



Mayfield School News

Summer 2 2026 Issue



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Message from the Head



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and highly successful half term (and academic year), it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, opportunities and memorable moments that have taken place across our school community. Throughout the term, our values of Ambition, Inclusion and Respect have continued to be evident in the experiences we provide for our pupils and in the contributions of our staff, students and families.

A key focus this half term has been continuing to invest in the professional development of our staff. During a dedicated Twilight training session, colleagues came together to develop their understanding of technology and artificial intelligence, collaborate with one another and share best practice. These opportunities ensure that we remain forward-thinking and committed to providing

the highest quality education and pastoral support for all pupils.

We have also celebrated significant student achievements. Following a rigorous selection process, we were proud to appoint our new Head Prefects and Deputy Head Prefects. All candidates demonstrated exceptional leadership, ambition and commitment to our school community, and we look forward to seeing our newly elected student leaders continue to make a positive impact across the school.

One of the highlights of the term was the opportunity for three students to represent Mayfield at the D-Day 2026 commemorations in Caen, France. Working alongside French pupils, participating in a joint choir and delivering a reading in French, they

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represented our school with great maturity and respect. The experience was both educational and inspiring, helping students develop confidence, cultural understanding and lifelong memories.

We were also pleased to welcome governors into school to observe a galleryed lesson, showcasing strong classroom practice and collaborative professional learning. Their positive feedback reflected the high standards of teaching and the commitment of staff to continually improving outcomes for all pupils.

Transition has been another important focus. We were delighted to welcome our new Year R and Year 7 pupils during their transition events and to meet many of their families. Seeing children quickly settle into school life and families begin to build connections within our community, reinforced the welcoming and inclusive culture that makes Mayfield so special. We were particularly proud to share that our incoming Year 7 cohort is now full, with a waiting list in place, demonstrating the confidence families have in our school.

Celebrating achievement has remained central to school life. Our Annual Secondary Presentation Evening provided a memorable opportunity to recognise the accomplishments of so many students, while outstanding performances in dance and music showcased the breadth of talent across the school. It was an evening filled with pride, achievement and community spirit.

As the academic year drew towards its conclusion, we celebrated several important milestones. Year 11 students came together for their Leavers' Assembly and later enjoyed a fantastic Prom evening, marking the end of their time at Mayfield and celebrating the friendships, achievements and memories they have built along the way. We wish all members of the Class of 2026 every success for the future.

Our Year 10 students have impressed employers during their work experience placements, receiving excellent feedback for their maturity, resilience and professionalism. Meanwhile, our younger pupils have enjoyed a

range of enriching experiences, including the Year 6 PGL residential and the Primary Lion King workshops which lead to an amazing performance by Year 6. The performance to our students and to parents and carers demonstrated the children's confidence levels and reflected each of our school's values in action.

Across the school, students have embraced educational visits, residential experiences and enrichment opportunities ranging from Poland, Paris, Barcelona and London to the Year 7 Avon Tyrrell camp, helping them broaden their horizons and develop new skills beyond the classroom.



The final weeks of term also brought challenges, including exceptionally high temperatures. We are grateful for the patience, support and understanding shown by families as we adapted to these circumstances. Throughout, our students and staff demonstrated remarkable resilience, flexibility and positivity.

As we look back on the half term and the academic year as a whole, there is much to celebrate. The success of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our families continue to make Mayfield a wonderful place to learn, work and belong.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our staff for their commitment, professionalism and care; to our students for their enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitude; and to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have achieved a great deal this year, and it is through this shared commitment to Ambition, Inclusion and Respect that our school community continues to thrive.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mr A Howard
Headteacher





Secondary News



House News

This term has been a mixture of excitement and nerves for the students, especially those in Year 11. As a house team, we have been incredibly proud of Year 11 and how they showed commitment and determination throughout their GCSEs. We hope that the leavers' assembly, as well as the prom, gave them the end to their school career that they deserved. It has been so rewarding to be a part of their school journey, and we wish them all the very best for the future. We look forward to seeing them one last time on results day.

This year's Activities Week has seen many students take part in a wide range of opportunities, including camping, sports, and swimming, as well as trips to London, Poland, Paris, and Barcelona. We have received many updates, and the students have been enjoying this time away from their usual timetable for a different educational experience.

This term, some students have been rewarded with hot chocolate and croissants for breakfast. These students were identified by their tutors in recognition of the hard work they have put in throughout the term. The students had the chance to socialise outside of tutor time, as well as discuss with the house teams what future reward events could look like. We look forward to continuing to reward our students next academic year.

