



**Pupils That Matter**

# **WELCOME TO YEAR 3**

2025/26

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# Year 3 - Teachers



Mulberry Class  
Miss Parr



Lavender Class  
Ms Fry-Smith and Mrs Millward

# Year 3 – Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)



Mrs White



Miss Coggin



Miss Hammond

# Lavender Classroom



On the right-hand side, as you enter the classroom, is the cloak room. This is where you will hang your coat and bag. One of the pegs will have your name on so you know where to put your things.

# Where will you wait in the morning? Lavender



Lavender Class

The school day is from 8.45am to 3.15pm. Between 8.40am – 8.45am, the doors are open. Registers close at 8.50am. After this time, the child will be marked as late and then absent from 9.20am.

When you arrive in the morning, you will need to hang your things on your peg and place your reading books and reading diaries in the box. There will be a morning activity waiting for you to complete.



# Mulberry Classroom



This is Mulberry classroom. You will need to go up the stairs to access it. On the left-hand side as you enter the classroom is the cloak room. This is where you will hang your coat and bag. One of the pegs will have your name on so you know where to put your things.

# Where will Mulberry wait in the morning?



Entrance  
to Mulberry Class

Lavender Class

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# What will a day look like in Year 3?



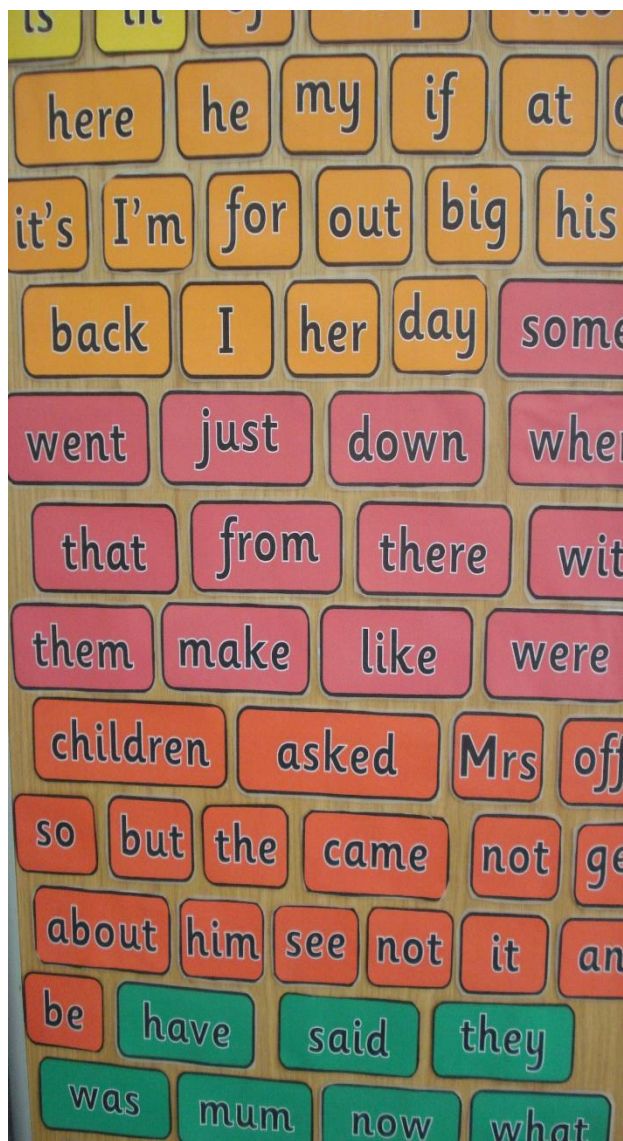
After you have said goodbye to your parents, you will put your coat on your peg, and you will start your day with the activities in your Morning Book. Your teacher will tell you what activities you are expected to complete.

Throughout the day we will be doing a lot of fun learning. There will be English and Maths sessions each morning. During the afternoon, there will be Science, Geography, History, Art, DT, Computing, Online Safety, Music, PE, French and RE lessons.

