



Welcome to Reception

2026-27

Cohort



Meet the team

Who will I be working with?

Reception teachers



Miss Fletcher Rox



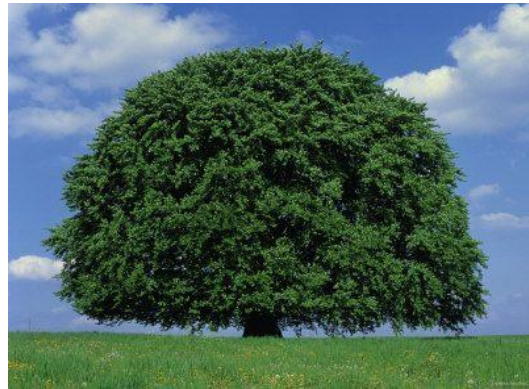
Mrs Pickering

Other Class Staff

- We have an excellent number of Learning Support Assistants who work in Reception.
- We are currently looking at staffing ready for September. Children will get to meet the Reception LSAs at their visits in July and in September.

Classes

The reception classes work together and free flow for the majority of the day. The children have the opportunity to interact with all adults across the setting. For registration and adult focused learning sessions they are split into 2 classes. These are called Beech and Cedar.



We will be sending out the class your child is in by email on Friday 4th September after the transition visits have finished. We will be using information from previous nurseries, home phone calls and transition events to allocate the children into classes.

School Uniform

- Round Neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan with Embroidered School Crest (Bottle Green)
 - White polo shirt/blouse
 - Grey trousers/knee length skirts
 - Shorts and summer dresses can be worn in warm weather.
 - Black shoes (with suitable heels) or trainers (with black shoelaces)
 - White, black, or grey socks or tights
 - School hair bands should be green or black. Bows must be small and green if worn.
- School PE kit (To be worn on PE days) / other items
- House PE top with School Crest - we will let you know what house your child will be in via email in the next few weeks.
 - Joma Short (Black) with School Crest
 - Black trainers or plimsolls
 - Swimming costume, towel, and swim hat.
 - All children need wellies at school for OPAL playtime every day
- Children in the colder weather will need an outside tracksuit, this must be plain and black in colour. School Tracksuits are available for our uniform supplier. Children will need a warm waterproof coat and a puddle suit or waterproof trousers for opal lunchtimes.

The school has a uniform and children are expected to adhere to this. The children wear their uniform with pride and should be smart with shirts tucked into trousers or skirts.

School uniform is supplied by Create Identitee, it can be ordered directly with them at their shop Unit 43 Greenway Business Centre, Harlow, Essex, CM19 5QE, or over the telephone 01279 456016. Order forms and samples of sizes are available at the school office

Please name all of your child's clothes and belongings



The following links take you to 2 companies that provide the PTA with a % of your purchases to help to raise money for the school.

Stamptastic – https://stamptastic.co.uk/#a_aid=5edcc47baf3eb

School Affiliate ID: 5edcc47baf3eb

School PTA Code: CM187BY

My Name Tags – <https://www.mynametags.com/>

School code – 6806



What will a day be
like?

Let's see how your day will start



When I come into school:

- Doors open at 8.40 and close at 8.45. You will be marked as late after the register closes at 8.50am
- You will come into the Reception classrooms through the gate.
- You will put your water bottle/lunchbox on the trolley.
- You will put your coat on your own peg (this will have your name on it).
- You will put your book bag in the box. (on Friday).
- If you are having a school dinner you will go to the adult at the big screen to choose, unless it has been ordered from home
- You will put your name up for self-registration
- Then it is time to complete your morning work before the carpet time.
- The end of the day is at 3.15pm.

My day:



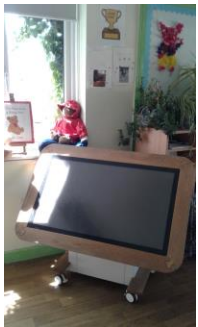
Throughout the day you can explore the activities in both classrooms and in the Early Years garden. They are set up to support the topic and the 7 areas of the Early Years curriculum (curriculum maps are available on our website for you to see what the children are learning each term).

Across each day there will be 4 whole class teaching sessions. This includes daily phonics and lots of other sessions linked to the Early Years areas. For most of these you will sit with your class on the carpet area.

After carpet times you will join in with group learning. You will complete a mixture of activities.

Next you will explore, learn and play in the classrooms and garden.

