

9th January 2026

Mayfield Messenger

A message from Mr Howard

Dear families,

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term, and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable festive break.

We began 2026 with an INSET day at Mayfield, where staff came together in community circles, began work on our reading strategy and its implementation, revisited our curriculum, and continued developing our Teaching and Learning Toolkit. All of this work reflects our shared commitment to ambition for every child, ensuring that we continually strive to improve what we offer and how we support learning.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back. They have returned with positivity and focus, quickly settling back into school life. The way they support one another and re-establish routines demonstrates the respect and inclusion that sit at the heart of our school community.

Our primary and secondary Dance Live performers have been working incredibly hard on their films ahead of the live shows, which are now very nearly here. Their creativity, teamwork and determination truly showcase our value of ambition in action — and I can share a small spoiler: the costumes look amazing!

There is so much to look forward to this term, with many exciting events and opportunities planned. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children as we continue to believe, achieve and succeed together.

I wish you all a great weekend!

#Believe. Achieve. Succeed. #TeamMayfield

Christmas Celebrations!

The final week before the Christmas holidays saw the return of one of our favourite festive traditions – the Secondary Christmas Breakfasts. Each House gathered in the sports hall to celebrate together, enjoying a delicious spread of bacon rolls, croissants and pastries. The morning was filled with festive cheer as students caught up with housemates, took part in a Christmas quiz, and enjoyed a Secret Santa exchange within their tutor groups.

On the final day, we also hosted a special celebration assembly, featuring a fantastic dance and singing performance from the Performing Arts department. This was followed by a round-up celebration led by Mr Campbell, reflecting on and celebrating the many achievements of both students and staff. The assembly concluded with a festive singalong of The 12 Days of Christmas, including some creative student-led versions, before announcing the House Cup standings at the end of the Autumn 2 half-term.

House Cup Results:
1st Place – Discovery
2nd Place – Intrepid
3rd Place – Victory
4th Place – Endeavour

Remember, if you achieved a badge award, wear it everyday in school with pride!



THE SALTERNS TRUST INVITES YOU TO AN EVENING OF FOOD, CULTURE AND FRIENDSHIP

Join us to celebrate our rich cultural heritages and share food, language, music and traditions, fostering community connections among families from across the Salterns Trust Schools in Portsmouth.

Come along and make new friends, while sharing cultural experiences and enjoying a variety of delicious dishes provided by our community.

This is a free event, open to families from our Trust schools.

**We would ask that guests bring pre-prepared food (there is no cooking or heating on site), so that everyone can enjoy the evening's offerings in safety.



DATE: 17 MARCH 2026
6.30PM - 8.00PM

LOCATION: TRAFALGAR
SCHOOL IN THE MAIN HALL

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST [HERE](#)
TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU REGISTER BY
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

ANY QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT ELLE SMITH ON ESMITH@SALTERNS.ORG

We anticipate this will be a very popular and uplifting event, and we would love to involve as many of you as possible.

Student Booster Vaccine Due

Dear parent/carer,

Your child's Teenage Booster is now due. The vaccines help protect against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis ACWY.

If you have already submitted a form, please ignore this message.

Follow the links below for the electronic form and information about the vaccines. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session.

School Code: CW150362

Session date: 23/01/2026

Year Group: Year 9

Link to form: [https://www.](https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/DTP)

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For further information: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/>

To choose YES or NO please complete the form to record your decision. Further reminders will be sent to those that have not completed a form to ensure children do not miss their opportunity for vaccination.



Quantum Theatre performs A Christmas Carol!

Quantum Theatre visited Mayfield yesterday to perform an adaptation of A Christmas Carol to our Year 10 pupils.

This was an amazing experience for our pupils helping them with their overall understanding of the narrative, characters, key themes and key quotes!

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!