

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026



MAYFIELD MESSENGER

A message from Mr Howard

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week at Mayfield, I would like to thank our students, staff, families and wider community for their continued support. This week has provided several valuable opportunities for external partners to visit the school and evaluate the impact of our ongoing improvement work. It is encouraging that each review recognised the considerable progress being made across both our primary and secondary phases.

We were pleased to receive the report following our recent review with Rivers Academy Trust. The review recognised the significant strides made in strengthening teaching and learning through the implementation of our Teaching and Learning Toolkit, the development of consistent classroom routines and the continued focus on inclusive practice. Reviewers highlighted the positive relationships evident throughout the school, purposeful behaviour for learning, improving curriculum implementation and the growing expertise of our teaching champions. Particular strengths included the development of collaborative planning, work to support children's language development and the positive culture of professional learning amongst staff. The report also provided clear next steps that will help us continue our improvement journey and build upon the strong foundations now in place.

We also welcomed our new School Improvement Partner from HISP this week. During their visit, they recognised the calm and orderly environment that exists throughout the school and the positive culture for learning evident in classrooms. They were particularly impressed by the quality of relationships between staff and students, noting the respect, care and support that underpin our school community. The politeness of our students was highlighted throughout the visit, reflecting our values of Respect, Inclusion and Ambition in action every day.

Across classrooms, visitors observed strong levels of student engagement and participation. Particular praise was given to learning in Photography, History, Religious Education, Dance and Drama, where students demonstrated enthusiasm, curiosity and a genuine commitment to their learning. It was pleasing to see students confidently discussing their work, sharing their ideas and embracing opportunities to deepen their knowledge and skills.

In our primary phase, the successful implementation of OPAL continues to transform lunchtime experiences for our pupils. Visitors saw children engaged in imaginative, collaborative and purposeful play, developing creativity, resilience and social skills through a wide range of activities. The positive impact of OPAL is already evident in the enjoyment children derive from playtimes and in the strong relationships being fostered across year groups. Combined with the nurturing relationships between staff and pupils, it is helping to create an environment where children feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

In secondary, we were delighted to host an external mathematics review with our mathematics improvement partners. The review recognised significant improvements in curriculum sequencing, design and delivery across the department. Reviewers noted the clarity with which mathematical knowledge is planned and built over time, ensuring greater coherence and progression for students. They also praised the culture within the Mathematics Department, describing a team characterised by strong collaboration, cohesiveness and shared ambition. It was particularly pleasing to hear external validation of the hard work and commitment shown by staff as they continue to raise standards and provide students with an increasingly high-quality mathematics education.

Collectively, these reviews provide encouraging evidence that our improvement work is having a positive impact. While we remain ambitious and focused on the next stage of our journey, it is important to recognise

the dedication of our staff, the support of our families and, most importantly, the efforts of our students. Together, we are continuing to build a school where every young person can thrive, succeed and feel proud to belong.

As always, our school values of Ambition, Inclusion and Respect remain at the heart of everything we do. They can be seen in our classrooms, our relationships, our curriculum and the way our students conduct themselves each day. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful to our staff and families for their continued partnership in helping Mayfield move from strength to strength.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

Brian Wilkie Scholarship Assembly

Today we welcomed Brian Wilkie, MBE, back to Mayfield for a special assembly to launch this year's Wilkie Scholarship to our Year 11s, along with 5 special guests from Portsmouth Grammar School, including 3 Scholars from his programme

Over the last 11 years, Mr Brian Wilkie, an ex-pupil of Northern Grammar School (now Mayfield), has returned each year to share his success journey and present an exciting opportunity for Year 11 students – the Wilkie Scholarship.

The Scholarship was founded by Mr. Wilkie in 2012, to enable at least two Year 11 Mayfield pupils to take up fully funded places in the sixth form of The Portsmouth Grammar School. To date, more than 20 former pupils have benefited from this huge opportunity – many of whom have secured places at some of the best universities in the country.

Preparing For Year 11 Information Evening

**MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
5 - 6:30PM**



We are hosting an Information Evening for Year 11 parents for help with your child's revision. This is taking place Monday 28th September from 5 - 6.30PM. Learn everything you need to know; how to revise, subject revision, online learning and so much more! Families are welcome to hear about revision strategies, collect information and ask questions about exams. Book your place using the form from the link in our bio, or by typing in the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/iJEBUAUAg6F>

If you have any queries or issues, please email General. Mayfield@salterns.org.

Year R Cohort 2027/28 Open Evening

**THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
5 - 6PM**



Join us to explore Mayfield School, meet our staff, and discover how we support every child to Believe, Achieve and Succeed. We look forward to welcoming you and your family.



Photography Days

The school photographer's annual visits is almost here! The order for the dates will go as follows;

- Thursday 24th September - All Primary year groups(AM), Secondary siblings(12PM roughly) and Year 10 pupils(PM, after their lunch)
- Friday 25th September - Year 7 pupils(across the day) followed by Primary siblings

For more information or queries, please contact general.mayfield@salterns.org.



School Age Immunisation Service

Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.



Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form (even if you wish to opt out)

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For more information, visit our website:

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The Immunisation team will be in the school on:

Tuesday

20th October 2026



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For more information, visit our website:

www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Trip

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
From 1PM



Calling all Year 7 pupils! We're delighted to be offering students the opportunity to enjoy a magical trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Kings Theatre, Portsmouth. Payments are to be made in instalments using the following schedule:

30th September - £6.90
31st October - £5.00
23rd November - £5.00

To pay and secure your place, please use SCOPAY, either from the app or by logging in through the link on our website.

Year 7 Cohort 2027/28 Open Evening

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER
5 - 7:30PM

Calling all future Year 7 families! Join us at our Secondary Open Evening to meet students and staff, explore our facilities, and discover what makes our school special.

School notes

- Please remind all children to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day.
- Free sanitary products are available for students to take and use throughout their entire menstrual cycle.
- All prescribed medications must be registered and logged with the Medical Room before they can be administered in school.
- Our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is open every Monday and Wednesday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm.

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@saltens.org

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