Each day you will have snack this will include, fruit, milk and a variety of other foods e.g. biscuits, pitta bread/dips. Snack costs £1.50 a week and can be paid weekly or termly.



Lunchtime:



Before lunchtime you will go to the toilet and wash your hands.

At lunchtime you may have a packed lunch or a school dinner. You will eat your lunch in the large hall. If you are school dinners you will go to the counter to collect your food, you can choose a meat option, vegetarian option, pasta option, jacket potato choice or a picnic bag. (This is chosen in the morning on the white board or ordered at home, Menus are available on the school website) You will use the cutlery that you need and eat with your friends. When you are finished you will tidy up your things.

After eating you will go out onto the Early Years garden to play. At some point during the first term the reception children will join in with the rest of the school in the OPAL play.



ISS Lunches

- [FHM Parent Comms 2025 \(digital\).pdf](#)
- Above is some more information about our school dinners.
- Children are entitled to a universal free school lunch every day. If your family is entitled to certain benefits your child will be entitled to Pupil Premium funding. This is extra funding for the school that give children FSM throughout their time at PTM, reduced breakfast club costs and other benefits for the school and children. Please apply for this to help your child and us as a school.
- Children who have allergies will not be able to have a school dinner until their special menu is agreed. If your child has any allergy you will need to complete the correct forms and then wait for a agreed menu.
- Children can change between school and home lunches each day as required.
- Copies of the school menu for September are available on the school website. There are 4 options for children to choose everyday. Parents can order at home or children can choose each morning. Attached is the link to show parents how to order from home. [Parent How to Guide.pdf](#)

Free School Meals (FSM) – Changes from September 2026

What is changing?

- From **September 2026**, the government is expanding eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM).
- This means **more children in Essex will qualify** for a free school meal, as it also includes parents on Universal credit.
- The change aims to better support families with the cost of living and ensure all children can access a healthy meal.

What this means...

- ✓ If you receive **Universal Credit** → **your child gets free meals**
- ✓ **If your income is low (below £7,400)** → school also receives **extra funding (Pupil Premium)**
- ✓ **If your income is higher on UC** → your child still gets meals, but funding may differ

Why this is important for your child

A free, nutritious meal every day supports:

- ✓ **Health and wellbeing**
- ✓ **Concentration and learning**
- ✓ **Positive school experience**

Even if your child is already in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2** (and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals), registering still matters as it is linked to Pupil Premium Funding.

Children eligible for FSM may also qualify for **Pupil Premium (PP)** funding.

This extra funding helps us to provide:

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-  Additional **academic support**
 -  **Pastoral and wellbeing support**
 -  Help with **trips, clubs and enrichment activities**
 -  **The more families who register, the more funding we receive to support eligible pupils.**

What we ask you to do...

- Check if your child(ren) is eligible – COMPLETE THE SCHOOL FSM/PP FORM (sent out via email) and we shall let you know
- Register with Essex County Council (even if your child brings a packed lunch, and no matter their year group)
- Help us ensure your child and our school receive all available support

WE NEED ALL FAMILIES TO COMPLETE THE SCHOOL FORM AND RETURN TO US - THIS WILL BE REQUESTED ANNUALLY TO ENSURE ALL PUPILS ARE IDENTIFIED. IF ELIGIBLE (WE WILL NOTIFY YOU), APPLICATION TO ESSEX WILL BE REQUIRED

If you're unsure or need help applying, please contact the school office – we're here to help.

OPAL Programme



- Children spend over 6 hours of their school week playing at break and lunch times. The opal project sets out to give children a wide variety of play experiences.
- At PTM this includes over the two playgrounds and the field all year round for all children- bikes and scooters, sand pit, digging area, book nook, construction, arts, water area, large loose parts, theatre, tyres, mud kitchen and small world toys. All children can play across any of the 31 zones.
- Some areas of our OPAL play spaces children must have wellies to use. Please ensure your child has wellies on the welly rack. Children are advised to have a spare pair of clothes with them incase they get muddy or wet. Children need a warm, waterproof coat and trousers. There is opal sways for you to see what goes on during an opal lunchtime.
- We are always looking for OPAL donations and parents to help us out with new areas around the school.
- Children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to eat their packed up or picnic bag outside.
- We have now been awarded Platinum status for our play offer. This puts us as school in the top 1% of the country for play opportunities.

OPAL PLAY CHARTER



Play must be fun for everyone,
we all have a right to play safely.