House Team



Events



Activities Week!

Last week was Activities Week, and what an incredible week it was! From thrill-filled trips to Chessington World of Adventures, Paultons Park, and Go Ape, to unforgettable visits to Poland and the magical Disneyland Paris, there was something for every interest and imagination. Back at school, students enjoyed a wide range of activities, including movie marathons, baking delicious treats, driving lessons, and creating cartoon characters. With so many opportunities to try new things, build friendships, and make lasting memories, Activities Week was a true celebration of student voice, curiosity, and community spirit. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the trips and activities and ensured everything ran smoothly throughout the week. This amazing experience for our students wouldn't have been possible without your hard work and dedication!



Going for Gold!

Yesterday, our secondary students enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day at the Mountbatten Centre. Students took part in a variety of track and field events, showing great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements, making it a memorable and successful event for all involved.



Year 11 Prom!

Yesterday, Year 11 celebrated the end of an incredible chapter with a memorable prom night. Filled with laughter, music, and plenty of photos, it was a wonderful opportunity for friends to come together and celebrate their journey through secondary school. A fantastic evening and the perfect way to mark the end of Year 11 and look ahead to the future.



Work Experience!

This half-term, our Year 10 students embarked on a two-week work experience journey, gaining first-hand insight into the world of work with a range of providers, businesses, and companies. From developing new skills and building confidence to exploring potential career paths, the experience gave students a valuable opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for their future.

Careers Events



Get ready for the future you want.

As the summer term draws to a close, our absolute focus at Mayfield has been on empowering our Year 10 students and preparing them for their exciting futures. Over the past few weeks, we have dedicated our curriculum and school calendar to equipping this cohort with the independence, ambition, and practical tools they need to succeed after they leave us. From workplace immersion to world-class university experiences, this term has been entirely about broadening horizons and ensuring every Year 10 student is ready to confidently take their next steps

"Visiting Oxford and Cambridge completely changed how I look at my future. Seeing the historic campuses and talking to the students made me realize that these world-class universities are within our reach if we work hard." - Year 10 EN3 Student

"Staying at Portsmouth gave me a real taste of independence. It made university feel like a real, achievable goal rather than just an idea." - Year 10 DI5 Student

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Workplace Immersion

The journey began with our dedicated Work Experience Week. An incredible 93% of the year group actively participated in placements, gaining invaluable real-world insights and building professional networks across various industries.

"Work experience taught me so much about the real world, but the ultimate highlight was being offered a part-time job at the end of the week! It showed me that hard work and a positive attitude really do pay off." - Y10 i7 Student.

Academic Horizons

Following this, our academically talented students took part in exclusive visits to Oxford University and Cambridge University. These visits offered a glimpse into life at world-class institutions, demystifying the competitive admissions process and inspiring our high achievers to aim for the top.

University exploration continued with a fully immersive two-day residential at the University of Portsmouth. Students experienced campus life first-hand, attended lecture-style sessions, and stayed in undergraduate accommodation.



College Readiness

To ensure every student is prepared for their next steps, the entire year's group attended two different college taster days. These visits allowed students to explore local campus facilities, sample specific courses, and gather the vital information needed ahead of the formal college application window opening this September 2026.

"Spending the day at City of Portsmouth College was brilliant. Getting to experience the campus and trying out the actual courses made me feel so much more confident and excited about applying this September." - Y10 IN9 Student

"Our taster days at Havant and Southdowns College turned nervousness into excitement, leaving us 100% ready for our September applications." - Y10 VI9 Student

Professional Polishing

The comprehensive programme culminated in a rigorous mock interview event. Students were challenged to articulate their transferable skills, project professional confidence, and navigate structured interview questions. This vital practice ensures that they are thoroughly prepared and confident before their real college admissions interviews take place before Christmas 2026.

"I was really nervous beforehand, but the 1:1 interview with a real employer was an amazing experience. It gave me the perfect chance to practice my transferable skills and completely built up my confidence for my real college interviews before Christmas. I nailed that" - Y10 In7 Student.

A Community Effort

These invaluable opportunities would not be possible without the incredible support of our community. We extend our warmest thanks to all the local employers who hosted our students, as well as our university and college partners for opening their doors and inspiring the next generation.

We are immensely proud of the maturity, ambition, and dedication our Year 10 students have shown throughout these activities.

