

MAYFIELD SCHOOL NEWS

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Message from the School Team

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding half-term, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year at Mayfield.

From the very first day back, our students across both Primary and Secondary phases have demonstrated enthusiasm, determination, and a real commitment to their learning. It has been wonderful to see so many students embracing opportunities, challenging themselves, and living out our values of Ambition, Inclusion, and Respect each day. The positive atmosphere around the school has been truly uplifting and is a credit to our entire community.

This term, we have been pleased to welcome a number of new colleagues to the Mayfield family. They have brought a wealth of experience, fresh ideas, and enthusiasm, all of which are already having a positive impact on school life. Their contribution strengthens our commitment to ensuring every child feels supported, inspired, and empowered to achieve their very best. We remain dedicated to building a talented and passionate staff team that delivers exceptional opportunities and support for all our students.

One of the highlights of the term was our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students joining us in September 2027. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase the very best of Mayfield. Families enjoyed exploring our vibrant departments, speaking with staff, and experiencing the warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes our school so unique.

Our Student Ambassadors and tour guides were exceptional throughout the evening. They spoke confidently about their experiences, answered questions with maturity and enthusiasm, and represented the school with immense pride. Their professionalism and kindness left a lasting impression on visitors and perfectly reflected the values we work so hard to instil.

One parent commented:

"A really good school. As a parent of a child who will be moving to Year 7 next year, [Mayfield] sounds like every parent's dream."

Another shared:

"Our tour guide was excellent, explained everything to us and answered every question. My son is really looking forward to hopefully starting in September."

We were also incredibly proud to host this year's Mayfield Talent Showcase. The evening was packed with entertaining and inspiring performances that highlighted the incredible abilities of our students. More importantly, it celebrated the confidence, resilience, and courage shown by those who stepped onto the stage and shared their talents with an audience. The event also raised valuable funds for the Malaysia Expedition, supporting turtle conservation projects and helping our students make a meaningful

contribution to protecting wildlife around the world.

Our Malaysia Expedition students have continued to show outstanding commitment and teamwork, recently completing a sponsored walk around Portsea Island. The positivity, encouragement, and sense of camaraderie displayed throughout the event were a wonderful reflection of our school community and values; Ambition, Inclusion and Respect. Students worked together, supported one another, and demonstrated the values that sit at the heart of life at Mayfield.

As we celebrate successes, we also say goodbye to Mrs Winzar, our Student and Family Support Worker. Mrs Winzar has made a significant difference to the lives of many students and families through her compassion, dedication, and unwavering support. We thank her for everything she has contributed to the Mayfield community and wish her every success in the future. Following half-term, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Aris into this important role and know she will continue the excellent support our families value so highly.

Looking ahead to the remainder of the autumn term, we remain committed to maintaining high standards of attendance, encouraging positive behaviour, and creating an environment where every student can flourish academically, socially, and personally.

Together, we will continue to nurture a culture where ambition is encouraged, inclusion is celebrated, and respect is shown by all. These values remain the foundation of everything we do and continue to guide us as we strive for excellence.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership. Working together enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our young people and ensures that Mayfield continues to thrive as a strong and supportive community.

I wish all of our students, families, and staff a happy and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting and successful half-term filled with even more opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve.



SECONDARY NEWS

HOUSE NEWS



A Fantastic Start to the Year!

The Houses has begun the academic year in outstanding fashion, setting high standards both in and out of the classroom. Through excellent attendance, strong academic achievement and impressive sporting performances, students have already made their mark and demonstrated what it means to be part of all our House teams.

One of the key strengths of each House so far has been its commitment to attendance. For the last four weeks, Endeavour has consistently ranked within the top two houses for attendance, reflecting the dedication of students who understand the importance of being present, engaged and ready to learn. This positive attitude has also been evident in the race for achievement points, where Endeavour has spent much of the term challenging for the lead and showcasing the hard work, perseverance and positive contributions of its students.

Success has not been limited to the classroom. A growing number of students have proudly represented the school in football across Years 7, 9 and 10, demonstrating talent, commitment and teamwork. Wearing school colours and competing against other schools is a fantastic achievement, and all of those involved should be extremely proud of the way they have represented both the school and the house.

