



Mayfield School News

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Message from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

This final half term has been packed full of amazing opportunities and activities. It has also been an incredibly full and rewarding academic year. As we move toward the summer break, the energy and achievements of our students continue to be nothing short of inspiring. The past few weeks have been packed with a diverse range of experiences that truly reflect the ambition, inclusion, and respect at the heart of our school community.

We began this half-term by launching our Year 10 work experience programme—an exciting opportunity for students to gain real-world insight, develop their skills, and explore potential career paths. Feedback from employers were overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the maturity, enthusiasm, and professionalism of our students. Alongside this, Year 10 also completed their mock exams with great focus, showing real commitment as they prepare for the year ahead. Many also took part in college taster days, giving them a valuable glimpse into the next phase of their educational journey.

We have also been involved in a variety of external reviews. This included an attendance review, an SEND review and we welcomed a team of six experienced professionals for a Whole School Effectiveness Review. This rigorous process involved visiting lessons across both the primary and secondary phases, observing break and lunch times, transitions, and even listening to our youngest children read. I have attached a summary of the full report. The review team recognised the rapid progress the school has made, highlighting the clarity of leadership and the clear sense of purpose

guiding our improvement journey. It was an important and affirming moment for our whole school community.

At the same time, we've been supporting our Year 11 students as they completed their GCSE exams. Their approach throughout was remarkable—they showed real resilience, maturity, and focus. We were proud to celebrate their journey in our Leavers' Assembly, where we reflected on their growth and wished them every success for the future. They have embodied our values in everything they've done, and we know they will continue to do so in the next chapter of their lives. Their achievements extended beyond the classroom too, with the Year 11 football team securing a fantastic win in the Portsmouth Cup Final—showcasing sportsmanship and teamwork at its finest.

This sense of celebration extended across the school. Our Performing Arts Showcase was a vibrant evening of dance, music, and creativity, with students from every year group sharing their talents on stage. The atmosphere was electric, and the confidence and joy on display were a true credit to them all. Thank you to everyone who made the event such a success, especially Ricardo in Year 11, who co-hosted the evening with me brilliantly.

It was also a joy to host our Presentation Evening, where we recognised the academic progress, positive attitudes, and achievements of students across all year groups. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the bright futures

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ahead for our young people. Recognition of dedication continued beyond our own walls, as we celebrated alongside colleagues at the Teach Portsmouth Awards. It was an inspiring evening that honoured the commitment of educators across the city. We were proud to see Jan Andrews shortlisted for the Volunteer Award, and to see Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Rogers, and Mrs Abbott receive Long Service Awards—an acknowledgment of their exceptional service to education and our school.

In Primary, the enthusiasm and engagement of our pupils have been equally impressive. Our Primary Sports Day was a brilliant occasion, filled with teamwork, effort, and healthy competition. Children across all year groups gave it their all, and the support they showed one another was special to see. Meanwhile, Year 6 worked hard during their SATs, and their results—particularly at Greater Depth (the highest standard at the end of Year 6)—showed

Significant improvement compared to last year. In addition, they performed their end-of-year production, *Pirates of the Currybean*, which was both funny and entertaining!

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new families during transition days and Stay and Play sessions. It was lovely to see such excitement from both children and parents as they began their Mayfield journey. Our new Year 7 students made a great first impression, engaging confidently in lessons and settling in well during their transition days.

In the penultimate week, secondary students enjoyed a thrilling Activities Week, filled with enrichment opportunities ranging from day trips to theme parks and museums to exciting excursions like the visit to Barcelona. These experiences have brought learning to life and given our students the chance to build confidence, explore new interests, and strengthen friendships. Throughout it all, they have represented the school with pride and lived our values through every moment—whether cheering each other on, exploring new environments, or stepping up to new challenges.

