

4th July 2025

# Mayfield Messenger

## A message from Mr Howard

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new parents, carers, and children to school for our successful transition days on Monday and Tuesday. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you and to see the enthusiasm and positivity across the school. Children in Primary showed great ambition as they met their new teachers and began preparing for September, while our Year R Stay and Play sessions gave children a warm and inclusive introduction to their new environment and classmates. In Secondary, our new students embraced a wide range of lessons and made excellent first impressions—demonstrating respect and eagerness to engage. The well-attended New Year 7 parent/carer meeting reflected the strong partnerships we continue to build with our families. As we now look ahead to Activities Week in Secondary, we're excited to see our students living out our values through a variety of enriching opportunities. Keep an eye on our Instagram page to follow the action.

Wishing you all a great weekend

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### Greetings to our future Year 7s!

This week, our Year 6 to 7 transition days took place on Monday and Tuesday, giving students a fantastic opportunity to experience life at secondary school. Over the two days, they took part in a variety of engaging taster lessons across different subjects, helping them get a real feel for what to expect in September. From exploring new topics to meeting their future teachers, it was an exciting and confidence-building experience for everyone involved.

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## Get Active Portsmouth!

This summer, ditch the car, grab your bike and join us for a series of **FREE** family fun days in parks across Portsmouth!

Whether you're looking to get fitter, explore more of the city, or just enjoy a great day out with the family, there's something for everyone — and it's all completely free!

Discover the benefits of swapping car journeys for greener, cleaner ways to travel like walking and cycling. One lucky person will also win a bike, lock and helmet in their prize draw.

Join Active Travel between 11am and 2pm at one of our local park events for a jam-packed day of fun, fitness, and freebies. Sign up on Eventbrite using the links below, or just turn up:

[Tuesday 5 August – Canoe Lake, Southsea](#)

[Wednesday 6 August – Baffins Park](#)

[Wednesday 13 August – Alexandra Park, Hilsea](#)

[Thursday 14 August – Paulsgrove Park](#)

There's plenty of activities to get involved with, including a cycle obstacle course, inflatables, face painting for the kids, bike safety checks and security marking. They are also offering up to 50% off used bikes in partnership with Portsmouth Cycle Exchange (£50 maximum discount).

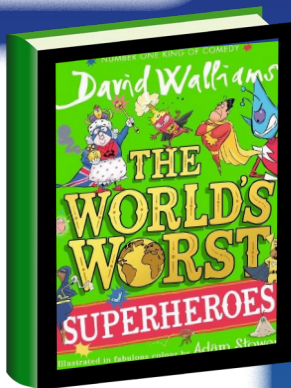
Find out more at [www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/getactive](http://www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/getactive).



## Competition Time!

Win a signed copy of *The World's Worst Superheroes* by David Walliams!

David Walliams has written books about the World's Worst Monsters, Pets, Parents, Teachers, Children and now Superheroes. To win a copy of the brand-new book *The World's Worst Superheroes*, signed by David Walliams himself, pupils must:



Think of a title for the next book in his series *The World's Worst* ...Then draw the Cover. Be original and make sure your pictures are bright and full of colour.

The closing date for this competition is **14th July**. All entries must be in by this date.

Once your entries are ready, please send them to your teachers/tutors/Mrs Beech. Entry forms can be collected from Mrs Beech in Wilkie Library, but only one entry per person.

The competition is open to both Primary and Senior students. Two signed books will be awarded — one will be won by Primary students and one by Senior students.

## Lessons in LEGO!

During their recent computer lesson, our senior students dove into the exciting world of electrical mechanics using LEGO kits. Combining creativity with technology, they designed and built an impressive variety of motorized models—from mini theme park rides to rotating windmills. As they explored how electricity powers movement, they learned valuable STEM concepts through hands-on experimentation. The classroom buzzed with energy and innovation as students worked together to bring their imaginative creations to life!

## Pre-Loved Uniform

We're collecting pre-loved school uniform items, and we need your help! Clear out those wardrobes and bring in any clean, gently used uniform pieces you no longer need.



For every donation, you'll receive a raffle ticket to enter our draw for an Amazon voucher! It's a win-win: help others, declutter, and get a chance to win!

Be sure to bring your pre-loved clothing to Reception or Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. Let's work together to support each other and promote sustainability!