- Be ready. Follow the guidance in each area.
- Share and take turns - help each other. Be kind.
- Tidy up and put the toys and tools back in their homes.
- Wear wellies where we need to.
- Listen to adults and ask if you need help. Be safe.

Think First

Will it hurt or could it break?

Think First

Make good choices, manage risk and solve problems.

Have fun, be ready, be kind and be safe.



This is opal play charter.

This helps us to support children to all be able to access a fun and safe lunchtime.

Children will learn to make good choices, manage risk and solve problems



A reminder about opal clothing



Things to bring

Every day:

- Correct school uniform and hair tied up (if longer than shoulder length). **Please name all uniform**, even socks and shoes. We have 60 sets of identical uniform and we can help lost items get back to the right owner if things are clearly labelled. The uniform shop will embroider initials on for a small charge.
- Water bottle to keep in the classroom (we encourage children to drink water only).
- Weather bags - to keep the children safe throughout the seasons we advise that they have a weather bag for their peg. In the winter this could contain a hat, gloves and scarf. In the summer a sun hat and sun cream could go in the bag. **Please name all items.**

We ask that children do not bring toys into school. If they need a toy from home for comfort then this must be put in their book bag before coming into the classroom.

Each week:

- **Book bags in school every Friday.**
 - Sharing books, reading books and reading diary to be in the book bag. We will change your child's books on a Friday. We check your reading diary on this day,
 - Children to wear PE kit for PE days, again please label clearly. (We will inform you of days)
 - Any homework (when specified).
 - Swimming kit and £3 contribution - swimming will start once the weather is warm enough. The day will be confirmed nearer the time.
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- Wellies can stay at school on the class welly stand.

Learning opportunities:

In our Early Years we value learning through play and exploration. We aim to plan these opportunities in our indoor and outdoor learning environments. Here are some of the fantastic opportunities that pupils at Pear Tree Mead Academy can enjoy:

- A variety of activities and areas with provision for children to access, across both reception classrooms and the Early years garden.
- Outdoor learning in different areas of the school; our pond, our allotment, sand pit, digging areas and garden
- Swimming, children will need a swimming costume, towel and swim hat. Swimming costs £3 a week.
- A challenging and enabling learning environment.

If you would like to find out more about the Early Years Foundation Stage then visit this website: <https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>. You can also find out more about our Early Years by visiting the school website: <http://www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk/school-life/curriculum/>.



At Pear Tree Mead we are extremely lucky and proud to have a furry edition to our staff. His name is 'Numbers' and he is a qualified dog mentor.



Numbers is currently working on the job and learning what it is like to be a part of our amazing team. He has four handlers - Mrs Arnould, Mrs Peden, Mrs Davies and Mrs Thurgood.



Numbers works with the children, settling them into school, becoming a listening ear and someone that they can share their thoughts with. All children will be educated on the rules we follow when around Numbers.

School App and Contacting you.

- Please make sure that the school has your most recent details so that you can be contacted via the phone or through group -calls and that you have access to the school app. (Arbor)
- PTM is nearly a cashless school – please make sure you set up your Arbor app and make payments through it. Swimming is to be purchased via the app too. Snack and FOPTM events are still cash.
- The school is fully paperless and all information can be found on via emails, the Arbor app and website..

Pear Tree Mead Academy – school vision and motto.



School Branches:

In the Early Years we focus on the first three branches:







The Zones of Regulation:

- At Pear Tree Mead we teach the children important skills in regulating their own emotions and understanding the emotions of others. We start this learning in Reception where the children learn through the Zones of Regulation curriculum. The Zones are four coloured zones that relate to different types of emotions. The children will be taught how you may look, feel or behave when you are in these zones and how it is okay to feel different emotions. They will begin to be taught how to use different tools to regulate their emotions.

- If you would like to find out more please visit our website:

<https://www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk/school-life/curriculum/the-zones-of-regulation/>

The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
			
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control

Behaviour:

Pear Tree Mead Academy Expectations

Be Ready – ready to learn, ready to inspire, ready to listen

Be Kind – kind to others, kind to ourselves

Be Safe – safe in what we are doing, where we are, what we are accessing

BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour Recognitions

Children receive recognition for work, expected behaviour and effort. We have a structured behaviour system where children can be recognised for exemplary behaviour (above and beyond) or for reaching (or striving towards) each branch on the tree (achieving the skill).