As I write this, we look ahead to our final week, excited for what's still to come: Secondary

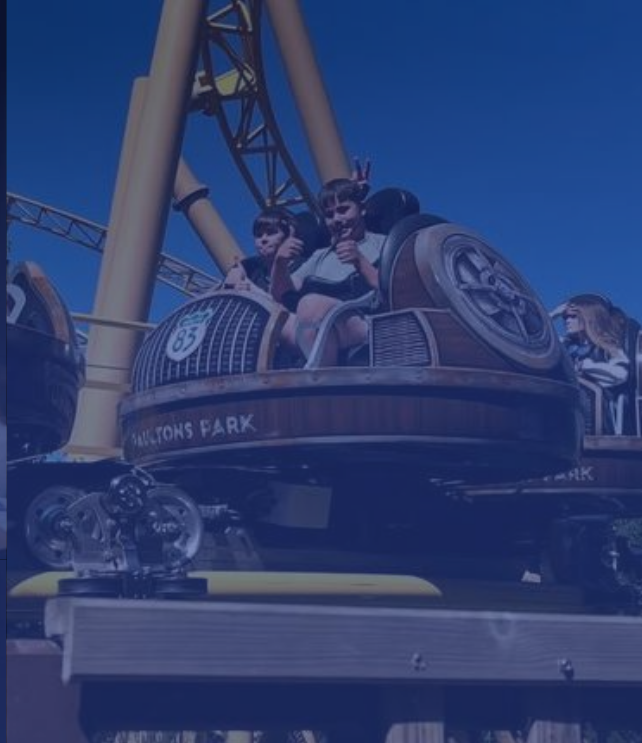
Sports Day, our final Personal Development Day, and the much-anticipated Year 11 Prom at the Queens Hotel. These moments, big and small, will bring the year to a close in the most memorable and meaningful way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my very best wishes to the staff who will be leaving us: Miss Leslie, Mr Davies, Miss Londors, Mrs Roper, Mr Stoops, and Ms Rowland. Each and every one of you has made a valuable contribution to the life chances of our young people at Mayfield. Thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you—our families—for your continued support, encouragement, and trust throughout the year. And to our students and staff: thank you for your positivity, your perseverance, and your passion. As ever, it is a privilege to be part of this extraordinary community. Let's continue to celebrate what we've achieved together and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and happy summer break when it arrives.

Mr A Howard
Headteacher



Secondary News



House News

This term has been one of excitement and hard work from you all, with excellent opportunities and experiences—such as Year 11 completing their GCSEs and enjoying their Leavers' BBQ, Year 10 taking part in work experience and college taster days, Presentation Evening, Activities Week—and there is still much more to look forward to! These include our final PD Day, Sports Day, and the Celebration Assembly, where we'll find out which house has come out on top this year. We're all eager for the title and know that the final push on Sports Day will be crucial.

As House Leaders, it has been a privilege to guide students through the many opportunities and experiences offered this term.

We'd like to say a huge congratulations to everyone who received an award at Presentation Evening—your hard work and commitment have been evident for all to see. As a House Team, we were proud to be there, joining in the celebrations and sharing the moment to say, "Well done!"



The summer term also brought us the joy of the Performing Arts Showcase, which gave students a chance to reveal a different side of themselves—one we don't always get to see in school. We are so proud of all those who participated, whether singing, dancing, or both. There is a wealth of talent within our houses, and we look forward to seeing more of it in the future.



Looking ahead to next week, we have our final PD Day, where students will focus on how to keep themselves safe. They will hear from the St Giles Trust, an organisation that supports young people who may be held back by poverty, the criminal justice system, or exploitation. Their message will offer guidance and positivity about the future. This, alongside a return to our school values and preparations for Sports Day, will be a great opportunity for tutor groups to come together one final time this academic year.

This term also brings a sad moment for both Victory and Discovery Houses, as Miss Franklin steps down from her role as Assistant Head of House to focus more on dance and the performing arts. She has worked in the House Team for a number of years, supporting several houses, and her dedication, support, and guidance have been invaluable to both staff and students. We will really miss her in the House Office and want to thank her for everything she has contributed. We are pleased, however, that she will continue as a Discovery tutor.

