In Geography, we are learning about rivers. We made our own to think about how they flow.

We look forward to seeing you all during parent conferences next week - if you haven't already booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.





The Family Hub at The Meadows

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of The Meadows Family Hub Partner Newsletter, designed to keep you in the loop with what's happening in the hub and across the local area for families. This isn't a public bulletin—it's for schools, health teams, and community partners who work directly with children and families. Our goal is simple: to make sure you know what support is available now, what's coming up, and how to refer or signpost families into the right help at the right time.

As we head into autumn, it's more important than ever that families know where to turn. The Hub is open all year round, with sessions, drop-ins, and practical support continuing throughout the season. We'll be back with our next full newsletter soon, but in the meantime please keep referring, sharing our services, and signposting families who might need a bit of extra help. We're here, we're local, and we're ready to support.

Detailed information is available on our Facebook page, or feel free to give us a call if you'd like to know more or make a referral.



Meet the team - Linda

Linda is the warm, welcoming face you'll see as soon as you enter our hub. As our Business Support, she's our front of house answering calls, keeps things running smoothly and makes sure every family feels seen, heard and supported from the moment they arrive. Linda knows the local area well and is always ready with a smile. **Fun fact:** She only drinks Yorkshire Tea!



MULTIBANK SUPPLIERS

Supporting Families Together: The Family Hub Joins Forces with The Brick

The Family Hub is now a proud distribution point for The Brick in Wigan, helping families access essential items like hygiene products, cleaning supplies, nappies, toys, and more—without needing to travel into the town centre. This service is available via professional referral only, making it easy for those working locally to support families quickly and conveniently. To refer a family, simply call the Hub, let us know what they need, and we'll arrange for the items to be collected directly from us. There's no lengthy process, just a straightforward way to get help to those who need it. We're really pleased to be working in partnership with The Brick to make this support more accessible to our community.

Get Advice Close to Home: Drop-In with Citizens Advice at the The Family Hub

We're excited to share that Citizens Advice are now offering weekly drop-in sessions at the Family Hub, making it easier for families to access trusted advice and support right in their local community.

No need to travel into the town centre—families can simply drop in every Tuesday between 1pm and 4pm to speak directly with an advisor. Support is available on a wide range of issues, including:

- Benefits and Universal Credit
- Debt and money worries
- Housing and tenancy
- Employment rights
- Family and legal matters

Professionals can signpost families to the Hub, knowing they'll receive confidential, expert advice in a familiar and welcoming setting. We're proud to be working with Citizens Advice Wigan Borough to make support more accessible for the families we serve.



We're Now Part of the Good Things Foundation National Databank!

We're excited to share that the Family Hub is now a registered Good Things Foundation National Databank site, helping tackle data poverty by offering free mobile data to families who need it most.

Professionals can refer families directly to the Hub for support to stay connected. The process is simple: just call the Hub to make a referral, let us know what the family needs, and we'll arrange for them to collect their data support package. It's a quick, local way to help families get online and stay connected.

We're proud to be part of this national initiative, working with the Good Things Foundation to make digital access fairer and more inclusive.

Did you know?

Did you know there's no formal referral needed for families to access support from The Meadows Family Hub? Parents and professionals can contact us directly by phone, email, or messaging us through our social media channels. Whether it's a quick question, a concern about housing, parenting support, or mental health—just reach out and we'll connect families to the right help! We also offer a variety of universal support, all free to families, including sessions, drop-ins, and practical advice. Detailed information is available on our Facebook page, or you can give us a call to find out more.



Building Strong Foundations, Early Years and our Birth to 5 pathway



All Family Hubs have two qualified and experienced Early Years Workers, at our Hub Emma and Nic lead our Birth to Five Pathway, a high-quality programme designed to support families from pregnancy through to school readiness. This pathway includes a variety of free, engaging sessions such as Baby Massage, Baby Sensory, Let's Talk With Your Baby, and Fun Hub. Each session is carefully planned using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Ages and Stages guidance, ensuring they support key areas of child development including communication, physical and emotional wellbeing, and social skills. We work closely with the Early Years Team to deliver sessions that promote bonding and attachment, encourage positive parenting, and prepare children for their transition into nursery and to school. To support GLD. Families benefit from expert role modelling, opportunities to build peer support networks, and a welcoming, inclusive environment where both children and parents can thrive.