Positive Notes - this is a certificate that is given to a child when they have shown behaviour that is 'above and beyond' - this is for them to take home. Positive notes are also given to visitors to the school, who have the opportunity to give them to a pupil if they see exemplary behaviour.

Each 'positive note' is recorded on the class recognition chart. When pupils have enough positive notes they will receive a phone call home! Further notes will amount to them being invited to a 'hot chocolate event' run by the Senior Leadership Team, where children will have a little hot chocolate treat and time with the leaders of the school.

Other Recognitions

- Across the school the children are arranged in house teams and can earn points for their house. The houses are named in line with the PCLC houses as we are part of the trust, these are **Griffin, Unicorn, Lion and Dragon**. House points are given out with a maximum of 5 at each occasion. A special treat is organised for the winning team each half term. This is something the children will be introduced to later in the year. Children wear house PE tops in the colour of their house. Children stay in the same house for all of their PCLC journey.
- Children can receive a Headteachers Award for excellent work and effort in their learning.
- We also have a 'Thank You' box in the main office where staff, parents and children can write messages of thanks to all school groups. These are shared in Assembly. This supports well-being within the school across all stakeholders.
- At lunchtime, our LSAs oversee the hall and Early Years garden. We run a recognition strip at lunchtimes, where individual children are given a strip of paper to recognise their super behaviour at lunchtimes. This is to add to the paper chain that they are creating in class, when the children have collectively achieved 100 recognition strips, they earn themselves extra play/lunchtime.

What if you are not doing the right thing

- Appropriate consequences will be given, taking into consideration the child
- We will communicate behaviour and consequences with the child's parents where necessary, and only that of their child, not any other pupils' involvement
- In extreme instances, where behaviour is continuous, over time, or for one large incident, the pupil may face expulsion for a fixed period (this will be communicated with parents and formally by letter). Incident(s) can include the pupil putting themselves or others at risk, safety of them or others and/or verbal/physical harm.

Attendance at PTM

- Will your child be a PTM Attendance Hero next year?
- Being here every day and on time really helps your child be happy, successful and get the very best from their education.



Did you know...

That just being late regularly can soon build up many hours of lost learning.

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...

Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...

or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes

3.5 Days from School

20 Lessons

10 Minutes

7 Days from School

41 Lessons

15 Minutes

10 Days from School

55 Lessons

20 Minutes

14.5 Days from School

82 Lessons

30 Minutes

22 Days from School

123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

Regular attendance is so important as just 2 weeks off school in a year will mean you child misses 50 lessons .

ATTENDANCE


WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.


How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons


89% & Below
 Drastic effect on academic achievement



95%-90%
 Cause for concern



100%-96%
 Excellent



For more information on the school's policy regarding attendance please visit

[Attendance - Pear Tree Mead Academy](#)

Home learning:

- We will change your child's reading books every Friday. The children will have a book band coloured book. Please record when you read in your book.
- Your child will also choose a sharing book in school. They will take this home, this is a story book which you can enjoy reading together.
- Reading at home every day is one of the best ways to help your child. This is a really important routine to get into.
- Your child will also bring home a set of rainbow words, these are given approximately once a half term. Please practise reading and writing these words frequently at home.
- There is a termly craft / art challenge based on the topic.
- We may set challenges on Tapestry for you to complete.



Useful websites:

These are some useful websites for you to use across the year :

- Busy Things www.busythings.co.uk This is a fun educational website which has activities for a variety of early learning areas. Username-home5826 Password-peartree
- Phonics Play www.phonicsplay.co.uk Throughout the year we will keep you updated with what your child is learning in phonics. We will also lead a workshop to explain what we are teaching and how we teach it. This website has some free games which can support your child's phonics development across the year.

Sharing your child's learning:

We like to share your child's progress through Tapestry. Tapestry is an online learning journal where we upload observations of things your child has been doing at school. You can like observations and upload comments. The children also enjoy it when they get to share their learning successes from home. Please upload photos and videos to show what your child has been doing at home, they will get to share these with their class.

If you are new to the school we will set up your accounts in the first few weeks.

Throughout the year you will also get the opportunity to look at your child's learning books. They will each have an English, Maths and topic book.



Assessment:

When children start in Reception it is vitally important that the staff get to know the children's developmental stages, their skills and their understanding. This is so that we understand each child's next step and whether they will need any additional support.