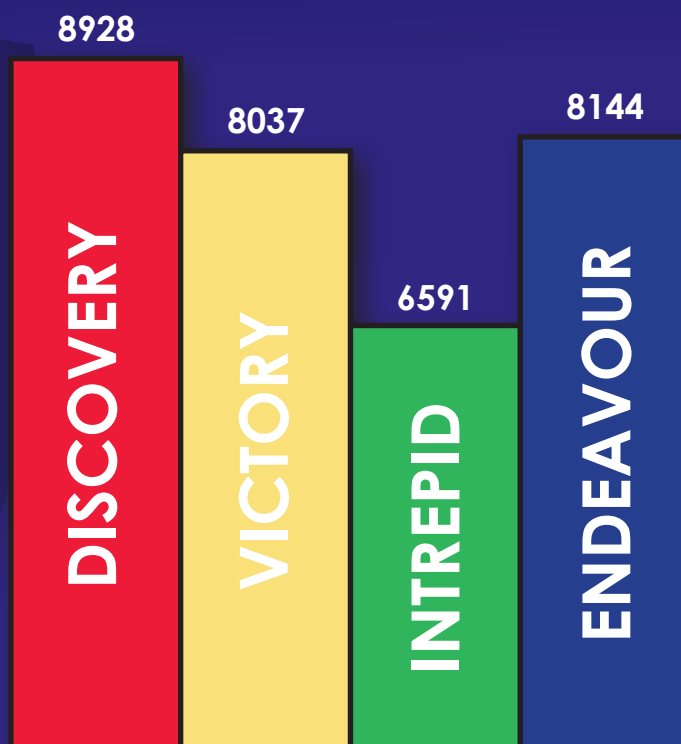
The recent PD Day Inter-Tutor Competition provided another opportunity for students to demonstrate their house spirit. Competing in badminton, football and netball, students approached every fixture with enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. The standout performance of the day came from the Year 10 girls, who delivered a remarkable double success by winning both the netball and badminton competitions.

Their achievements were a reflection of their hard work, skill and teamwork throughout the event.

As the year continues, there is a real sense of momentum building within all our Houses; Discovery, Intrepid, Endeavour, and Victory. With strong attendance, a growing collection of achievement points and students regularly stepping forward to represent the school, the foundations are firmly in place for a successful year ahead. Well done to every student for an excellent start to the year. There is plenty to celebrate already, and with the same determination and house spirit, even greater success lies ahead.

House Team

House Achievement Point Standings so far this year...



Who do you think will win this year's House Cup?

EVENTS



Year 7 Cohort 2027 Open Evening

Our Secondary Open Evening was a fantastic success this half-term as we welcomed families exploring their next steps in education. Visitors were guided around the school by our wonderful student ambassadors, who represented Mayfield with confidence, kindness, and pride. Many families commented on how welcoming and impressive our students were, describing them as a real "credit to the school."



A huge thank you also goes to our departments, whose outstanding displays and activities brought learning to life throughout the evening. Their hard work and creativity showcased the breadth of opportunities available at Mayfield and helped present our school at its very best.

Secondary PD Day #1 - Ambition

We held our first Secondary PD Day of the academic year, with a focus on one of our core school values: Ambition. Throughout the day, students took part in a wide variety of activities designed to encourage them to think positively about their future aspirations and recognise the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve them.

The day offered a rich programme of learning experiences, from energetic PE challenges and team-building activities to inspiring presentations from visiting college and university representatives. These sessions gave students valuable insights into the diverse pathways available to them beyond school and highlighted how ambition, determination and perseverance can open doors to exciting opportunities.

Students also explored the theme of ambition across a range of curriculum subjects. In English, Maths and Science lessons, they completed engaging tasks and discussions that encouraged them to develop confidence in their abilities, challenge themselves, and reflect on the skills needed for success both in education and in later life.

The PD Day provided an excellent opportunity for students to learn in new and meaningful ways, while reinforcing the importance of having high expectations for themselves and their futures. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm, participation and positivity throughout the day, making it a truly successful and inspiring experience for all involved.



Secondary News - Events

Day of the Dead Celebration!