On behalf of the House Team, we would like to say a massive thank you to all the pupils—and to you, our families—for your support throughout this academic year. We look forward to seeing you all after the summer holidays.

House Team

Events



Activities Week 2025

Each year, our senior students look forward to the much-anticipated Activities Week—a vibrant celebration of choice, creativity, and adventure! For one unforgettable week, the regular timetable is swapped out for a dynamic programme packed with exciting trips and hands-on experiences, all carefully selected by the students themselves. From thrill-filled days out at Chessington World of Adventures and Paulton's Park, to inspiring visits to Marwell Zoo, the magical Harry Potter Studios, and a spine-tingling Gothic London residential, there's been something for every interest and imagination. Back in the school building, the fun continued with a wide range of engaging in-school activities—from movie marathons and creating children's books, to journalism workshops where students hone their detective skills in pursuit of the next big story. With countless opportunities to explore new interests, build friendships, and make lasting memories, Activities Week is a true celebration of student voice, curiosity, and community spirit.

We'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who has been involved with organising trips, activities and making sure everything ran smoothly. This amazing week for our pupils wouldn't have been possible without you all!



Goodbye Year 11s

What a time it has been for you all here at Mayfield, whether you joined us way back in Primary, or you joined through our Senior section, you joined our Mayfield journey and now no more revision, no more period 6s, no more homework - school is officially out early for you lot. We wanted to give all our Year 11s a huge congratulations. Well done for the fantastic hard work and effort that you have put into not only your exams but your entire school life. We are so incredibly proud of your achievements at Mayfield and how you've grown into the amazing young people we know today.

Our former Year 11s had their final Mayfield assembly on Friday along with a barbeque and shirt signing in the summer sun to catch up with friends, peers and teachers. Wishing you all the best for the future - we're going to miss you all!



Sports Day

Our recent Secondary Sports Day, held at the Mountbatten Centre, was a fantastic success and a highlight of the school year. Pupils from across all year groups took part in a wide variety of athletic events, including sprints, long-distance running, throwing competitions, jumping challenges, and fitness-based activities.

The day was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and healthy competition, with students showcasing not only their physical abilities but also great teamwork and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see pupils supporting one another, trying their best, and enjoying every moment.

A big thank you goes to all the staff and volunteers who helped organise the event, as well as to the students for their positive attitude and participation. Sports Day truly captured the spirit of our school – active, inclusive, and full of determination!

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.



Brian Wilkie Assembly

Last week, we welcomed Brian Wilkie, MBE, back to Mayfield for a special assembly as inspiration to our future Year 11s to start thinking about their own future and how much they can make a difference within their life, joined by two scholars of his Wilkie Scholarship at PGS.



PD Day #3

Our final Personal Development Day of the academic year offered a dynamic mix of valuable learning and well-deserved celebration. Senior pupils took part in engaging workshops on banking and financial literacy led by HSBC, explored important topics such as county lines and healthy relationships, and prepared enthusiastically for Sports Day taking place the following morning.

To top it all off, pupils with high achievement points were rewarded with time on a bouncy castle – a fun and energetic way to recognise their efforts throughout the year.

The day was a fantastic balance of learning, preparation, and celebration, leaving pupils informed, empowered, and excited for the end-of-year festivities.



Careers Events



Get ready for the future you want.

Our Year 10s were fantastic this term as they concentrated on so many activities for them. They began the new term with two amazing weeks for Work Experience, which they really enjoyed. They gave their time and expertise to the community, and so many of the employers that worked with our students commented positively on their values, mannerisms, and communication skills. We are extremely proud of what they have achieved with this programme; some of them even got offered part-time jobs, apprenticeships and summer jobs. This was a very successful experience for our pupils; well done Year 10!

Later in the term, our Year 10s visited two local colleges, and they had the experience of going to college for a day, getting taster sessions of the subjects they know and love the most, along with getting involved in a variety of activities just like college students. They chose from A-levels, T-Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships. Finally, a group of Year 10s went to spend some days at the University of Portsmouth Residential, where they lived as university students and familiarised themselves with the university lifestyle.