You are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (a piece of fruit or vegetable of your choice) to enjoy it during play time. Free snack is not provided in KS2.







You can bring your own packed lunch, or you can choose to enjoy school dinners. You can order them via our school lunch system. Each day, you will be provided with meat/meatless options, jacket potato (with a choice of fillings) and a picnic bag option.

There will be a weekly spelling and timetables test, and the reading diaries will be checked once a week.

Having completed the learning for the day, we will see the children out. Please let staff know if someone different is picking up your child and make sure that they have the correct password.

# Our Learning

We are very excited about our learning next year, with a new and interesting curriculum!

## Autumn Term

We start our year off with **Would you be able to survive in the Stone Age?**

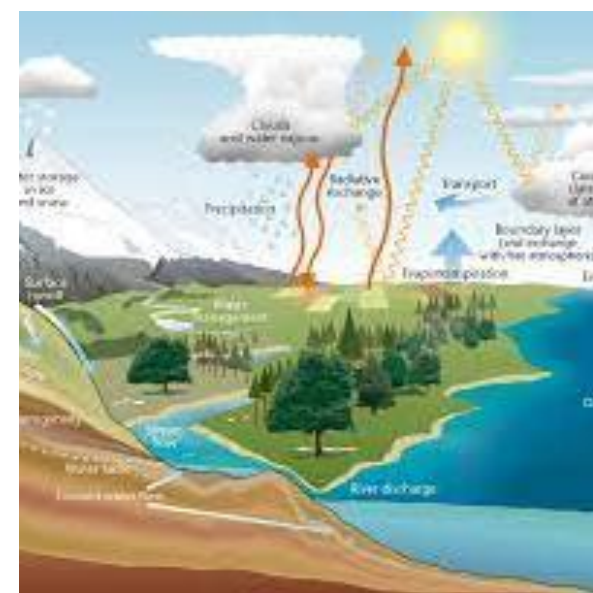
We will be learning about the first people, hunters and gathers, how Stone age people farmed, Stone Age clothing and jewellery and all about Stonehenge.



## Spring Term

Our Spring topic is absolutely fantastic and is called **From one home to another!**

We will be learning all about how our environment is formed and comparing it to another place. We will be learning about the water system and how it has shaped our world.



## Summer Term

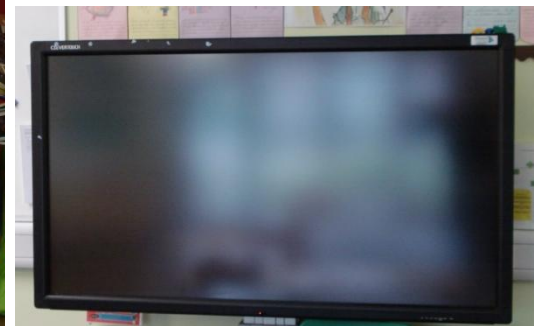
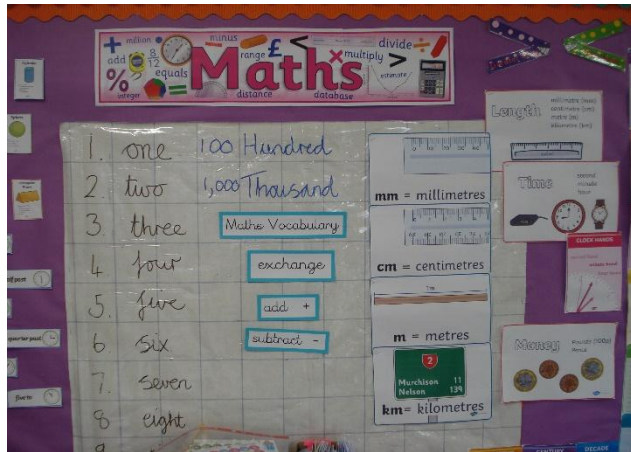
We will be finishing the year with **What have Romans ever done for us?**

We will be learning about how the Romans came to power and how the Romans created some of the roads we use today. We will be also looking at Roman weapons and gladiators! We will have a go at creating our own shield!

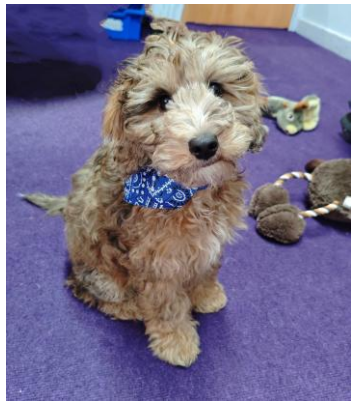




# Resources to aid our learning



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 training 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.



# 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.







This is the 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



# PE and Swimming

Please ensure that the children have the correct kit in school with them on the appropriate days. Each item needs to be clearly named. Children change into their PE kit during the school day. Please make sure earrings are removed before PE/Swimming.

Children in Year 3 get changed for PE in school. P.E kit can stay at school for each half term and come home in the holidays for a clean. Children need a towel, swimming costume/shorts, goggles and a swim hat.

PE and swimming dates will be confirmed.

The cost of Swimming is now £3 a session.



**It is very important to label all your child's uniform/belongings.**

Below are two companies who can help with this. By choosing one of the following, you will not only have solved the problem of how to label uniform but also be supporting Pear Tree Mead Academy!

Stamptastic –

[https://stamptastic.co.uk/#a\\_aid=5edcc47baf3eb](https://stamptastic.co.uk/#a_aid=5edcc47baf3eb)

School Affiliate ID: 5edcc47baf3eb

School PTA Code: CM187BY

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

School code - 68o6

## Labelling Uniform



# School Uniform

At Pear Tree Mead we feel that wearing school uniform is really important. It brings us together as a school team.

- Round Neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan with or without 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
- Green hair bands to be worn – no large bows.
- Children in Year 3 and upwards have a school tie as part of their school uniform. This is expected to be worn every day.
- All children need wellies at school every day.

School PE kit (To be bought to school to get changed into)

- Joma House coloured PE top with School Crest
- Joma Short (Black) with School Crest
- Black trainers or plimsols
- Swimming costume, towel, and swim hat.
- Children in the colder weather will need an outside tracksuit, this must be plain and a dark colour. School Tracksuits are available for our uniform supplier.

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.

Lost Property – all named lost property will be returned to classes. All unnamed items are kept outside the office for parents to come and look through.

The FOPTM team run a second hand uniform sale if you require any extra support.

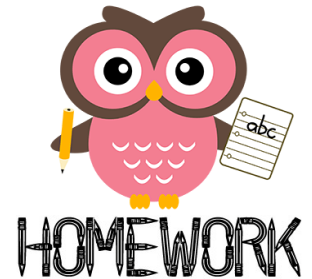
# Homework at PTM

- To help support children in school and to prepare them for their next stages of education children at PTM are asked to complete weekly homework. This is not expected to take a long time and should be appropriate for the age of your child.
- Children will be given a homework book at the beginning of the year and this is where homework should be completed.
- Children have regular daily / weekly homework to complete. This is daily reading, practising weekly spellings and number facts. Records of these can be shown in homework books or practised on online programmes. Teachers will share ideas of how children can make practising these fun and we will put lots of other ideas on our school website.