We celebrated Día de los Muertos a little early this year at International Club with an afternoon full of creativity, learning and fun! Students enjoyed taking part in a range of themed crafts, creating colourful artwork inspired by this vibrant cultural celebration. They also tested their knowledge with quizzes, learning more about the traditions and history behind this special occasion.

It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, sharing their creativity and exploring a celebration that honours and remembers loved ones in such a meaningful way. A fantastic afternoon was had by all!



Designing the Future: Apprenticeship Bus Workshop

Our Art and Graphics students recently enjoyed an incredible opportunity to take part in an Apprenticeship Bus Design Workshop! Fifteen students worked on creative design ideas for this year's Apprenticeship Bus, which will be visiting our Year 10 students in February 2027. The workshop provided a valuable insight into the creative industry, helping students understand the design process and how ideas can become real-world projects. We are excited to see some of their fantastic designs featured on the finished bus!



Learning through Collaboration

Our Year 10 Health and Social Care students have been putting their learning into practice by visiting our primary pupils and conducting interviews. They explored a range of social, emotional and cultural questions to better understand how these factors influence children's development, wellbeing and experiences. This hands-on opportunity helped students develop valuable communication, research and interpersonal skills while gaining real-life insight into the topics studied as part of our exciting new GCSE course.

More recently, our students have continued building positive relationships with the primary children through a variety of interactive games and activities. From Guess Who? Footballer Edition and UNO to many other engaging games, these sessions have encouraged teamwork, communication and confidence while providing opportunities for pupils of different ages to connect and learn from one another. It has been wonderful to see our Year 10 students acting as positive role models, creating a fun and supportive environment while further developing the practical skills that are so important within Health and Social Care.



CAREERS EVENTS



At Mayfield, we are passionate about helping our students explore their future pathways and make informed decisions about their next steps. Over the past few weeks, students have had the opportunity to engage in a range of exciting careers-focused activities, workshops, and presentations designed to inspire ambition and broaden horizons.

Apprenticeship Bus Design Workshop

Fifteen Art and Graphics students recently took part in a fantastic Apprenticeship Bus Design Workshop, giving them a unique opportunity to contribute to the design process for this year's Apprenticeship Bus. The bus will be visited by our Year 10 students in February 2027, making this an especially meaningful project. Students gained valuable insight into the creative industry, learning more about the design process and how ideas are developed into real-world products. It was an incredible experience, and we look forward to seeing some of their designs brought to life



Year 11 College Assemblies

Our Year 11 students have also benefited from a series of informative college assemblies delivered during Friday mornings. We were delighted to welcome representatives from City of Portsmouth College, Havant and South Downs College, and South Hampshire College Group, who shared information about the wide range of courses, opportunities, and support available to students after secondary school. These assemblies have provided valuable guidance on the application process and helped students consider which pathway is right for them. As a reminder, all Year 11 students are encouraged to submit their college or apprenticeship applications before Christmas.



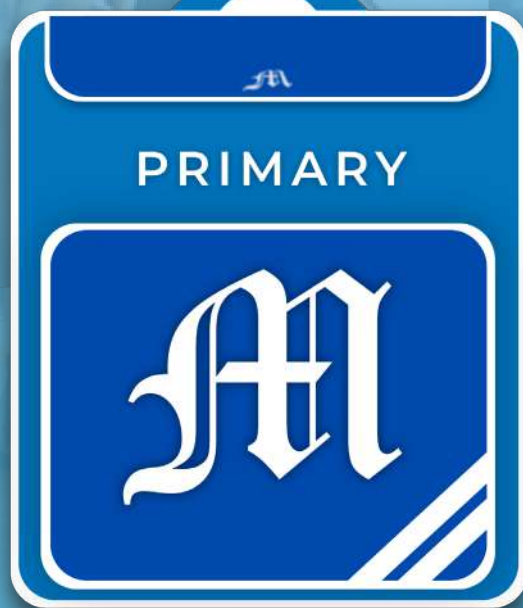
PD Day Focus: Ambition

Our first PD Day of the academic year, held on 12th October, centred around our school value of Ambition. Students across different year groups took part in a variety of workshops designed to help them think about their future goals and aspirations.