We will use the observations of staff and the teacher's professional understanding of the children to identify their developmental stage. As a school we also complete the Government Statutory Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a 20 minute age-appropriate activity-based assessment of pupils' starting point in;

- Language, communication, and literacy
- Mathematics

The children will also be assessed to see whether they require intervention for their speech and language through the WELLCOMM assessment.

Who to talk to:

If you have anything that you would like to talk about then the first point of call is always the class teacher or learning support assistant. We are very happy to talk. We don't check book bags daily, so please hand any letters to the staff member at the door.

If you would like to talk at the end of the day please wait until children are safely let out of the classrooms first.

If you feel that after speaking to a member of the class staff you still need to speak to someone else then please contact the school office as they will be able to point you in the right direction of who is best to speak to.

If you have a concern or query...

If you have a concern or query at Pear Tree Mead Academy, please speak to the class teacher first. We are always the best people to speak to. Teachers are with the children for most of the day and will be able to help you with any concerns.

After that they will be able to direct you to someone else to speak if you would like to.

Our website shows all members of staff.

[Pear Tree Mead Academy - Meet The Team](#)

Who to ask if you need any help or have a concern?

- Mrs Peden, Headteacher – Mental Health Lead
- Mrs Davies, Deputy Headteacher – Assessment and Behaviour Lead
- Mrs Arnould, Assistant Headteacher – Safeguarding, Early Years and Curriculum lead
- Mrs Thurgood – Inclusion Leader
- Mrs TM – Assistant SENDCo
- Mrs Williams – Learning mentor
- Mrs Townsend – Office Manager, Clerk to the governors, Attendance Officer
- Mrs Hayton – Front of House and Communications

We will always try and help – we can guide you to the correct person.

Family Information

- It is really important that you talk to us as teachers if there is new information that we should know about:
- Eg
- Family bereavement or serious illnesses within the family
- Family dynamics changing - eg changes to who are living with your children. People leaving or arriving
- Changes to your work patterns - eg moving to nights or changes to who will be looking after your child or picking them up.
- Changes to addresses and phone numbers
- New diagnosis, concerns, referrals or medication being taken
- Safeguarding concerns - anything that you might be worried about at home. We are here to help

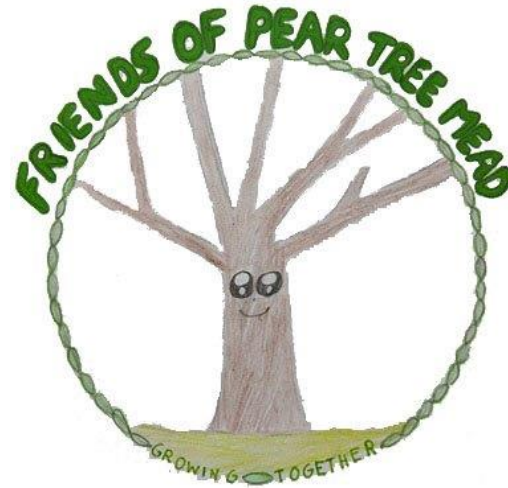
Clubs

- We have a breakfast Club that runs every day - this is £3.50 and is run by the school.
This can be booked via Arbor.
- We have an after-school club run by the school. This is booked via Arbor
The Treehouse Club runs between 3.15pm and 4.10pm for a themed activity session.
Night Owls runs between 4.10pm and 6pm. Children have a small snack in Night Owls.
- We will be accepting child care vouchers for breakfast club and after school club in September
- Registration forms must be completed for Breakfast Club and Our After school Club. This is booked through Arbor.
- Children can join Rock steady - rock band when they join PTM. This is run by an external company and has a termly charge. You can find out more information from <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>
- Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>



The Treehouse Club

'Friends of Pear Tree Mead' (FOPTM)



How do we fundraise?