Finally, every Year 10 pupil in the school finished their first round of 1:1 appointments with our career adviser, who showed them how to apply to college as we need to apply in October.

Also, our Year 9s started their 1:1 appointment with our career adviser, where they discussed what they would like to do in the future and how their GCSEs will help them achieve their goals. Everyone in Year 9 should now know what options they will be studying in September.

If you would like to get involved in our career education curriculum or have any questions about college, university trips, or outreach programmes, please see Mrs Munoz in Room 149 in September.

Mrs Munoz





Primary News



Message from the Head of Primary



As we come to the end of another academic year, it is a pleasure to reflect on the achievements and developments across the Primary phase. Our curriculum has truly come to life this year, with pupils enjoying a wide range of trips, workshops, and unforgettable experiences that have deepened their understanding of their year group topics.

Year R pupils visited Longdown Dairy Farm, where they were able to connect their classroom learning to real-world experiences with animals and farming life.

Year 1's trip to Harold Hillier Gardens provided rich, hands-on learning linked to seasonal changes and plant life.

Year 2 pupils were immersed in both local and historical learning through their visit to Sea City Museum and an inspiring workshop on influential women, helping to develop a sense of identity,

community, and curiosity about the past.

Year 5 delved into ancient civilisations during their on-site Mayan workshop, making cross-curricular connections with history, geography, and art.

Across various year groups, trips to the Winchester Science Centre enhanced pupils' engagement in STEM learning and encouraged their scientific thinking.

Our end-of-year assessments and the outcomes pupils have achieved have been pleasing, with a marked improvement in the majority of areas! We are now looking forward to embedding our English and Maths curriculums further and are excited to begin the process of further developing our Geography and History curriculum. This move will not only bring greater depth and rigour to

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our foundation subjects but will also enhance the way we integrate learning across the curriculum—particularly through the children’s reading and writing.

We are currently preparing for a transformative new initiative—OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). This project will revolutionise the way our pupils experience lunchtimes, offering richer, more inclusive, and creative play opportunities. We believe that play is fundamental to children’s well-being, social development, and problem-solving skills, and OPAL will support us in ensuring our outdoor provision reflects this. We are also keen to hear from any parents who feel they have the time and passion to become an OPAL Parent Champion as part of our school working party. More details will be shared in September!

Fond Farewells

We would like to wish the staff members who will be moving on at the end of this term all the very best, and a huge congratulations on your new roles! Mr Davies, Miss Leslie, Mrs Brawn, and Miss Londors will all be continuing their journey of working with children—some locally and some far further afield in China!

We are also delighted to share our excitement that Miss Shanley will be welcoming her baby during the school holidays. Miss Shanley will be dearly missed during the course of her maternity leave; however, we are overjoyed for her and cannot wait to meet the new addition to the Shanley family.

As we write end-of-year reports, we have been struck by the resilience, effort, and growing independence our pupils have shown. Their commitment to learning, as well as the way they increasingly live out our school values, has been evident in classrooms, in books, and in their interactions with others. From our youngest learners to those preparing to move on to secondary school, we are proud of each child and the progress they have made—academically, socially, and personally.

We wish our Year 6 pupils much love and luck in September as they step into their first year of secondary school, and we look forward to hearing of their successes throughout their senior years.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you back on 5th September!

Miss R Osborne
Head of Primary



Year R

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another school year—and what a truly fantastic year it has been! As we wrap up our final newsletter of the year, we want to take a moment to reflect on just how much the children have grown, learned, and enjoyed themselves throughout the past term.

This half-term, our learning has focused on the theme of People Who Help Us, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering more about different jobs and the important roles people play in our communities. Through stories, class discussions, and hands-on activities, they explored a wide variety of professions—from doctors and firefighters to shopkeepers, police officers, postal workers, and more.

