

21st November 2025



Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear families,

We are delighted to share some recent highlights from across our school community.

Firstly, the Wilkie letters of application have been submitted, and we are pleased to announce that nine students have been shortlisted for interviews with Portsmouth Grammar School (PGS) staff. The standard of the applications was exceptionally high, reflecting the students' ambition and dedication. We wish all our candidates the very best as they take the next step in this process.

The first series of Year 11 GCSE mock exams has now concluded. This has been an excellent opportunity for students to engage fully with the examination process, build confidence, and understand the expectations of formal assessment. We are proud of the effort shown and the respect students have demonstrated for the process.

Finally, we recently welcomed the Literacy Review of Secondary Education. It was a positive and constructive experience, during which the lead reviewer met with staff across both primary and secondary phases, visited lessons across a range of subjects, and spoke with students. We were pleased to share our collaborative approach to learning and inclusion, ensuring every student's voice and progress is valued. Outcomes from the full report will be shared once received.

These events reflect the commitment of our staff and students to our core values of Ambition, Inclusion, and Respect, which continue to guide everything we do.

Have a brilliant weekend!

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

Our OPAL Lunchtime Play Has Launched!

The children have been having a wonderful time playing, exploring, and learning in new creative ways. From bikes and scooters to sandpits, dressing up, and cosy corners, our playground is full of adventure and joy!

Thank you to all our amazing parents, carers, families, and community members for your generous donations and ongoing support. We couldn't have done this without you.

Special thanks to:

Cycle Trace – discounts on bikes and scooters

Richmond Hyundai – 70 donated tyres

Hilsea Tyres – tyre donations for our sandpits

The Salvation Army Store, Cosham – toys, wellies, coats, and more

Aled Price Productions – costumes and dress-up

We're still accepting donations as we continue to refresh our play areas. If you have anything at home that could help, please keep it coming.

Thank you for helping make lunchtimes more active, imaginative, and full of laughter!



Medical Notice

A reminder that flu vaccine bookings close this weekend. Please share the date for the senior flu nasal spray. Students will receive their vaccine appointment time from their teacher on the day—parents are encouraged to ensure their children attend their scheduled slot.



Author, Rob Biddulph, Visits Mayfield!

Rob Biddulph, popular author and illustrator of books, as well as being known for the YouTube channel, Draw With Rob. We hosted the event for our Year 1 and 2 and other local school's Year 1. Rob talked about writing, did a Draw-a-Long with all the children, and played the guitar in accompaniment to his telling the story of his new book, I Follow the Fox.



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Mayfield Rugby is Back!

A historic day at Mayfield as rugby returned to our home grounds for the first time in over 6 years — and our Year 8/9 squad delivered a performance to remember!



Facing an old rival, Oasis Mayfield Southampton (who previously beat our KS4 team), the boys showed incredible determination and skill on a cold afternoon in front of a growing crowd that made the pitch feel like a true colosseum.

Strong Start:

Powerful early carries from Mason, Luca, Tylah, Jack & Cobie set the tone.

Captain Ralphy controlled the game brilliantly from 9, while Charlie pulled the strings at 10 to unleash the backline.

Try-Scoring Power:

Big runs from Cobie, Jack, Mikel & Mason led to some fantastic tries as Mayfield took control of the match.

Second-Half Shift:

At halftime, Ralphy moved to full-back with Lennon entering at 9 — bringing calmness, confidence and excellent game management.

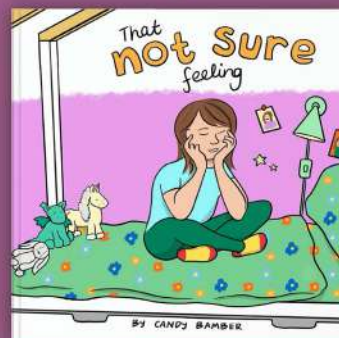
The second half saw full-contact rules introduced, including counter-rucking and pushing scrums, but Mayfield rose to the challenge.

FINAL SCORE:

Mayfield 20 – 5 Oasis Mayfield Southampton

A brilliant first win for the Year 8/9 team and a huge moment for rugby at Mayfield! Both teams showed great sportsmanship after the match, shaking hands and sharing refreshments (and cookies!).

Introducing....



Come on a journey through all those big emotions and enjoy a story of Ella learning to be brave and find her confidence. This story centred around separation anxiety and captures the ups and downs of everyday life.

Meet the Author

Hello! I'm an illustrator, designer and now published author based in Portsmouth. As a mum myself both my children have struggled with separation anxiety. I wanted to share a story parents and children could relate to creating opportunities to talk with their child about the moments they find tricky. With a background in art and psychology it felt natural to capture this story and hope readers will find it uplifting and supportive.



Support your local mum
and buy a copy today!



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Well done, Harry!

Harry successfully completed a fundraising race, demonstrating real ambition as he pushed himself to support his football team and help strengthen opportunities for everyone involved. Great job, Harry!

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!

We are Collecting Christmas Jumpers!

FOR PORTSMOUTH HOMELESS FAMILIES SERVICES

We are collecting pre-loved Christmas jumpers to support local vulnerable families living in temporary/emergency accommodation this Christmas. Your donated jumpers will help bring a little warmth and festive cheer to these children and their families.



If you are able to help we know this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness!