

6th February 2026

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear families,

Despite the persistent rain this week, it has certainly not dampened our ambition or our determination to get out and showcase everything that Mayfield School is about.

One of the highlights of the week was the Dance Live performance for our primary pupils. The standard was incredibly high, reflecting the ambition we have for all our children to excel and perform to the very best of their ability. Our pupils were exceptional, not only in the wide range of dance genres they performed, but also in the commitment, teamwork and respect they showed for one another throughout. The performance was a wonderful example of inclusion in action, with every child valued and celebrated.

It has also been a real pleasure to spend time in classrooms across the school, particularly within our secondary phase, observing students engaged in their learning. The consistent use of cold calling—through targeted questioning and a “no hands up” approach—alongside well-considered modes of learning, is becoming increasingly embedded. These strategies promote inclusion by ensuring that all students have a voice, while fostering respect for different ideas and viewpoints. They also demonstrate our ambition to develop confident, articulate learners with strong oracy skills.

Thank you to our staff and students for continuing to live out our values of ambition, inclusion and respect every day. It is these shared values that make Mayfield such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a great weekend!

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Author, Melinda Salisbury, visits Mayfield!

Year 7 pupils were delighted to welcome author Melinda Salisbury to school. During her visit, she spoke about her book series, which explores the role of artificial intelligence and its impact on young people's lives. Inspired by her talk, pupils took part in a creative challenge to design their own piece of new technology and present their ideas to a panel of “investors” (teachers). Their imaginative designs were enthusiastically backed. Copies of Melinda Salisbury's books will be available to borrow from the school library.

VALENTINES DAY SALE

There will be a sale on
February 11th, 12th and 13th
(outside of the main hall)

We are selling valentines gifts, plus sweets
and cakes to raise money for our school
craft club

We appreciate your support

Valentine's Day Sale

Get ready to spread the love! Next week on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February, we'll be holding a Valentine's Day sale outside the Main Hall to raise money for our School Crafts Club. There'll be plenty of lovely treats and gifts to choose from, perfect for friends, family (or yourself!). We'll be selling:

- Cakes - 50p - £1
- Sweet bags - £1
- Valentine pens - £1
- Keyrings - 50p - £1
- Valentine gifts from 50p
- Lollies - 20p

You can also order a rose for £1, which will be hand-delivered in school. Please note this is a cash-only sale. Come along, grab a bargain, and help support our creative club!

Primary Dance Live! 2026

Wow, who would have thought that some of these talented primary youngsters have never stepped foot on a stage before! The excitement and enjoyment levels were through the roof. A huge well done to Mayfield Primary for an amazing Dance performance at Dance Live!, showcasing Tap, Contemporary, Charleston, Street dance, Bollywood style and Ballet. Winners of the Best LED background screen, thanks to our creative artists in Year 6. Miss Smith and the team are super proud of you!



National Storytelling Week

In English Year 8 enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to hear from and work with the author Jeffrey Boakye, writer of Musical Truth that they read during the autumn term. They were invited to creatively explore where we find and source stories from; what matters most to them and how song selection can creatively lead to story writing.

Thursday morning proved an engaging and inspiring first free event to mark the National Year of Reading 2026 - we are looking forward to further exciting author events this year.



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TICKETS ON SALE

FEBRUARY 2nd, 3rd, 4th 3:15 and 4:15pm,
and 9th, 10th, 11th 3:15 and 4:15pm.

Please note we can only accept
CASH payments.

To keep up to date with our events
see our Facebook page -
Friends of Mayfield Portsmouth

Well done Amy!

Congratulations to Amy from Caspian Class, who scored two goals and helped her team secure victory in their cup game, while also earning the Parents' Player of the Match award. This is a huge achievement, absolutely reflecting our school value of ambition. We are very proud of you—well done, Amy!



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!

Friends of Mayfield February NEWSLETTER Hello February

At this month's committee meeting we started the exciting preparations for our Primary discos and Family Easter egg hunt.

You can pick up tickets for both disco's and Easter event on 9th, 10th and 11th of February, at 3:15 and 4:15. Tickets for the discos are £5 and £3 for Easter. Please note we can only accept CASH.

EVENTS AND DATES

Primary discos, Tuesday 17th March.
Quiz night, Friday 13th March
(adult only event)
Bingo evening, Friday 24th April
(adult only event)
Summer Fayre, Saturday 11th July.

NOTICE

Our next committee meeting is on Monday 2nd of March, 5:30pm in cafe Tranquilo. Everyone is welcome to join us and find out what we are all about!
Our points of discussion will be finalising plans for primary discos and our Family Easter Egg Hunt. We will also be discussing our other upcoming events.

MORE INFO

Please join our Facebook page
for up to date info or email
friends@mayfield@salterns.org

WE NEED YOU

Looking ahead to our Summer Fayre, we need your help, we are looking for raffle prizes. These can be an unwanted gift, unopened and of good quality or if you know of someone with a business that could donate a prize.

We also need stalls, personal, small business or corporate, please email - janandrews0306@hotmail.co.uk