Finally, as this busy and successful summer term comes to a close, I am writing to share a bittersweet update with our wonderful Mayfield community. After an incredible journey filled

with unforgettable memories, the time has come for me to say goodbye as I move on to the next chapter of my life.

Serving this school has been an absolute privilege. I am immensely proud of everything our community achieves day in and day out. From the vibrant energy in our classrooms to the inspiring ambition shown by our students—such as our phenomenal Year 10 cohort this term—Mayfield is truly a special place to learn and grow.

To our amazing students: thank you for your curiosity, your laughter, and your hard work. You inspire me every day, and I know you will continue to achieve great things. To our dedicated staff and supportive parents: thank you for your unwavering partnership, trust, and shared commitment to making Mayfield the best it can be.

While I am sad to leave, I take comfort in knowing that the school is in a fantastic position, filled with talented young people and an exceptionally strong team. I will miss you all dearly, and I wish the entire Mayfield community every success, happiness, and prosperity in the future.

Thank you for the memories, and Chao Chao.

Mrs Munoz





Primary News



Message from the Head of Primary



As we come to the end of another fantastic year in Primary, it's hard to believe how much we've packed into the last few weeks! It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time for our pupils and staff, with lots of achievements, special events and memorable moments to celebrate.

Our younger pupils recently completed their Phonics Screening Check, while Year 4 pupils took part in the Multiplication Tables Check. We were so impressed by the confidence, resilience and positive attitude shown by all the children. Their hard work and determination throughout the year really shone through, and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

One of the biggest highlights of the term was undoubtedly the Year 6 residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill. The children threw themselves into every challenge, developing confidence and

teamwork skills through a wide range of activities. From abseiling, archery and fencing to climbing walls and soaring through the trees on the zip wire, there was plenty of adventure to be had! Unsurprisingly, there was lots of excitement and very little sleep, but the laughter, friendships and memories created made it a truly unforgettable experience.

We were also thrilled to welcome award-winning author Corrinne Averiss to school. During her visit with our Year 1 pupils, she shared the story behind her much-loved book *Moon Mouse* and explained how an idea can grow into a published book. Her inspiring message about imagination, perseverance and believing in your own ideas encouraged not only our pupils, but visiting children from local schools too, to see themselves as future writers, illustrators and storytellers.

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June brought another exciting milestone as we welcomed the families of the children who will be joining us in Year R this September. It was wonderful to meet so many new faces and begin building the strong home-school partnerships that are so important as children start their educational journey. Across the Primary phase, pupils also enjoyed transition days with their new teachers and classmates, helping them feel confident, excited and ready for the year ahead.

As the school year comes to a close, we will also be saying goodbye to a number of valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities, both here in the UK and overseas. We would like to thank Miss Jeram, Miss Tame, Miss Cornwell and Miss Linter for everything they have contributed to our school community and wish them every success in the future. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome new teaching and support staff to our team in September and look forward to the skills, experiences and fresh ideas they will bring.

Although our Primary Sports Day arrived a little later than usual this year, it was certainly worth the wait! We were delighted to see so many families supporting the event, helping to create a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day. The children demonstrated determination, teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship as they took part in a variety of races and activities. It was lovely to see pupils encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes, making it one of the highlights of the summer term. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the day such a special occasion.

As we reflect on the year, we would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated Primary team and to all of our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The successes we celebrate as a school are only possible because we work together, and we are incredibly grateful to be part of such a supportive community.

We are immensely proud of everything our pupils have achieved this year, both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you for being part of their journey. We wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the autumn for another exciting year ahead.

Miss R Osborne
Head of Primary



Events



Year 6 Marchants Hill Residential

Year 6 had an amazing 2-3 day residential at Marchants Hill this half term. Throughout the trip, the children took part in a range of exciting activities, including abseiling, raft building, rock climbing, rifle shooting, orienteering and the giant swing. The residential was full of laughter, teamwork and adventure, with children showing great courage as they took on new challenges and stepped outside their comfort zones. New friendships were formed, confidence grew and many happy memories were made along the way. We are incredibly proud of how the children represented the school and are sure that their Marchants Hill experience is one they will remember for years to come.



Author, Corrinne Averiss, visits Mayfield!