- We are a community of volunteers who help out at events hosted by FOPTM, it's a way to meet other parents and make new friends whilst supporting the school.
- We run a variety of events throughout the year with the aim to ensure that whilst profitable, our events are affordable to all families.
- Some of our events are for pupils only, but we also run family events after school, in the evenings and at weekends
- We run present sales at Christmas, Mothers Day and Fathers Day to enable children to choose a pre-wrapped gift
- At all school productions we sell to order from a selection of production photos taken during the class dress rehearsals.
- We also raise funds by using our clothing bin, pre loved uniform and asking organisations to match funds on stalls at larger events like our Summer fete and Christmas Bazaar.
- FOPTM is a separate entity to the school – If the school want FOPTM to fund something they have to request it in writing and it is put to a vote at our termly FOPTM meeting. Equally, if we want to run an event at the school, the school staff are given the option to assist on a voluntary basis
- All FOPTM can be found on our FOPTM facebook page. Please join for more information

Events include:

Halloween Disco
Disco
Easter Fayre
Christmas Bazaar
Summer Fete
Summer Splash
Break the Rules Day
Present Sales
After School Film Club
Family Race Night
Singo Bingo
Production photos
After School Cake Sale

- **We have a small team of parent volunteers who work tirelessly to manage the collection and sale of pre-loved uniform. Please ask if you need any pre loved uniform or donate any if you have anything to donate.**



We also have a clothes bank at the front of the school. This is collected regularly and money is donated to the school.



Proud sponsors of:

Jukes Estate Agents Harlow are delighted to announce a fantastic referral scheme which can help raise much needed funds for Pear Tree Mead Academy



If you, or anyone you know in Harlow or surrounding areas are thinking of selling your property, Jukes Estate Agents Harlow will:

1. Value it FREE OF CHARGE
2. Sell it with NO AGENCY FEES
3. Market it better than ANY other agent
4. Donate £500 to The School on completion of sale.

How good are we? Ask Executive Head Emma Bloomfield.

We sold her house in 10 days and for full asking price. When it completes, the school will be £500 richer! So call us today.

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We are pleased to work in partnership with local estate agent Jukes. As part of our work with them, they will be sponsoring all PCLC schools, helping to fund new sports kits for our teams, supporting resources needed for our curriculum work as well as providing help to our PTAs.

In addition to this Jukes will donate £500 to the school for any property sale they make. So if you, anyone in your family, a friend or neighbour are looking to sell your home, please consider using Jukes Estate agent, give them our name and we will receive £500.

What have we funded?

World Book Day Play
Christmas Panto
New bins around the school
Welly Storage
Supported Young Voices
Bikes and Scooters for Opal
Opal equipment
Curtains for the small hall
Outdoor Gym
Pond works
Swimming pool works
Climbing frames



How can you help?

Every event we run requires manpower to source materials, set up, and host the event on the day. Without parents who are willing to give up their time, we simply would not be able to run things like school disco's, present sales, fetes and bazaars – All the things we know the children love!

We are desperately short of volunteers, with quite a few of our 'regular' parent helpers moving on to secondary school this year.



If you would like to get involved, please come along to a meeting to see what you can do to help – You can give up as much or as little time as you are able and there are always a variety of tasks to suit everyone's individual commitments and skills. Our meeting dates are published via parent mail and our facebook page, which will also keep you up to date with upcoming events where help us needed.



PEAR TREE MEAD
SUMMER
FAIR

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

12.00PM - 3.00PM



FREE ENTRY



BBQ & DRINKS - ICE CREAM
RAFFLE - GAMES - CRAFTS
ARCHERY - GO KARTS - INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING - GLITTER TATTOOS

PEAR TREE MEAD ACADEMY, HARLOW, CM18 7BY

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PEAR TREE MEAD ACADEMY GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT



The Governing Board is in urgent need of parent views to expand our capability. At present, the Board is under-represented in this area, leading to limited capacity for Governors to make sure the school is led adequately with all views represented. Without your help, this could put us at risk at our next Ofsted visit.

Can you
help us?

We need to recruit two people who can represent parents' views on the Governing Board. As a volunteer parent governor, you will have input to the way our school runs, and your invaluable point of view can help to shape our children's futures. You should be excited about helping the school in being the best it can be, so that it will make our children exceptional. You should be able to attend board meetings in the evening – these are currently done via Zoom and are three per term. You will be allocated part of the school or curriculum to oversee, and this may involve meeting with teachers during school hours, or asking questions by email.



You do not need any formal qualifications, but you must be IT literate. At the very least you should be confident in using email and electronic communications (e.g. Zoom). All we ask is that you are an independent thinker who is able to bring a parent's view to the table, and that you are interested in getting involved in your children's education. In return, you will get full training, and will be part of a friendly team.