Year 9 students explored future pathways through sessions delivered by HSDC and the Portsmouth City Council Careers Advice Team, while Year 10 students gained an insight into college life through workshops led by City of Portsmouth College. Year 11 students benefited from presentations on university pathways from Portsmouth University and guidance on routes into college from HSDC. The day provided students with valuable information, inspiration, and practical advice to support their future decision-making.



Mrs Firth



PRIMARY NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRIMARY



As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, I am incredibly proud of the fantastic start our primary children have made to the academic year. We have certainly started with a bang!

Our Year R children have settled beautifully into school life and are already demonstrating confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning. Across the primary phase, pupils have enjoyed a range of enriching experiences, including visits to Butser Ancient Farm and the D-Day Museum, bringing classroom learning to life and creating lasting memories.

A particular highlight this week was our school Talent Show. Huge congratulations to all of the primary pupils who took part. We were immensely proud of your bravery in stepping onto the stage in front of such a large audience. Every act was entertaining and impressive, and each performance showcased not only talent but also resilience, confidence and determination.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff team, whose hard work, commitment and enthusiasm have made such a successful start to the year possible.

Looking ahead, there is much to look forward to next half term. Parent consultations will provide an opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, and we will also be inviting parents to join our Community Circles to learn more about our relational approach and how we support children to thrive. Beyond that, we have a range of exciting Christmas events planned, which we will share with you after the holiday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all of our families a restful, enjoyable and well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Miss R Osborne
Head of Primary



EVENTS



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Year R Cohort Open Evening 2026

This half-term, we were delighted to welcome prospective families to our Year R Open Evening, giving them the opportunity to experience the warm, nurturing environment that makes our school so special. Visitors explored our engaging Early Years classrooms, met our dedicated staff team, and discovered the exciting learning opportunities available to our youngest learners.

Throughout the evening, families were able to see firsthand how we support children in developing confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning from the very start of their school journey. From our carefully

designed learning spaces to the wide range of activities on offer, the event showcased everything that makes Year R such a fantastic place to begin an educational adventure.



Year R

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! It has been lovely to see the children settling so happily into school life, building new friendships and growing in confidence each day. We are incredibly proud of how well they have embraced our routines and become such valued members of our classroom community.

At the beginning of the half term, we loved getting to know one another by sharing family photographs and talking about the special people in our lives. The children enjoyed discussing who is in their family, sharing their experiences and learning more about their friends. These conversations helped us to build new relationships, celebrate our unique family backgrounds and create the warm, caring classroom community that we are so proud of today.

The children have made fantastic progress in their phonics learning this half term. Having been taught all of our Autumn 1 sounds, they are now beginning to use this knowledge to read short words that include these sounds. Their enthusiasm and determination to become confident readers has been a joy to see!

Our Drawing Club sessions have been a particular highlight. The children have shown fantastic imagination through their storytelling, creating wonderful drawings and using rich language to describe the events taking place in their stories. There has been great excitement around our current focus book, *Room on the Broom*, which has inspired the children to invent their own spooky tales full of creativity and adventure.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring our outdoor provision, where they have been developing their curiosity, problem-solving skills and confidence through play. Inside the classroom, they have loved getting busy in our creative areas, experimenting with different materials and techniques to produce a range of beautiful artwork.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved at the beginning of their school journey. They have worked incredibly hard, shown great enthusiasm for learning and embraced every new challenge with a smile. We look forward to another exciting and successful half term together, filled with even more learning, growth and memorable experiences!

The Year R Team



Year 1

What a fantastic start to Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly and have quickly adapted to their new routines. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and positive attitudes towards learning grow throughout the half term.

In Geography, we have been busy exploring the world around us. The children have been learning about the United Kingdom and its four countries and capital cities as well as developing their knowledge of the seven continents and five oceans. They have really enjoyed using maps and developing their geographical vocabulary.

In Art, we have been developing our drawing skills and learning to look carefully at shapes, lines and features. The children have put these skills into practice by creating their own self-portraits, with some fantastic results.

We have also been very impressed with our Year 1 mathematicians. The children have been developing their understanding of numbers to 100, exploring number patterns and building their confidence when working with numbers.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have started Year 1 and of all the enthusiasm they bring to their learning each day. Well done, Year 1! What a brilliant first half-term.

The Year 1 Team



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new term and have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Great Fire of London. Throughout our History lessons, we have explored what happened during this significant event, discovering how the fire started, how it spread across the city, and the impact it had on the people of London in 1666.

As part of our DT learning, we investigated how wheels and axles work before putting our new knowledge into practice by designing and making our own fire engines. The children showed great creativity and problem-solving skills while constructing their models and were very proud of their finished creations.

In English, we stepped back in time and imagined what life was like during the Great Fire of London. We wrote letters to a friend, describing the events of 1666 and sharing our thoughts and experiences as if we had witnessed the fire ourselves. The children worked hard to use descriptive language and historical facts to bring their writing to life.

We were also very fortunate to take part in an exciting workshop linked to our topic. Using our drama and acting skills, we recreated scenes from the Great Fire of London, helping us to better understand what people may have experienced during this historic event. Alongside this, we joined a live lesson where we learned even more fascinating facts about this important period in history. It has been a wonderful topic to explore, and the children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and engagement throughout their learning.

The Year 2 Team



Year 3

What an amazing start to Junior School we have had in Amazon and Nile Class! The children have settled beautifully into their new routines and have shown real enthusiasm for learning. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have adapted to life in Year 3—showing curiosity and a fantastic attitude towards doing their very best.

This half term, our topic has taken us back in time as we explored life in the Stone Age. A highlight to look forward to is our trip to Butser Ancient Farm (We will share some photos during our next Newsletter). The children will enjoy stepping into the past—touring the roundhouses, learning about how our ancestors lived, carving chalk, making Stone Age bracelets, and even becoming archaeologists as they dug for ancient artefacts. It will be a memorable day bringing our history learning to life!

In DT, we have designed shelters to protect wildlife using a range of shell structure techniques.

Our Science lessons have transformed us into budding geologists. We have been observing, testing and investigating different types of rocks and now understand how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed. In English, we have been using this knowledge to write our very own non-chronological reports all about rock formation. You might like to ask your child about their favourite rock or what happens when a volcano erupts. After reading our class book, "Pebble in My Pocket," they truly are the experts! Next time you find a pebble on the beach, see if they can tell you about its long and fascinating journey through time.

In PE, we have been developing our skills in hockey, and the children have shown great teamwork and perseverance. This term we have also been fortunate enough to experience PE with John, a professional tennis coach!

It has been a wonderful start to the year, full of energy, enthusiasm, and great learning. We are so proud of all the children and can't wait for more adventures next half term.

Have a fantastic break and a fun-filled Halloween!

Kind regards,

**Mrs Amor, Miss Finn, Miss Norman
and Mr Thomson**



Year 4

Wow! What a wonderful, busy and exciting start to Year 4 we have had! It is hard to believe that our first half term is already coming to an end. The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly, friendships have blossomed, and our classroom has been filled with laughter, enthusiasm and lots of fantastic learning. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have embraced the challenges of Year 4 and the positive attitudes they have shown towards their learning.

We have certainly been busy putting our writing skills to the test! The children produced some amazing persuasive pieces explaining the importance of internet safety, using powerful vocabulary, rhetorical questions and persuasive language to share their important messages.

We also travelled back in time to the Anglo-Saxon period, where the children wrote fantastic first-person diary entries imagining a day in the life of an Anglo-Saxon. They impressed us with their creativity, historical knowledge and ability to include the new writing skills and key vocabulary we have explored throughout the half term. We have been blown away by their efforts!

Our reading adventures have taken us to some wonderful places! We thoroughly enjoyed exploring *The Land of Roar*, a magical story that encouraged us to use our imaginations and transport ourselves into another world. The children have been developing their prediction and inference skills, thinking carefully about characters, events and clues within the text.

We also explored the wonderful poem *The Raven*. The children enjoyed reading, comparing and performing this mysterious poem, bringing its words to life with expression and enthusiasm. We certainly have some talented performers in Year 4!

In maths, we have been working hard to build our confidence with numbers up to 10,000, securing our understanding of place value and applying this knowledge to a range of problems.

We have also been developing our column addition and subtraction skills, tackling exchanging and carrying with growing confidence. The children have shown fantastic resilience when faced with tricky calculations, and it has been lovely to see their determination and independence grow.

