

**12th December 2025**

# Mayfield Messenger

## A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

Wow! After last week's excitement and the tremendous success of The Wizard of Oz, it's fair to say that this week has been equally memorable.

It was a real pleasure to watch our Year R children perform Whoops-a-Daisy Angel for their families on Thursday. Their confidence, enthusiasm and sheer joy were truly inspiring, bringing smiles to everyone in the audience. Although there were no zip-wiring angels this time, the children demonstrated wonderful ambition, inclusivity and respect throughout their performance. A huge thank you to the staff for making this such a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

On Thursday, Mrs Painter, Curriculum Leader for Languages, accompanied three Year 9 pupils to the Guildhall to attend a Twinning Advisory Group meeting in the council chamber. Representatives from various areas of the council spoke about opportunities for twinning cities around the world, and our students were invited to share our school's connection with Maizuru, Japan. They represented Mayfield School brilliantly speaking confidently, maturely and with great insight about the value of cultural exchange. One student even delivered a full speech about her experiences, prompting a round of applause from the entire chamber!

Christmas Jumper Day was very well supported this year, with an increasing number of students across all phases joining in the festive fun.

And finally, we had a special visit from Father Christmas himself! He'll be returning on Friday afternoon to read a story to children and families.

A reminder that on Monday 15th December, 5-6pm, we will be holding our community event, 'Carols Around the Tree'. Join us for a live band, performances from both primary and secondary singers, and refreshments provided by the Friends of Mayfield. The event will take place in our main canteen area, beautifully decorated around our 13ft Christmas tree. We look forward to welcoming many of you there.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

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## A Holly Jolly Primary Christmas Dinner!

This Wednesday, our Primary pupils came together for a wonderful Christmas dinner celebration. The entire department gathered in the hall, filling the space with festive music, laughter, and the unmistakable joy and excitement that comes with this special time of year. Children shared a delicious meal side by side, enjoying the chance to celebrate together as one school community.

A heartfelt thank-you goes to our dedicated staff and the Secondary students who kindly helped throughout the event. Their support, organisation, and festive cheer made the afternoon run smoothly and helped create a memorable experience for all.



## Annual General Meeting – 14 January 2026

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Salterns Academy Trust will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 18.00 hours to transact the following business:

- To receive the Trusts annual report and annual accounts
- To elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the Trust Board
- To confirm the Trusts Auditors
- To receive an update from the Trust CEO and Chair of the Board
- To respond to any questions submitted in advance by parents, families, and other members of the community

We welcome parents, families and other members of the community to attend this meeting via Teams, and to submit questions to be answered by the Board.

To allow for sufficient time for informed answers to be provided by Trust Leaders questions must be submitted no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

To register your interest in attending this meeting, or to submit a question to be answered at the meeting please contact [clerk.ains@salterns.org](mailto:clerk.ains@salterns.org)

Please be advised recording of the meeting is prohibited.

## STEM Trip Vist to Williams Racing

A group of 10 KS3 girls recently took part in an inspiring STEM enrichment visit to Williams Racing, alongside 40 other students from across the city. The trip was led by Ms Hutchinson, whose work ensured the visit ran smoothly and successfully. The purpose of the trip was to promote participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through real-world engineering applications.

The visit began with a hands-on STEM engineering challenge, where pupils were tasked with designing and constructing a nose cone for a Formula 1 car with the aim of creating the most effective crumple zone. This activity encouraged students to think critically about impact absorption, materials, and structural design.

Poppy emerged as the overall winner from all participating schools for this challenge. A second STEM activity followed, in which Chloe took first place, representing the group with outstanding performance.

Following the practical activities, students enjoyed a guided tour of the Williams Racing Museum, where they explored historic Formula 1 cars, technological advancements, and the team's achievements within the sport. The visit concluded with an exciting Formula 1 simulator experience, allowing students to apply their understanding of racing dynamics in a virtual environment.

Kiera achieved the fastest lap, with Willow securing second place, demonstrating excellent control, focus, and competitive drive.

The trip was a highly successful enrichment experience, providing pupils with valuable exposure to careers in engineering, motorsport, and applied science. It also served as a powerful opportunity to highlight female participation and achievement in STEM, with multiple students earning top placements across the day's challenges.







## Mayfield Represents at Council Chamber!

Three Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to take part in an unforgettable civic experience this week when they attended the Twinning Advisory Group meeting at the Guildhall—held in the historic council chamber itself. Representatives from across the council gathered to discuss international city-twinning opportunities, and Mayfield was invited to speak about our developing connection with Maizuru, Japan.

Our pupils spoke with confidence, maturity and genuine enthusiasm about the value of cultural exchange. They represented Mayfield School with pride, articulating the benefits of building global partnerships. A standout moment came when Iulia delivered a full speech about her experiences with the Maizuru exchange—her words were so powerful that the entire council chamber broke into applause.

Following the meeting, the Lord Mayor welcomed the group for afternoon tea. Delighted by the students' contributions, he treated them to a private tour of his parlour, showcasing a range of fascinating artefacts and sharing stories about the history of the office.

The pupils returned to school buzzing with excitement, proud of the role they played in strengthening our international links. It was truly an inspiring day for everyone involved.

## Canteen Hygiene gained 5 out of 5 rating!

Our school canteen recently received an unannounced visit from the PCC — and we're delighted to share that our kitchen was awarded a 5 out of 5 hygiene rating.

This top rating reflects the hard work and high standards maintained by our catering team every single day. From food preparation and storage to cleanliness and safety procedures, the inspection confirmed that our canteen consistently operates to the highest level of hygiene.

We're incredibly proud of our staff for their dedication and professionalism. Their commitment ensures that every meal served to our students is prepared in a safe, clean, and well-managed environment.

A huge well done to everyone involved!

## A reminder to our parents/visitors

Please avoid using the Hewett Road gate during pick-up and drop-off times. This gate is designated as an exit for our Secondary pupils, and keeping it clear helps us maintain a safe and smooth flow for everyone.

We kindly ask all Primary families to enter through the main entrance instead. Your support with this helps us safeguard all of our pupils and ensure the site remains secure.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



## Lost Property

We have a number of lost property items in Pupil Services. Please could you remind your child/ren if they have lost a piece of clothing, to check our 'Lost Property' situated in Pupil Services. Take a look in Pupil Services in Reception to determine whether the items of clothing belongs to your child/ren.

Please name all items of clothing, so we can determine the owner more easily.

If these items of clothing are not returned to their rightful owner by the end of each half-term, they will be given to charity or the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.



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## Share your child's success outside of Mayfield

If your child/ren have achieved something over the weekend or during the week, please share a picture and a brief description of the success. This could appear in the next Mayfield Messenger. Please send these to **general.mayfield@salterns.org**

We look forward to seeing you all again next week. Have a lovely weekend!