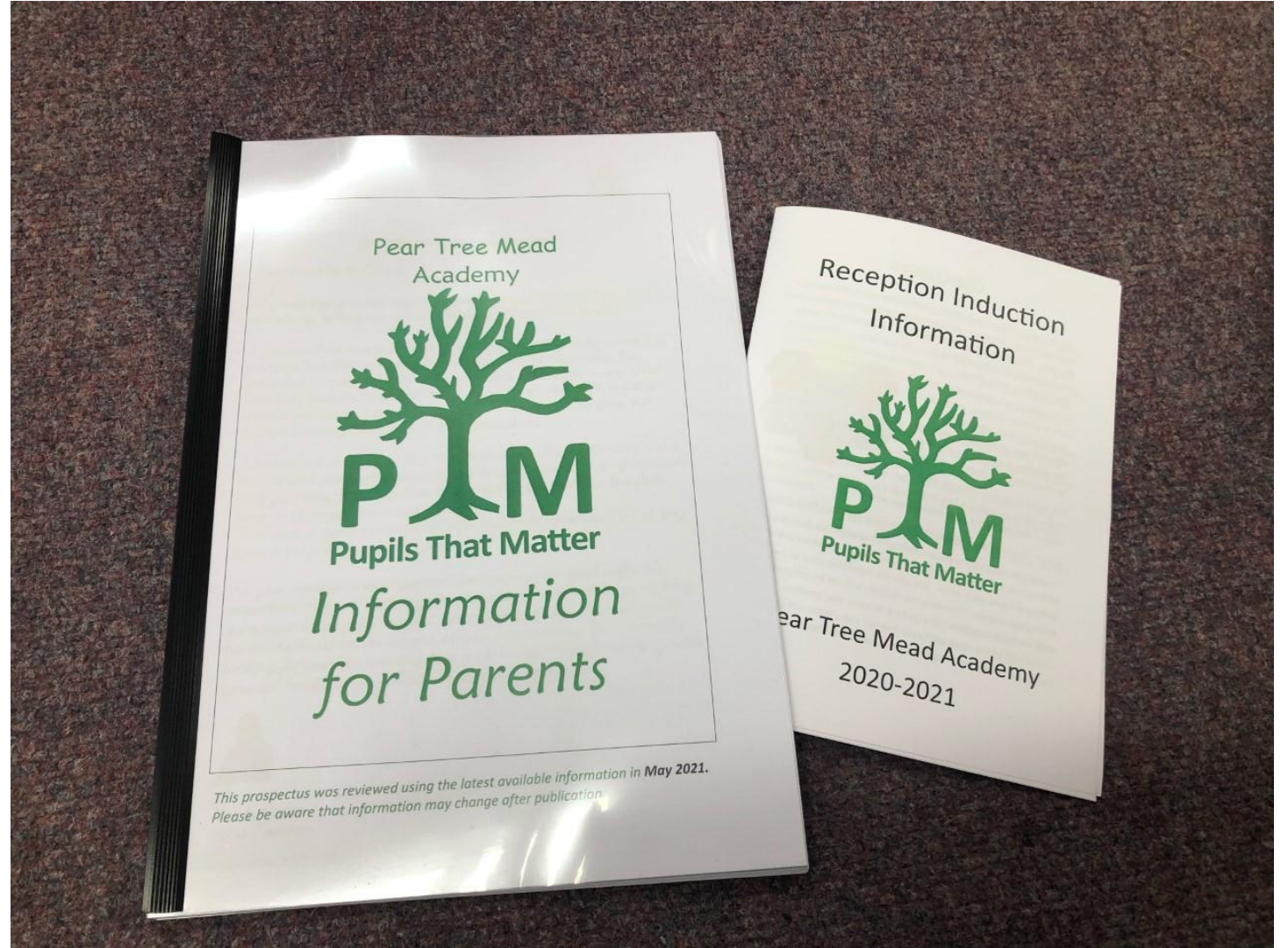
Think you might be interested?

Please contact the school (kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk) & someone will get back to you. Please provide a bit about yourself, and why you think you might be suitable for the role.