Our history topic this half term has been the Anglo-

Saxons, and what a fascinating journey it has been! We have discovered why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain, where they settled and what everyday life was like during this period.

The children have absolutely loved exploring this topic, asking thoughtful questions, sharing interesting facts and showing great enthusiasm for learning about the past.

In science, we have been learning all about animals and their habitats, exploring how different creatures survive in their environments. We have also investigated the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates.

A definite highlight was our fantastic ZooLab visit! What an unforgettable, hands-on experience it was! The children had the opportunity to hold a snake, examine a scorpion's exoskeleton and even share a room with a rather large tarantula! There was plenty of excitement, curiosity and bravery on display. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged, asking questions and learning fascinating facts about the animals. We certainly made some amazing memories!

In PE, we have enjoyed developing our skills in gymnastics and basketball. The children have worked brilliantly together, showing teamwork, determination and encouragement towards one another. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they learn new skills and challenge themselves.

In DT, we had a fantastic time planning, preparing and making our very own potato rostis! The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their plans into action, carefully following their recipes and developing their cooking skills.

It was such a wonderful experience taking the children up to the cooking room and watching them perfect their peeling and grating skills! They showed fantastic independence, concentration and

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enthusiasm throughout the whole process, and we were so proud of their efforts.

We hope you all enjoyed tasting their delicious creations as much as the children enjoyed planning and making them! We certainly have some budding chefs in Year 4!

What a fantastic first half term it has been! We have loved getting to know the children, watching their confidence grow and seeing them embrace all the exciting opportunities Year 4 has to offer.

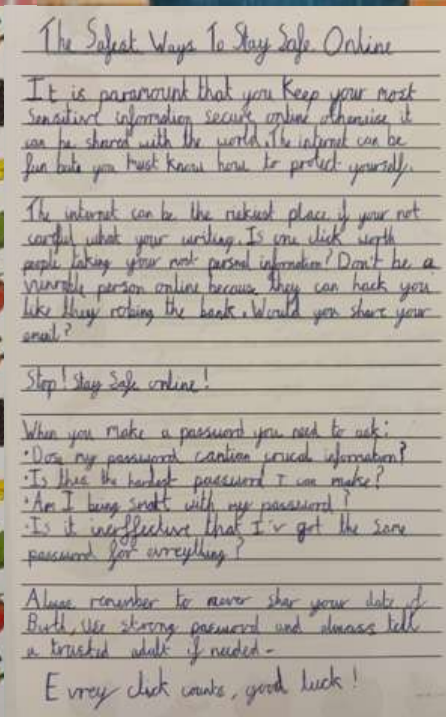
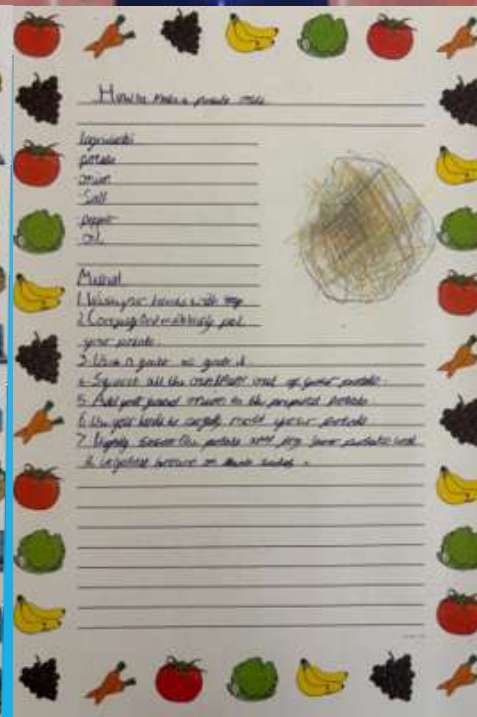
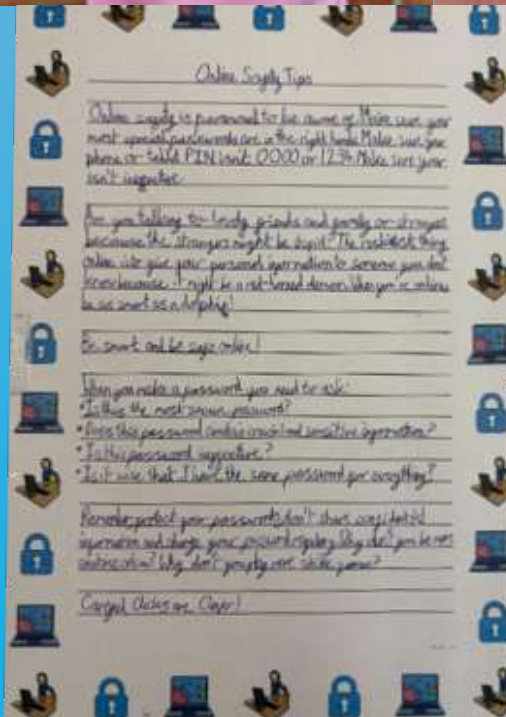
We are so proud of everything they have achieved already, not just academically but also in the kindness, respect, ambition and enthusiasm they bring to school each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful and well-deserved half-term break, filled with family time, fun and relaxation.