We were incredibly fortunate to welcome several visitors into school who gave up their time to talk to the children about their jobs. These engaging sessions gave the children the opportunity to ask questions, handle real-life equipment, and gain first-hand insight into what these roles involve. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they made connections between their learning and the world around them.

To end the term on a high note, we were thrilled to host a visit from the Pop-Up Play Village. This was a real highlight for the children, who had the chance to immerse themselves in imaginative role-play—stepping into the shoes of nurses, chefs, construction workers, and many more. It was a joy to watch them collaborate, problem-solve, and use their creativity as they brought their learning to life through play.

As we look back on the year, we couldn't be prouder of all that the children have achieved. They have shown such resilience, enthusiasm,

and a growing sense of independence in all they do. It has been a privilege to be part of their learning journey, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support at home.

We wish you all a restful and joyful summer holiday and look forward to hearing about the children's next exciting steps in their school journey.

The Year R Team



Year 1

We have had a super busy final half-term in Year 1, full of learning and growing. Here are a few of our highlights!

In Reading, we focused on two brilliant books: *The Lion Inside* and *The Proudest Blue*. The children loved diving into these stories, exploring the characters and themes, and sharing their thoughtful responses. It was a joy to see how much confidence they gained in expressing their ideas and how engaged they were throughout.

This half-term, the children thoroughly enjoyed our Geography topic, which was all about maps and fieldwork. They took part in some exciting fieldwork, using maps to follow simple directions around the school grounds. They especially loved creating their own maps! It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence as young geographers.

The children built on the athletic skills they had developed previously and had a brilliant time applying them in both indoor and outdoor PE sessions. Indoors, they practised simple techniques for attacking and defending, showing great teamwork and determination. Outdoors, the focus was on sending and receiving equipment safely. All of this practice helped them feel well-prepared and confident for Sports Day!

In RE, the children explored the theme of Remembering. They reflected thoughtfully on who and what they like to remember, sharing some lovely and personal ideas during class discussions. We then learned about how Hindus remember Krishna, and the children showed great

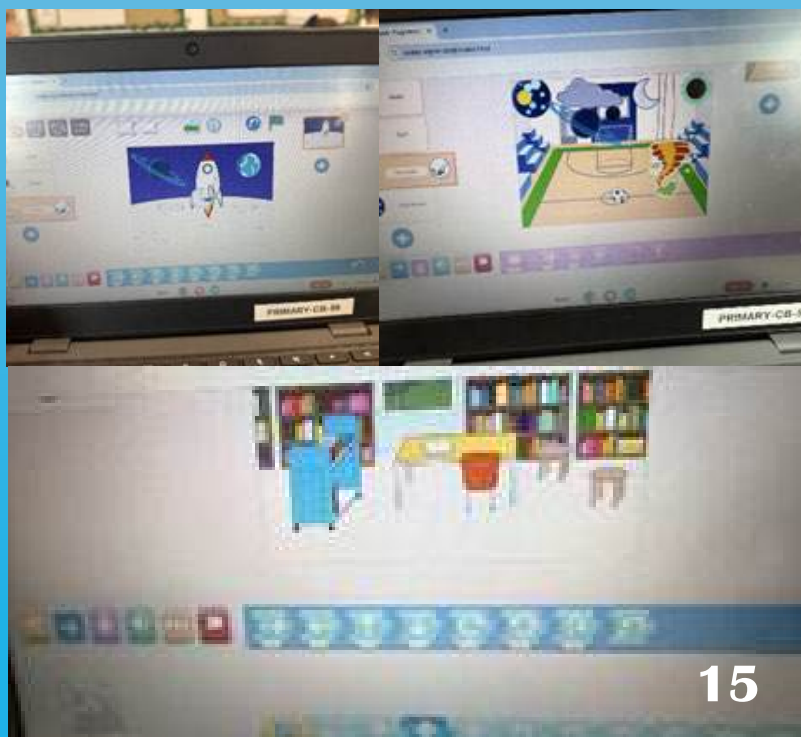
curiosity and respect while discovering more about Hindu beliefs and traditions.