"These sessions have helped me understand my babies needs! Sarah M"

Within Family Hubs, we have a dedicated Group Worker role at our Hub, this is Nicky Sanderson, an experienced practitioner with specialist knowledge in parenting, money matters, and benefits. Nicky delivers a range of high-quality, targeted sessions designed to meet the needs of children (aged 5+), teenagers, and adults in our community. These include The Lounge, a relaxed parenting drop-in offering advice, emotional support, and connection; and All Things Money, which provides practical guidance around housing, benefits, budgeting, and other financial concerns. For children and young people, Nicky runs Chill Zones—safe, welcoming spaces for primary and high school-aged children that focus on emotional wellbeing, resilience-building, and social connection, all delivered in a fun and engaging way. These sessions are free, inclusive, and designed to empower families with the tools and support they need to thrive.

Supporting Families Through Group Work at the Family Hub



Spotlight on our partners



Making Spaces - CBT

For parents struggling with low mood, anxiety or stress. Referral or self referral accepted. Call us to refer, it's that simple! This is an appointment based service.



Locals Sexual Health Services

Offering confidential support for young people and adults on contraception, STIs and healthy relationships. Every Friday 3-5pm



Embrace Behaviour Circle's

These are free informal sessions for parent/carers to explore and share different strategies, approaches, ideas and information as well as benefit from emotional support.

How you can link in?

- Let us know about any events we can attend to promote Family Hubs to families
- Share our Facebook page on your website and news letters

Key dates

Free Family Halloween Event - 31st Oct 3.30-6pm

We're hosting a free Halloween event at the Family Hub—an afternoon of spooky fun for families! Expect games, prizes, a live DJ, and a visit from Wigan Athletic. Fancy dress is encouraged, and there's no need to book—just turn up and join the fun!

Mental Health Support Team in Schools are offering a series of parent/carer workshops

Workshops on anxiety and low mood during October half term. Sessions will take place at The Meadows Family Hub on:

- Tuesday 28th October
 - 10:00–11:00 Anxiety
 - 13:00–14:00 Low Mood
 - 15:30–16:30 Anxiety

- Wednesday 29th October
 - 10:00–11:00 Anxiety

Booking is essential via Eventbrite

Contact us

01942 488000
110 Ridyard Street, Wigan, WN5 9RQ



Contact us for more information on any course or session. All Dates and times are on timetable on facebook.

Family Hub at The Meadows – Starts 8th September – December
October Half Term Family Activities & Services

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Make Your Own Loom Bands Marsh Green Library 10.15am – 11.15am	Occupational Therapy/Speech and Language Therapy Beech Hill Hub 9.00am – 3.00pm Appointment Only	Halloweenies Baby Hub The Meadows 10.00-11.00am Booking essential 0 – 12 months	Children & Young People's Social Prescribers The Meadows 9.00 – 5.00pm Weekly/ Appt via GP
	Fangtastic Fun Hub The Meadows 11.00am – 1.00pm Weekly Drop In	Halloween Monster Mash Norley Hall Adventure Playground 1.00pm – 7.00pm Drop in all Ages	Halloween Monster Mash The Meadows 3.30pm – 6.00pm Drop in all ages
	Baby weigh in clinic The Meadows 1.00pm – 3.00pm Alternate Weekly/ Appt 0300 707 1245 for Appt	Children & Young People's Social Prescribers Social Skills Group. The Meadows 4.00pm – 6.00pm Referral only.	Local Sexual Health The Meadows 3.00pm – 5.00pm Weekly/ Drop in
	Baby weigh in clinic Pemberton Clinic 1.00pm – 3.00pm Alternate Weekly/ Appt 0300 707 1245 for Appt		
	Aspiring Futures Mentoring The Meadows 1.00 – 5.00pm Weekly / Appt		



Happy Halloween

Venue Address:

The Meadows: 110 Ridyard Street, WN5 9PQ

Beech Hill: Netherby Rd, Wigan WN6 7PT



Norley Adventure Playground: Lamberhead Rd, WN5 9TU

Boston House Health Centre: Frog Lane, WN6 7LB

Pemberton Health Centre: Sherwood Drive, WN5 9QX

- Meadows/Norley Adventure Playground
- Beech Hill Meadows Park

Family Hub at The Meadows October Half Term Adult Activities & Services

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fern Team Midwife The Meadows 9.00am – 5.00pm Weekly / Appt	Perinatal Mental Health The Meadows 9.00am – 5.00pm Weekly/Appt	Family Refugee Support Project The Meadows 9.30am – 3.10pm Weekly/ Appt	GP Assistant Health MOT Drop In The Meadows 8.00am – 4.00pm	Community Link Worker The Meadows 09.00am – 1.00pm Weekly/Appt
With You Drug and Alcohol Drop In The Meadows 9.00am- 5.00am	Citizens Advice Bureau Drop In The Meadows 1.00pm – 5.00pm Weekly starting 9/9	Adult Coping Group The Meadows 10.00am – 12.00pm Weekly/ Book via CP	Fern Team Midwife The Meadows 9.00am – 5.00pm Weekly / Appt	Wigan Family Welfare Counselling appts The Meadows 9.00am – 5.00pm
Community Link Worker The Meadows 11.00am – 1.00pm Weekly/Appt	Adult Mental Health Team appointments The Meadows 9.00 – 11.00am Weekly/Book via GP	Bump, Baby & You (antenatal sessions) The Meadows 6.00pm – 7.30pm Weekly/ Bookable via Eventbrite	Work Well The Meadows 9.00am – 12.00pm Drop In	Embrace Appointments The Meadows 2.00pm – 4.30pm Appointment only
Demystifying Mental Health The Meadows 11.30am – 12.30pm Drop In Weekly	ADHD Group The Meadows 11.30am – 12.30am Weekly/ Book via CP		Family Refugee Support Project The Meadows 9.30am – 2.00pm Weekly/ Appt	Locals Sexual Health The Meadows 3.00pm – 5.00pm Weekly/ Drop in
GP Assistant Health MOT Drop In The Meadows 1.00pm – 4.00pm	Daisy Team Midwife The Meadows 1.00pm – 5.00pm Weekly / Appt		Stop Smoking The Meadows 12.00pm – 2.00pm Drop in	
Family Information Service The Meadows 1.00pm – 2.50pm Weekly/Appt	Macmillan Cancer Care/ Support The Meadows 1.00pm – 5.00pm Weekly/Appt	Be Well Health Advisor (Weight Management) Drop in The Meadows 1.30pm – 3.30pm Drop In		
Making Space - Psychological Wellbeing Service The Meadows 2pm and 3pm Ring 01942 488000 to book an appointment				

Mental Health in School Teams Sessions:

Sessions to for parents and carers

Workshop to look at low mood, what can contribute and what can help.
Tue 28th Oct 1-2pm

Workshop looking at anxiety and coping strategies
Tue, 28th Oct 2025 10-11am
Tue, 28 Oct 3.30-4.30pm
Wed, 29th Oct 10-11am

For children who attend a Wigan central borough school/college



SCAN HERE TO BOOK



- Meadows/Norley Adventure Playground
- Beech Hill /Mesnes Park

 **01942 488000**

Did you know we have:
GP assistant Health Check drop ins?

- Monday's 1.00 - 4.00pm
- Thursday's 8.00 - 4.00pm

Call 01942 367438 to book your **FREE** appointment





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For more Family Hub session information please check out our Facebook on QR Code.