

6th March 2026

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear families,

This week has been a wonderful celebration of our school community and the values that guide us—ambition, inclusion, and respect.

We were delighted to feature on Meridian News after a morning of filming on Monday. The team reached out to us because they had heard about the ambitious work happening across our school to support every child. It was a proud moment to see our community recognised for the inclusive and respectful culture we build together each day.

Our Year 11 students have begun their mock GCSE exams with maturity and determination. Their positive attitudes reflect not only their own ambition, but also the respectful way they support one another through this important stage of their learning.

World Book Day was another highlight. Year 7 and a group of primary pupils joined schools from across the city at Fratton Park, contributing to a new world record for the largest number of people taught a reading lesson. It was a great reminder of how reading brings us together and how inclusive opportunities can inspire every learner.

We were also pleased to welcome the Inclusion Lead from Portsmouth Local Authority. She toured both our primary and secondary phases, meeting staff and pupils and seeing first-hand the respectful relationships and inclusive practice that underpin our school environment.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your support in closing the school early to allow our community to come together in respect for Mrs Laura Turnbull. Moments like these show the strength and compassion of our school family.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Howard

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Mayfield aid Portsmouth in breaking the Guinness World Record!

Our Year 7 students made history yesterday at Fratton Park! They joined 6,715 students from across the city to take part in the largest reading lesson ever, breaking the previous Guinness World Record of just over 3,000. The stadium was filled with excitement as thousands of young readers came together to celebrate literacy. Our students represented the school brilliantly and were proud to be part of such a memorable, record-breaking event!





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PRIMARY DISCOS

At our committee meeting on Monday we finalised the details for our primary discos, Tuesday 17th March. We will send out a message on ClassCharts closer to the time with all the finer details. You will also be able to find these details on our Facebook page - Friends of Mayfield Portsmouth

RESCHEDULED QUIZ NIGHT

Our quiz night has been rescheduled to Friday 24th April. Teams must not be more than 8 per team, £5 per person, please bring your own refreshments (alcohol if you wish). Doors open at 6:30, quiz starts at 7pm, there will be a cash prize for the winner! To reserve a table please email friendsofmayfield@salterns.org or just turn up on the night.

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

We have been excited about organising this event, as this is our first family Easter Egg Hunt. This will be held on 24th March from 3:30 until 5:15. We will have some delicious cakes and juice for sale, please ensure you bring cash if you wish to purchase these. Children must be accompanied by an adult whilst looking for clues. We will send send out a ClassCharts with details.

SUMMER FAYRE 2026

We are busy organising our Summer Fayre, this is due to be held on Saturday 11th July. If you would like to have a table at our Fayre, please email janandrews0306@hotmail.co.uk. We are also looking for raffle prizes, if you have any unwanted gifts please leave them with the staff in the office clearly marked for Friends of Mayfield.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- VOLUNTEER FOR OUR PRIMARY DISCOS
- DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS.

All enquiries

EMAIL - FRIENDSOFMAYFIELD@SALTERNS.ORG



The Options Process is starting soon!

Choosing GCSE options is an exciting milestone, and we're here to guide pupils and families every step of the way. Here's what's coming up over the next few weeks:

• 9-13 March: Options Launch Week

Throughout the week, Year 9 pupils will take part in a series of assemblies introducing:

- All the subjects available for them to choose from
- How the options process works
- What they should start thinking about when selecting their courses

This week sets the foundation so everyone feels informed and confident.

• 12 March: Options Evening (5:30-7:00pm)

A key part of the process — and a great chance for pupils and parents to explore choices together.

What to expect:

Two main talks at 6:00pm and 6:30pm
Subject and college stalls open from 5:30-6:30pm — we recommend visiting these before your scheduled talk
Opportunities to speak with course leaders and ask questions
Pupils will receive their options booklet and pathway forms

Please book your talk time via the parent booking system so we can plan for numbers.

• 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.

A Bilingual Storytime Adventure!

For World Book Day our Year 8 French pupils tested out their language skills by reading a variety of French books to Year 4. It was exciting to listen to some well-known books in another language; reminding us how important and fun reading is in any language. Bravo to everyone who took part!



Mother's Day Sale!

Get ready to treat someone special! We're hosting a Mother's Day bake & gift sale filled with homemade goodies and thoughtful gifts.

This Friday (6th) at 1pm
Plus Wednesday, Thursday & Friday next week (11th, 12th & 13th March)

Come along and browse a selection of lovely treats, including:

- Cakes & Biscuits – from 50p
- Sweet Bags – £1
- Keyrings – from 50p
- Flowers – £1 per stem
- Mirrors – £1
- Pens – £1
- Bracelets – 50p
- Bookmarks – from 25p

Everything is cash only, and all proceeds support our after-school craft club. Come find the perfect little gift — or just treat yourself!

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!