In Maths, the children continued to develop their understanding of money by recognising the 1p, 2p, 5p, and 10p coins and understanding their values. They impressed us with how quickly they could identify the coins, and we loved using this knowledge in a whole-class game of 'shops'!

In Computing, the children had great fun exploring programming through Scratch Jr. They learned how to give commands to a sprite and were thrilled to see their characters move across the screen in response. It was wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they experimented with sequencing instructions and creating simple animations. The children were fully engaged and loved bringing their ideas to life through coding!

This half-term in Science, our topic was Plants, and the children were absolutely fascinated! They

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explored the basic structure of plants and confidently named key features such as roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. We investigated a variety of common wild and garden plants, including both deciduous and evergreen trees.

The children loved getting hands-on with their learning—performing simple tests, identifying different plants, and planting and looking after their own! A highlight of the topic was our exciting trip to Harold Hillier Gardens, where the children had a fantastic time exploring the grounds and deepening their understanding in a beautiful, real-life setting.



In Art, the children explored painting with a focus on primary colours. They learned to identify red, blue, and yellow and had a brilliant time experimenting with colour mixing to create secondary colours. A highlight was our fun Art Day, where the children used their new skills to create artwork inspired by different artists. Their creativity really shone through, and it was fantastic to see them so engaged and proud of their colourful masterpieces!

What an incredible year it's been in Year 1! The children have grown in confidence, curiosity, and independence. We are so proud of all they've achieved and how ready they are for Year 2.

Have a wonderful summer holiday – from all of us in the Year 1 team!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

What an Incredible Year in Year 2!

As the summer holidays approach, we are feeling a mix of emotions – excitement for the summer break, but also a little sad to say goodbye to our lovely Year 2 class. It has been such an amazing year, filled with growth, creativity, and so much joy. We are so proud of every one of our students, who have shown kindness, enthusiasm, and a passion for learning every day.

Here's a glimpse into all the fantastic learning we've done this year:

In reading, we've had a brilliant time exploring *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. We wrote character descriptions and thought carefully about the personalities of Mr Fox and the other characters. We also read *The Enormous Crocodile* by Dahl, which had us all laughing and discussing the importance of making good choices. We've worked hard on building our reading skills, making predictions, and exploring characters' feelings.

In writing, we've developed our skills in creating descriptive writing, especially when writing about characters from the books we've read. We focused on using adjectives to describe characters and setting, and it was so fun to see how the children used their imaginations to bring the characters to life!

In maths, we've focused on time, position, and direction this term. We learned how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes, use directional language, and even worked with simple maps and coordinates. The children have shown such enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see them applying their knowledge in real-life situations.

In science, we continued to explore plants and what they need to grow. Every child



planted their own sunflower, and it has been so exciting to watch their plants grow! We also spent time learning about the life cycle of plants and how important it is to care for them properly.

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In Geography, we took a deep dive into the Yanomami tribe and the Amazon Rainforest. The children were fascinated by the rainforest's ecosystems and the importance of protecting such an incredible part of our world. We also learned about deforestation and discussed how we can all help take care of our planet.

One of the special events this year was our Year 2 Production – what an incredible performance it was! We are so proud of every child who worked hard and performed with such confidence. It was truly a special moment for all of us. We also had an unforgettable trip to the Titanic Museum, where the children learned about history in such an engaging and hands-on way.

Through it all, we've seen such growth in our students, both academically and personally. Our Year 2 class is full of kindness, happiness, and love, and we couldn't be more grateful for every moment we've shared together.

A huge thank you to all of our parents for your continuous support this year. Whether it was helping with homework or simply encouraging your child's learning journey, we truly appreciate everything you've done. This has been an incredibly positive and rewarding year, and we couldn't have done it without you.

As we say goodbye to Year 2, we want to thank you for allowing us the privilege of teaching such a wonderful group of children. We will miss them, but we are excited for what's ahead in Year 3.