## PACE TRAINING FOR PARENT CARERS

### OF MAYFIELD SCHOOL

(For parents of children and young people in Infant, Primary, and Secondary)

"PACE is a relational, therapeutic approach that focuses on building healthy relationships between parent carers and children or young people. It supports them to feel safe, understood and accepted especially when their behaviour indicates they are struggling."

**Monday, 7th of July 2025**

**3.30pm - 5pm**

**Mayfield School, Mayfield Rd,  
Portsmouth PO2 0RH**

**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW THE PACE  
APPROACH CAN BE USED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.**

Enquiries

## Summer Holiday Day Camps 2025



- WEEK 1** - Wednesday 23rd July – Friday 25th July
- WEEK 2** - Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August
- WEEK 3** - Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August
- WEEK 4** - Monday 11th August – Friday 15th August
- WEEK 5** - Monday 18th August – Friday 22nd August
- WEEK 6** - Tuesday 26th August – Thursday 28th August

- Age 5-11 years • For boys & girls of all abilities
- 8.30am - 4pm • Learn tennis skills
- Multi sport activities • Play tennis matches
- Inside & outside activities

£32.50 per individual day / £130 for a full week camp

Please bring along a packed lunch, refillable water bottle, sun cream and a hat

Portsmouth Tennis Academy, Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, PO1 2EL

### Booking info:

[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/PTA](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/PTA)

Tel: 02392 730082

Email: [enquiries@ptatennis.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ptatennis.co.uk)

## BAE Systems: Headway mentor programme for women

## BAE SYSTEMS

We know some young women feel unsure about moving from education into careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, engineering arts, and maths).

Our NEW Headway Programme supports young women entering academic years 11 and 13 in September 2025 by offering the chance to:

- Learn about BAE Systems
- Meet and shadow female staff
- Explore engineering and business services apprenticeships starting September 2026

Over six sessions from September to November 2025, participants will be matched with a BAE Systems mentor and visit Portsmouth Naval Base. They'll also meet current apprentices who'll share insights and advice.

We'll also guide participants through the apprenticeship application process, open from November 2025 to February 2026.

### Programme schedule:

- Thu 11 Sept, 17:00–18:00 – Virtual
- Thu 25 Sept, 16:00–18:00 – Portsmouth Naval Base
- Thu 9 Oct, 16:00–18:00 – Portsmouth Naval Base
- Thu 23 Oct, 16:00–18:00 – Portsmouth Naval Base
- Thu 30 Oct (half term), 10:00–15:00 – Portsmouth Naval Base
- Wed 5 Nov, 17:45–19:00 – Apprentice Open Evening, Portsmouth Naval Base

Places are limited. Attendance at all sessions is required. Access to Portsmouth Naval Base is subject to MOD security checks. Valid photo ID (e.g. passport or provisional licence) is required.

Register online here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TTY6HA/>

Registration closes at 16:00 on Friday 4 July 2025.

## Summer Tennis Programme 2025

### FUNDAYS

**Mondays 28th July, 4th, 11th, 18th August**  
**Wednesdays 23rd & 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August**

10am-3pm / Age: 5-11 years / £27 per day

Fun Days are suitable for children of all abilities. Expect a fun-filled day of tennis and games with a McDonalds lunch (please bring a packed lunch if preferred). Parts of the Fun Days may take place outdoors if the weather is nice, so make sure to dress appropriately and bring a hat and sun cream.

### LITTLE SMASHERS

**Weds 23rd & 30th July, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th August**

9.15-10am / Age: 2½-5 years / £6.00 per session

A fun tennis session, with skills and games aimed at preschool aged children.

### Mini CAMPS

**Week 1** - Weds 23rd, Fri 25th July  
**Week 2** - Mon 28th, Weds 30th July, Fri 1st August  
**Week 3** - Mon 4th, Weds 6th, Fri 8th August  
**Week 4** - Mon 11th, Weds 13th, Fri 15th August  
**Week 5** - Mon 18th, Weds 20th, Fri 22nd August  
**Week 6** - Weds 27th August

10am-12pm / Age: 5-11 years / £14 per session

A 2 hour Mini Tennis session for children aged 5-11 years, full of tennis skills and lots of games! Parts of our Mini Camps may take place outdoors, so make sure to dress accordingly and bring a hat and sun cream!

Booking info: [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/PTA](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/PTA)

Tel: 02392 730082 Email: [enquiries@ptatennis.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ptatennis.co.uk)

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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.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:general@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk)

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

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