We cannot wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting half term of learning, laughter and making memories!

Happy half-term, everyone!

The Year 4 team



Year 6

It's been an incredibly busy first half term of the school year in Year 6, with the children working hard to meet the high expectations that we have of them, especially as they begin their journey of transitioning from their primary education and towards their secondary education. They have had a strong start to the school year and we are proud of their positive behaviours and attitudes to learning along with the progress that they are making. We look forward to sharing their learning with you when we meet you at our Parents' Evenings after half term. These will also give us an opportunity to share with you some SATs revision materials, that we have purchased for the children, so that you can continue to support their learning at home. Be sure to book an appointment when they are available for you to.

This half term, the children have really enjoyed following the young life of Sophie and her guardian, Charles, in our book; *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell. The children were instantly hooked after making the connection that the same author had written 'The Explorer', a book that they read and studied in Year 5. In *Rooftoppers*, Sophie is a young baby found by Charles in the English Channel, following a shipwreck. He takes her home and raises her, rather unconventionally for Victorian times, when the story is set. Sophie is convinced that her mum is alive somewhere and, in bid to find her, Sophie and Charles venture to Paris, where Sophie meets a new friend living among the rooftops, who vows to help Sophie find her mum from high above the streets. The children have enjoyed following the themes of identity, friendship, family and a story set in an historical setting.

In writing, the children have impressed us with their skills; writing autobiographies. These were based on their Year 5 reading of 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. The children wrote their autobiographies as Lillian, the main character of the story, drawing upon their knowledge of the story and applying these with the writing skills of; simple past and past progressive tense, rhetorical questions, carefully selected and impactful vocabulary and chronology. Following on from this, the children wrote speeches in order to voice their viewpoints about school meals. They had to support their viewpoints with facts, opinions and write with an emotive language. They also had

to learn about the skills of delivering their speeches, including using eye contact and gestures.

In maths, we started the half term with a focus on place value, learning about numbers up to eight digits, including reading numbers, writing them in words and figures and the values of each digit within a number. The children then moved on to rounding numbers up to eight digits, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000, including with decimal numbers and using mental and formal methods of calculation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children have been maintaining a strong focus on their fluency in maths and have been encouraged to continue to develop their times tables knowledge through Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS). Please keep encouraging this at home too.



In Science, the children have been learning about 'electricity'. They have been learning about the different types of electricity and how they are generated. They have been learning about different conductors and insulators, along with the components that make a circuit, how circuits work and how to spot and correct faults within circuits. Within their investigative working, the children have explored what happens when we change the components in a circuit, such as making lights brighter and dimmer by changing the voltage and output.

In History, the children have been learning about World War II, especially what life was like in WWII for the people of Portsmouth, Portsmouth's contributions to WWII and how Portsmouth was affected during WWII. The children really enjoyed visiting Portsmouth's D-Day Museum to support and enhance their learning through workshops and first-hand exploration of artefacts.