Have a fabulous summer, full of fun and adventure!

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

As we come to the end of Summer Term 2 and begin our final half term in Year 3 it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on everything the children have achieved this year. It has been a term full of creativity hard work and plenty of fun along the way. There is so much to celebrate as we look back on the exciting things we've been learning across all subjects.

In English we began the half term by travelling back in time to ancient Pompeii. The children were given the challenge of writing historical stories using dialogue to bring their characters to life. These stories followed two people who had to escape together as Mount Vesuvius erupted. The children worked hard to build suspense and use speech in a way that helped tell the story clearly. The imagination and emotion in their writing really shone through and they did a brilliant job of capturing such a dramatic event. To end the term we took a more cheerful turn into the colourful world of Mr Men. Each child created a character based on their own personality and redesigned it in their own artistic style. From there they planned and wrote their very own Mr Men stories which were full of humour creativity and charm. We were so impressed with the effort that went into every stage of the process.

In maths we have been exploring a unit on fractions. The children learned how to find fractions of amounts and then built on this by adding and subtracting fractions. We spent time solving real life problems and looking at how fractions can be used in everyday situations. More recently we have moved on to telling the time. We have looked at using both analogue and digital clocks and understanding minutes past and to the hour. This has been a really practical unit and we hope the children feel more confident using their new skills at home. So next time they ask how long until dinner feel free to let them figure it out for themselves.

In science our focus has been light. The children learned that light travels in straight lines and that it is reflected from surfaces. We explored how we are able to see objects when light enters our eyes and why shadows are formed when something blocks the light. The class carried out investigations using mirrors and torches to see how light behaves in different conditions. They asked thoughtful questions tested their ideas and shared some brilliant observations during discussions.

As we head towards the end of the year we are excited about the celebrations to come. We will be taking a trip to College Park where we will take part in nature based activities explore the outdoors and enjoy some well deserved time to play and relax with our friends. It's a lovely way to mark the end of a fantastic year together.

We are incredibly proud of the effort progress and enthusiasm shown by every child in Year 3. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence build new friendships and challenge themselves in so many ways. They should feel really proud of what they have achieved. We wish them all the very best of luck as they move up into Year 4 and we hope they enjoy a fun happy and restful summer holiday.

The Year 3 Team

Year 4

What a busy and exciting half term it's been in Year 4! We're delighted to share some of the fantastic learning and experiences your children have taken part in over the past few weeks.

In Science, we've been exploring the topic of sound. The children have loved investigating how sound is made and how it travels. Through a series of hands-on experiments, they tested how vibrations work and explored how different materials can affect the volume and pitch of sound. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered more about the world around them.

In Geography, we've been learning about environmental regions and how weather and climate influence the way people live their lives. From the icy Arctic to tropical rainforests, the children explored how homes, clothing, and daily activities vary across different parts of the world. They particularly enjoyed comparing their own lives to those of children in other regions.

Physical Education has been full of energy this term! We've continued our swimming lessons, with many children growing in confidence and improving their technique. In addition, we've been learning the rules and skills needed to play rounders, even participating in some exciting class competitions. Great teamwork and sportsmanship were on display from all!

We were pleased to hold two successful transition days to help the children prepare for Year 5. These sessions gave them a chance to meet new teachers, explore their new classroom, and take part in fun

activities designed to build excitement and ease any worries about the move up next year.

Thank you for your continued support – we're so proud of all that Year 4 have achieved this term and look forward to what the rest of the year brings.

Warm regards,

The Year 4 team



Year 5

We cannot believe that the school year has come to an end and that we have reached the summer holidays. Whilst we are delighted for everyone to get to enjoy the long summer break, and hopefully good summer weather, the end of year is always tinged with a mix of emotions. We have had an incredible year with our Year 5 children, created so many opportunities, experiences and memories, and we are incredibly proud of them. They have been an absolute privilege to teach.