# Homework Webs

- Children will then also be given a choice of other weekly homework to complete. This will be provided on a homework web and will be stuck inside their books. This web will tell you all the homework for the half term. There will be many options for the children to choose and they can pick a different task each week. (They can choose more than 1 if they wish) Some tasks will take longer than others and so you can pick and choose what works for you as a family.
- Evidence of this homework should be written or stuck in homework books or if it is digital (eg a film recorded) can be emailed to the class teacher.
- Teachers will look at homework each week and share good examples with the class. House points and HTAs will be given for good effort.
- There is a half termly craft project that may be completed over more than 1 week if needed.
- Homework can be emailed to us if it's not able to be put in their homework books.
- [Mulberry@peartreemead.com](mailto:Mulberry@peartreemead.com)
- [Lavender@peartreemead.com](mailto:Lavender@peartreemead.com)

# Homework - reading...



- Children will be given a **rainbow book** – these are a coloured banded book and are at the level that the children are reading at. Children will work through the levels – there are new book marks for each colour as they progress through.
- Children will also be given a **library book** to read. These will be from their correct phase of books from the library.
- Children will be encouraged to change their library book and rainbow book in the library after school or in class once a week. Children will alternate between a rainbow book and a library book to read.
- 40 minutes of reading will need to be completed over the week. At least half being listened to by an adult or adult discussion about the text.



# Lunchtime Information

- Children can have a school dinner on each day that they book one. Children can change between school and home lunches each day as required.
- 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 an agreed menu.
- Copies of the school menu for September are available at the end if you would like one. A new menu will start after October half term and this has been designed by the children.

# Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Please remember to apply for Free School Meals if your child is going into Year 3 or above. It may be that your circumstances have changed.

The universal free school meal that your infant child may receive will now stop as they enter Year 3 and you will be charged for their meals.

To apply please visit, [essex.gov.uk](https://www.essex.gov.uk) – Free School Meals

**In Year 3, if you are not entitled to FSM then you will need to start paying for school dinners via our school app. We work on a no debt policy so please keep up regular payments.**

## Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

**If so, please apply between 25 July and 10 August to ensure that your application can be considered before the start of term**



# School Dinners

[FHM Parent Comms 2025 \(digital\).pdf](#)

We recognise that varied and balanced diet is essential for maintaining both physical and mental health in children. We try to introduce lots of new delicious and nutritious options. We are also doing our best to provide foods with reduced amount of sugar.

- Each lunch menu provides meat and meatless option, a jacket potato choice and a cold lunch and then a hot or cold dessert.
- Children can eat their packed lunches and cold option meals outdoors as part of our opal project.
- Salad bar- the pupils will be offered a selection of different vegetables and salads which are prepared in 'easy to eat' ways, so they can pick and choose what they like the best. This is unlimited every day.
- Special diets- if your child has a special dietary needs due to allergy/intolerance or medical reason, they can be provided with a bespoke menu. A special diet referral is available from school reception in both electronic and paper format. Please complete the form and return it to the school office with supporting medical documentation.
- Please note, children can book their school dinners from home. Please see the guide on how to do this below.
- School dinners are now £2.53.



[Parent\\_How to Guide.pdf](#) This is the link to orders dinners from home

# 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 are nearly cashless – please make sure you set up your Arbor app and make payments through it. Swimming is to be purchased via the app.
- The school is fully paperless, and all information can be found on the school app and website.
- The email addresses for the classes are as follows:

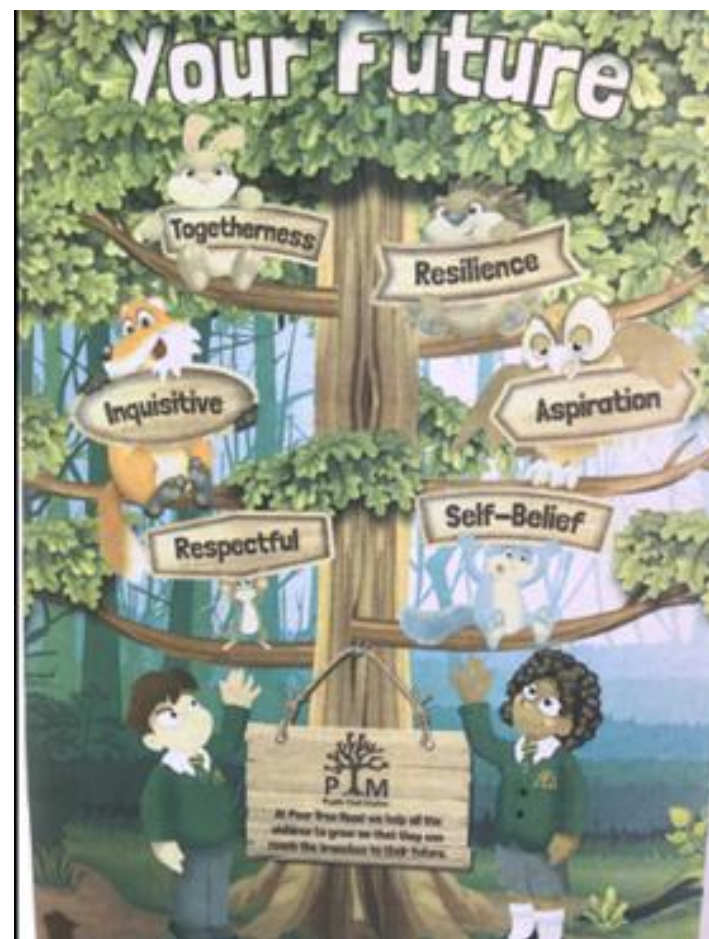
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Lavender: [lavender@peartreemead.com](mailto:lavender@peartreemead.com)

Please use these if you would like to send your child's homework digitally. These emails are not to be used for any other contact.



# Pear Tree Mead Academy – School Vision and Motto



# Behaviour - PTM Branches

At Pear Tree Mead we help all the children to grow so that they can reach the branches to their future.

To become a fully grown citizen, children need to reach the branches of the Pear Tree.



## **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

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# Behaviour Expectations

Children are expected to:

- Focus on their learning
- Work hard
- Use kind hands and bodies
- Use kind words
- Support each other in their learning
- Work together in pairs or groups
- Put their hand up to speak
- Stay in their seat when it is learning time
- Follow the school behaviour policy.
- We use house points, stickers and Class DOJO as reward systems.
- Most importantly – have fun, laugh, make great memories, learn lots and go home smiling!





# Behaviour Recognition

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 note home** – 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 home are also given to visitors to the school, who have the opportunity to give then to a pupil if they see exemplary behaviour.

Each positive note home is recorded on the class recognition chart. When pupils have enough positive notes home, they will receive a phone call home! Further notes home will amount to them being invited to a 'hot chocolate day' run by the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher, where children will have a little hot chocolate treat and time with the leaders of the school. When attending, children can also collect a Headteachers award!

Headteachers Awards are also awarded for hard work and exceptional effort in class.

# Other recognitions

- The children are arranged in house teams and can earn points for their house. The houses are named Griffin, Dragon, Unicorn and Lion. 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.
- 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 MDAs oversee the hall and playgrounds. We have agreed protocols for the children. Miss Burke oversees the MDAs and liaises about behaviour. We run a recognition stripe 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 stripes, they earn themselves extra play/lunchtime.




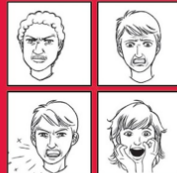
# What if you are not doing the right thing

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- 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 suspension 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.

# Zones of Regulation

## The **ZONES** of Regulation®

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

- 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: [Pear Tree Mead Academy - The Zones of Regulation](https://www.pear-treemeadacademy.co.uk/the-zones-of-regulation)





## The Treehouse Club

# Clubs

- We have a breakfast Club that runs every day – this is £3.50 and is run by the school and 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. From September 2025, we will be able to take childcare vouchers for both Breakfast Club and After School Club.
- Registration forms must be completed for Breakfast Club and The Treehouse Club.
- **From September, we will be able to take childcare vouchers for breakfast club and after school club.**
- Children can join Rock Steady – rock band at 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/>

# Attendance – Every Day Counts

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.



# Attendance

Did you know...

being late regularly can soon build up many hours of lost learning?