In French, the children have been really fortunate to continue in their specialist lessons provided by Madame Humphries, one of our Mayfield Languages teachers. In PSHE and through My Happy Minds, the children have been learning about friendship, how to manage conflict and how different parts of the brain work, having an impact on our feelings and emotions. The children really enjoyed taking part in our primary Personal Development Day, linked to our Ambition value, this half term. It was lovely to share with them their ambitions for the future, the skills that they will need to follow their ambitions, and for them to have the opportunity to see and hear from many inspirational people who shared their ambitions and successes with the children. We're also proud to have had groups of boys and girls represent Mayfield in recent interschools football tournaments, with the girls doing particularly well and with all involved representing our school brilliantly.

This is just a snippet of the busy first half term that we have had and we look forward to the next one in the build up to Christmas. As always, thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term week.

The Year 6 Team



NOTICES



Thinking About Your Next Steps?

CAREERS DROP-IN SESSIONS

Got questions about your future? We're here to help! Our Careers Advisors will be available to answer your questions and offer guidance.

Simply drop in during tutor time, from 9 - 9:20AM!

Room 227

17 Thursday & Friday Mornings

Open to all Secondary students

Whether you have questions about:

- Career pathways
- College applications
- Interview preparation
- Further education and training opportunities

PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION

Get creative. Show off your style.
Decorate a pumpkin and win!

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ANY THEME WELCOME!

PRIZES FOR EACH SIZE CATEGORY!

Let your imagination grow!

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Trip



**WEDNESDAY 16TH
DECEMBER from 1PM, KINGS
THEATRE**

Calling all Year 7 pupils! We're delighted to be offering students the opportunity to enjoy a magical trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Payments are to be made in instalments using the following schedule:

31st October - £5.00

23rd November - £5.00

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Languages without limits!

Students from Year 6 and Year 9 had the opportunity to find out more about how Languages can be part of their future careers. With various activities from interviewing mystery guests about how they use Languages in their world of work, to finding out all about careers in Football and Languages. We also got to try out our Japanese handwriting! A day filled with inspiration and fun which engaged our learners and showed them how Languages can be an exciting part of their future ambitions.



Congratulations Christian!

Well done to Christian, who won the CoPC Open Evening competition within the maths department where he had to guess a correlation and got it correct exactly! He has been awarded a Amazon Gift Card as a result. Well done Christian!

Fantastic work, Oliver and Liam!

Oliver recently competed in the Great South Run 5K, finishing in an impressive 55th place with a time of 19:55. Although it wasn't a personal best, he still put in a fantastic performance.

Liam also enjoyed success in the Junior Fun Run, finishing 10th overall and placing 1st among runners from postcodes PO1-PO6. As a result, he was awarded the Chris Weeks Cup for the second consecutive year and will once again meet the Lord Mayor to receive his trophy.

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/Newsletter. Please send these to general.mayfield@salterns.org

We look forward to seeing you all again next week. Have a lovely half-term holiday!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

First day back after the October Half-Term: Monday 2nd November 2026
 Christmas Holidays: Monday 21st December 2026 - Monday 4th January 2027
 First day back after the Christmas Holidays: Tuesday 5th January 2027

NOVEMBER	
5th November	CoPS Summit #1, Dance Community Showcase
11th November	Remembrance Day (assemblies)
12th November	Certificate Collection (Year 11 2026)
12th November	Primary Parents Evening #1
16th November	New Starters Year R 2027-28 Parents Tours
17th November	New Starters Year R 2027-28 Parents Tours
17th November	Primary Parents Evening #2
17th November	Dance Exam Filming (All day)
18th November	CPD Day #1 at South Downs College
18th November	Dance Exam Filming (All day)
30th November	Legally Blonde Tech Rehearsal

DECEMBER	
1st December	New Starters Year R 2027-28 Parents Tours
1st December	Legally Blonde Primary Performance (Afternoon)
2nd December	Legally Blonde Show
3rd December	Legally Blonde Show
4th December	INSET Day #3
7th December	Carols Around the Tree
8th December	Art & Tech Showcase Exhibition
10th December	Year 11 Parents Evening
11th December	Little Sunbeams Nativity
14th December	Christmas Breakfasts begin!
14th December	KS2 Carols
15th December	KS1 Nativity
16th December	Year 7 Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime Trip
16th December	Year R Nativity
18th December	Primary Celebrations, Primary students finish at 1:10PM
18th December	Secondary Celebrations, Secondary students finish at 1PM

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