For more information

- Please read the information that we have sent you and check out our school website

www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk

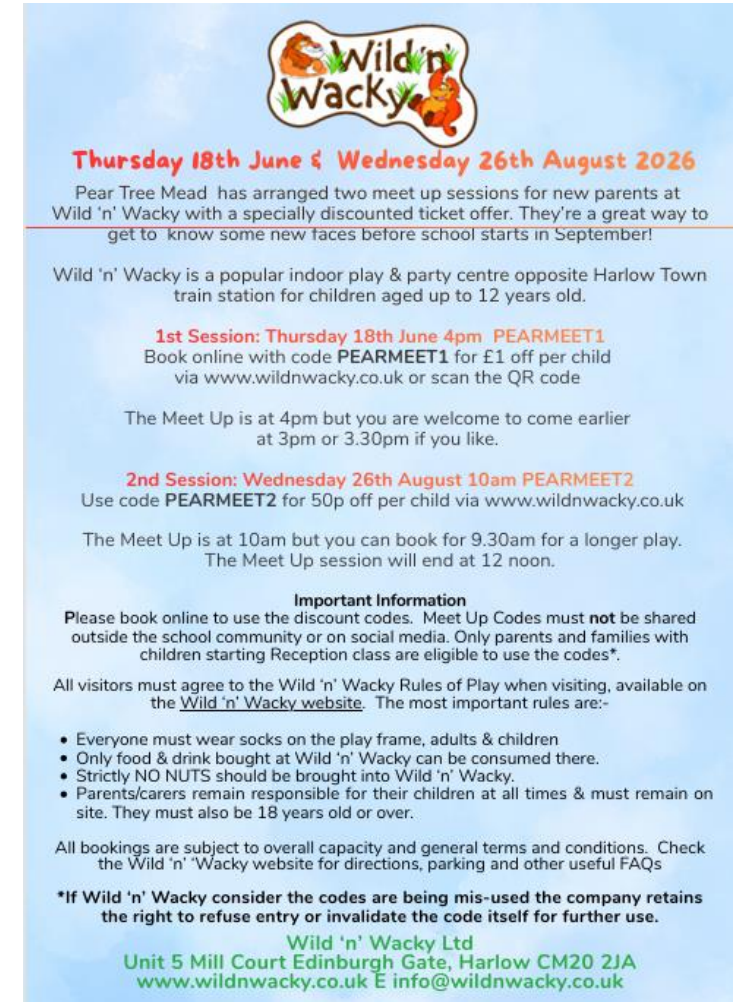


Helping your child get ready for school

- Join the FOPTM page. There is often links to class pages or groups that might help you connect or events you can attend before starting.
- There is also two meet ups arranged at Wild and Wacky - please book on to come and meet some others.



The poster features the Wild 'n' Wacky logo at the top. Below it, the text 'MEET UP Sessions' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Underneath, it says 'Meet up & Make friends for Pear Tree Mead new starters'. A red banner contains the dates and times: 'THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 4PM' and 'WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST 10AM'. In the center, there is a QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button above it. Two arrows point towards the QR code: one from the left with the text 'Use code PEARMEET1 for £1 off child tickets for 18th June session' and one from the right with 'Use Code PEARMEET2 for 50p off child tickets on 26th Aug session'. At the bottom, the location is given as 'Opposite Harlow Town train station, Unit 5 Mill Court, Edinburgh Gate Harlow CM20 2JA' and the website 'www.wildnwacky.co.uk'.



The flyer features the Wild 'n' Wacky logo at the top. Below it, the dates 'Thursday 18th June & Wednesday 26th August 2026' are written in red. The text says 'Pear Tree Mead has arranged two meet up sessions for new parents at Wild 'n' Wacky with a specially discounted ticket offer. They're a great way to get to know some new faces before school starts in September!'. Below this, it says 'Wild 'n' Wacky is a popular indoor play & party centre opposite Harlow Town train station for children aged up to 12 years old.' The first session is '1st Session: Thursday 18th June 4pm PEARMEET1' with a discount of £1 off per child. The second session is '2nd Session: Wednesday 26th August 10am PEARMEET2' with a discount of 50p off per child. An 'Important Information' section follows, stating that codes must not be shared and that all visitors must agree to the rules of play. A list of rules includes wearing socks, no nuts, and staying on site. The flyer concludes with the company name 'Wild 'n' Wacky Ltd', address 'Unit 5 Mill Court Edinburgh Gate, Harlow CM20 2JA', and website 'www.wildnwacky.co.uk'.

Transition Visits

We look forward to seeing the children on their transition visits in July and September. It will be after these visits that you will find out which class your child will be in. You will find out on Friday 4th September via email.

Please name anything you bring in on this day (e.g waterbottles, asthma pumps and a packed lunch when it says your child's group is having lunch at school).

Children are to wear their PTM uniform for these visit days in September, but they can wear their own clothes in July.

This powerpoint will be on the school website for you as soon as possible.