

20th March 2026

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear families,

Over the past fortnight, our values of ambition, inclusion and respect have been clearly visible in the life of our school. Two weeks ago, we were delighted to welcome the Local Authority's Head of Inclusion to Mayfield. Following her visit, I received this wonderful feedback:

"Thank you again for the opportunity to visit Mayfield — it was an absolute pleasure to spend time with you. I really appreciated hearing the school's history and the journey you and your team have been on. It is clear that you are collectively relentless in your drive to ensure children have the very best opportunities. The recent ND Profile screening on Meridian ITV is a prime example of the great work that is happening. I wish you continued success as that journey progresses."

Her words are a powerful reflection of the ambition we have for every learner, the inclusive ethos that shapes our decisions, and the respectful, collaborative culture that drives our improvement. This Wednesday, during our INSET day, staff across the school worked together to contribute to our Trust's People Strategy. Further work during this day included curriculum development, teaching and learning, and, particularly for our primary colleagues, the use of digital assistive technology. It was inspiring to see our teams embracing new ideas and striving for excellence, reinforcing our shared commitment to providing the very best for all pupils.

As we approach the final week before the Easter break, we look forward to a number of exciting events. We will be welcoming students from Maizuru, hosting our Year 9 Parents' and Carers' Evening, and concluding the term with our Celebration Assemblies (always a highlight, as we recognise the achievements, character and effort of our young people).

Lastly, the performing arts department will be revealing the 2026 musical today at lunch. (This was written before then) so I am very excited to be able to share this with you next week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Our values are lived out because of the contributions of our whole community, and I am incredibly proud of what we continue to build together.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend!

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

Global Languages Week - Crêpe making Workshop

As part of the global week, our Year 7 students were invited to sign up with their languages teachers to take part in a French crêpe workshop. I gave them my personal recipe to each group of 4/5 students, and they all took part to make some delicious crêpes.

They had a few toppings to choose from to put on and some of them kept theirs to take home to share with their families. We had some technical issues at the beginning but we overcame them and we all had fun!

This is the second year that we've offered this event, and it was a clear success once again, signed up to maximum capacity in not even a day, and all the students were respectful and following instructions. The feedback was very positive from them and we're looking forward to hosting more of these workshops in the future.



Taste Testing for Global Languages Week

Have you ever tried French fromage de chèvre? Spanish chorizo? Polish kabanossi sausage? Or Italian fior di cacao biscuits? Our pupils were offered tastes of foods from around the world to celebrate Global Week.



Thank You!

Friends of Mayfield would like to say a MASSIVE thank you for parent and staff helpers at our primary discos on Tuesday. The children had a wonderful time!

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS THE WORLD TO US!

We can only put on events with enough volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for any of our future events, no commitment, just as and when you can help out, please email friendsofmayfield@salterns.org



Malaysia Expedition Bake Sale!



Thursday 26th and Friday 27th March

For seniors this will be outside the main hall at break and lunch time and for primary will be outside the main hall by the junior playground after school.



Cash only please!



Cakes and sweets will be on sale 🍰🍪



COMPASS PROJECT PORTSMOUTH

FREE EASTER EGG HUNT

**SAT 4 APRIL 2026
10AM-12 NOON**

More than 10 shops/businesses in Copnor Road (both sides of the road between Wallington Road to the south and Battenburg Avenue to the north) have hidden Easter egg pictures in their windows for you to find...

Each egg contains the Compass Project Portsmouth logo, which looks like this:



Record the names of at least 5 of these shops/businesses and then come and find the Compass team in College Park (Copnor Road/Mardin Cafe quarter) to claim your free chocolate egg!

Eggs for under 18s only and children need to be accompanied by an adult. While stocks last - 150 eggs to be claimed! Compass Project Portsmouth is part of the Methodist Church.

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Mayfield Reads



As the National Year of Reading 2026 continues and hits its quarter milestone, in secondary throughout the spring term we estimate that in just English DEAR reading alone, across Years 7-9, who have been reading either *The Hunger Games*, *The Woman in Black* or *No Fixed Address*, that we've enjoyed: approximately 600 pages and approximately 180,000 words together!

We believe in reading whole texts and look forward to either completing those that delight for that little bit longer or starting new, exciting DEAR reads during the summer term.



Fantastic work Jensen!

On Thursday 19th March, Jensen competed at the Men's Artistic Gymnastics British Championships at the M&S Bank Arena. After placing 9th at the English Championships in February, Jensen earned his place to compete against 70 athletes from across the nation in the Under-14 category. He achieved a respectable 23rd place in Great Britain, including:

- 9th on Parallel Bars
- 17th on Horizontal Bar
- 18th on Pommel

Jensen showed tremendous physical and mental strength. Despite breaking the base of his thumb just two weeks ago, he still went out and delivered excellent results for himself and Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre.

The Options Process continues for our Year 9s!



• 26 March: Year 9 Parents' Evening
A final chance to check in with subject teachers. If pupils are still undecided or want reassurance about their choices, this is the perfect moment to talk it through.

• 27 March: Options Forms Deadline
All completed options forms must be submitted to Mrs Firth by this date.



Congratulations Georgia!

Well done to Georgia in Year 4 who competed in a dance competition over the weekend. She did a fantastic job, winning an amazing four trophies, and gaining 2nd place - what an achievement! We've seen and been told how amazing she is with her dancing skills, it takes a lot of ambition, knowing to also share the limelight and include others, supporting and respecting her friends and peers, nicely following in our school values. We are very proud, Georgia!

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!