Here is a snippet of all of the amazing learning that we have doing in Year 5 this last half term. In reading, we finished the journey of 'The Explorer' – Katherine Rundall, following of a group of children lost in the Amazon jungle, following a plane crash. We got to know the characters and empathised with them on their journey of survival. We studied the text for character traits and behaviours and used evidence to demonstrate how our views of each character changed over time. We then went on to read 'Five Children and IT' - E. Nesbit, following the lives of five siblings who have moved to the countryside from inner city London, and waste no time in exploring their new and vast surroundings. Stumbling across an ancient and magical 'Sand Fairy', they have a wish granted for theme each day, but not without consequences! This story allowed us to apply all of our reading skills around the theme of dilemmas, decision making and consequences.

In writing, we have written biographies about Sir Isaac Newton, using links to our science topic this half term. We used features such as; chronological order, formal standard English, perfect present and past tenses. We also learnt a lot about

what an influential scientist, inventor and engineer Sir Isaac Newton was. We finished the school year polishing up on our use of grammar and punctuation in readiness for Year 6.

In maths, we have had a real focus on fractions and multiplication this half term. We have been learning about unit fractions, non-unit fractions, proper and improper fractions and mixed number fractions. We have worked with both expressions and representations within our work. In science, we have been learning about forces and friction. We have carried out plenty of investigative science, based on floating and sinking and surface friction. We have made predictions and measured in newtons with push and pull forces, then evaluating our scientific thinking and methods.

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In building up to our fieldwork school visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park, we learnt all about map reading, landmarks and grid references in Geography, using both four figure and six figure grid references. We also learnt how use and read compasses. We loved our visit to apply and consolidate this learning whilst having some end of year fun. The children have really enjoyed learning about musical theatre in our music topic this half term. We all loved watching some of the old classics like; 'Mary Poppins' and 'Annie', comparing them with the re-booted versions. In PE, we spent our learning time developing our athletics skills, all in preparation for our recent Sports Day, which we really enjoyed taking part in. Our artwork has been focussed around producing art through different mediums.

All in all, we have done so much, not just this half term, but this whole academic year. We thank you wholeheartedly for your parental support this year, which has just contributed so much to the learning, and we wish our amazing children all the best for Year 6!

Have a lovely summer everyone!

The Year 5 Team



Year 6

What a year it's been in Year 6! We couldn't be prouder of how the children have tackled everything this year – from the pressure of SATs to the excitement of the end-of-year craziness of activities.

Back in May, Year 6 absolutely smashed their SATs tests. They showed incredible focus, resilience, and determination throughout – we hope they're as proud of themselves as we are!

Soon after, the stage lights came up for our hilarious production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. From groan-worthy puns to swashbuckling songs, the children were stars – whether acting, singing, dancing, or working backstage. What a performance!

Then came the highlight of the term: the residential trip to Grittleton House. Three days of laughter, adventure, and making memories we're sure they'll never forget. The children were an absolute credit to the school.

Even with all the excitement, our Year 6s have continued to work hard on polishing their maths and writing skills, making sure they're ready to hit the ground running in Year 7.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for the Year 6 Celebration BBQ – and to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement, and kindness have meant the world.

To all our amazing Year 6 children: good luck in secondary school. We know you'll continue to shine brightly and make yourselves proud. It's been a privilege to teach you, and we'll miss you all!

The Year 6 Team



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PORTSMOUTH TENNIS ACADEMY

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
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PORTSMOUTH TENNIS ACADEMY

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
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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.



Congratulations Alice!

A massive well done to Alice for winning silver for their gymnastics competition, what a fantastic achievement!

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.portsmouth.sch.uk

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

School Calendar

October Half-Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

First days back after the Summer Holidays:

Friday 5th September - Year 1 - 6 and only Year 7 and 11 students

Monday 8th September - All Year groups back in school

INSET Days

3rd September 2025

4th September 2025

Friday 28th November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 19th January 2026

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Friday 1st May 2026

More dates are to follow in September.



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