A pink alarm clock with two bells is shown on the left. To its right is a yellow speech bubble with a jagged edge containing the text 'WAKE UP!' in bold black letters. The background of the entire graphic is a dark blue gradient.

## Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

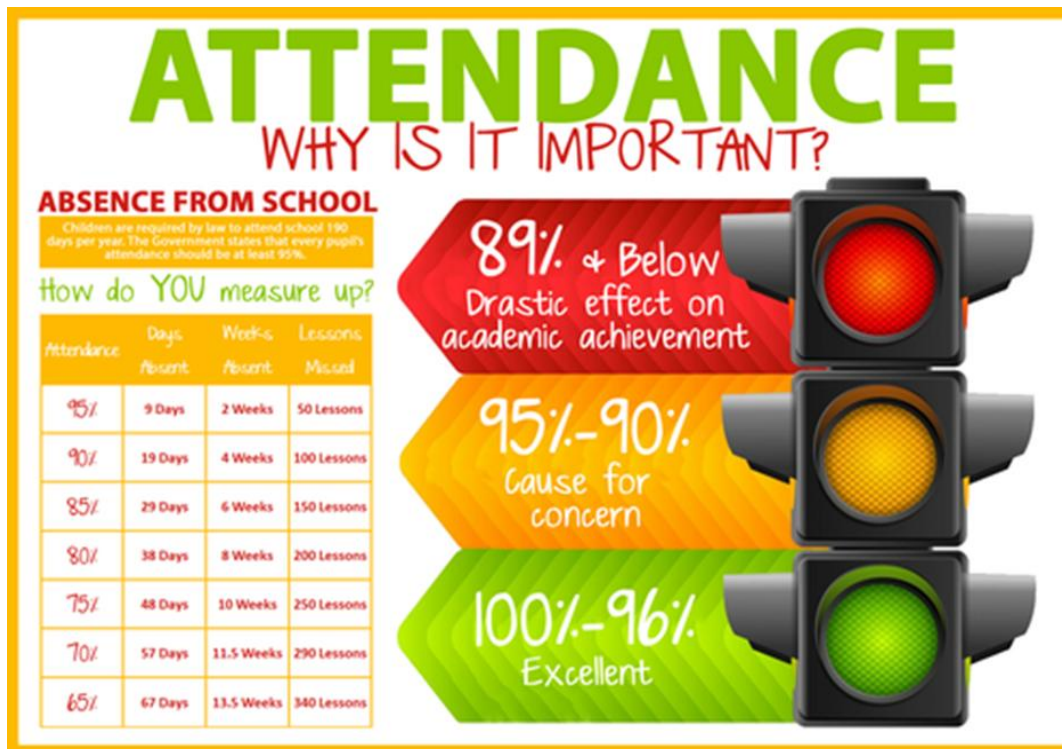
### Did You Know... ?

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**

# Attendance

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



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

[Attendance - Pear Tree Mead Academy](#)



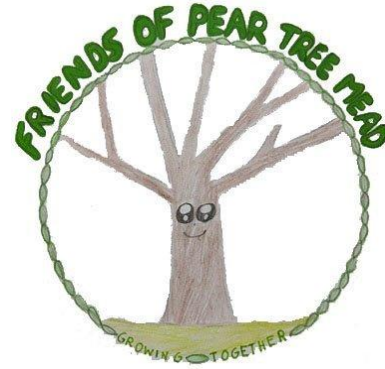
# Assessment

Your child will be assessed throughout their learning, in day-to-day tasks but they will also encounter formal assessments for English and Maths on a termly basis. The tests we use are called NFER, and aim to guide teacher assessments. Teacher assessments will be included in parent consultations and your child's annual report.

During Year 3, your child will be preparing for the Multiplication Test in Year 4. We will focus on developing times table fluency and speed recall.

# '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 preloved 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.***

# **01279 295524**

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 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.

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](mailto: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.*

# PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

# 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. 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](#)

We look forward to seeing you for the transition week, coming soon.