Over the last few months, our Year 1 pupils have enthusiastically taken part in the Portsmouth Book Award, reading four fantastic, shortlisted books and casting their votes for their favourite story. Throughout the process, they enjoyed sharing their thoughts, discussing the characters and plots, and developing their love of reading. The children were especially excited to welcome Corrinne Averiss, author of the winning book *Moon Mouse*, to our school. Meeting a real author was a memorable experience, and the pupils enjoyed hearing about her inspiration, creative process, and the journey of bringing a story to life. A huge thank you to all of the pupils who participated with such enthusiasm and curiosity. We would also like to thank the Portsmouth School Library Service for organising this wonderful event and for providing our children with such an inspiring opportunity to celebrate reading and books.

Primary News

Year R

Wow! We can hardly believe that we have reached the end of another school year. What a fantastic year it has been!

The children have been absolutely amazing and we have shared so many special moments and made lots of treasured memories together.

This half term, our topic focus has been People Who Help Us. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different roles people play in our community and it has been wonderful to welcome so many visitors into school to talk about their jobs and experiences.

We have also enjoyed sharing a range of wonderful books, including *The Day the Crayons Quit*, *People Need People*, *All Through the Night*, *Super Me* and many more, which have sparked great discussions and learning opportunities.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We hope you all have a fantastic, restful Summer break filled with fun and adventure. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Have a wonderful Summer!

The Year R Team



Primary News

Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on everything the children have achieved during their final half term and to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

In Maths, we explored time, measurement and position and direction. The children absolutely loved these topics and approached every lesson with enthusiasm and confidence. Throughout the year, we have also had a huge focus on developing our times tables knowledge and it has been fantastic to see the progress the children have made. One of the highlights was our Times Tables Rock Stars Day, where the children came dressed as rock stars and enjoyed a fun-filled day celebrating their times tables learning. It was a wonderful way to recognise all of their hard work and enthusiasm for maths.

In Reading, we enjoyed two fantastic stories: *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *The Enormous Crocodile*. The children were fully engaged throughout both texts, showing great enthusiasm during discussions and making thoughtful predictions and inferences. It was a joy to share these wonderful stories with them.

In Writing, the children showcased all of the skills they have developed this year. They wrote amazing character descriptions of *Fantastic Mr Fox*, using alliteration, similes and expanded noun phrases to create vivid and imaginative pieces of writing. They also composed repetitive poems about their transition into Year 3, expressing what they are looking forward to using ambitious vocabulary. We have been incredibly impressed by their creativity and the progress they have made.

In Art, we had a wonderful half term exploring maps through a variety of creative techniques. The children experimented with different textures and materials to produce a range of fantastic artwork, including stained glass windows, stencilled maps and even impressive 3D map creations. Their imagination and artistic skills truly shone through.



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In Geography, we secured our understanding by comparing London and Kenya, investigating landmarks, local people and flags. The children enjoyed learning about similarities and differences between the two places and demonstrated an excellent understanding of the topics covered.

In PE, we focused on athletics, developing our running, jumping and throwing skills. The relay races and sprint events were particular favourites, giving everyone the opportunity to demonstrate their determination, teamwork and sporting talents.

In our Year 2 garden, we planted sunflower seeds and watched them grow taller each week. We watered them every day and made sure they had plenty of sunshine to help them stay healthy. As the bright yellow flowers bloomed, lots of bees visited the garden. We enjoyed watching the bees collect pollen from the sunflowers, helping to pollinate them. It was exciting to care for the plants and see how important bees are in helping flowers grow.

As we come to the end of this incredible year, we want to say a heartfelt thank you for all the support, kindness and encouragement you have shown us. Your care, enthusiasm and partnership have meant so much, and it has been a privilege to work alongside you in supporting your children's learning.

Most importantly, we are immensely proud of every single child. They have worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, kindness and curiosity and have grown so much - not only academically, but as wonderful young people. Watching their confidence blossom has been a privilege and although we are excited to see them continue their journey into Year 3, they will be greatly missed.

We wish you all a relaxing, safe and happy summer holiday. Thank you once again for a truly memorable year. Good luck to all our amazing Year 2 children, we wish you every success and happiness as they begin their next adventure in Year 3.

With our very best wishes,

The Year 2 Team



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Year 3

This has been a challenging half term in terms of the heat and keeping cool; however, despite the soaring temperatures, we have still enjoyed a rich and rewarding range of learning experiences.

We were delighted to visit Fishbourne Roman Palace, which perfectly complemented our Roman history topic, and we also enjoyed a trip to College Park to celebrate a wonderful year together in Nile and Amazon Class.

In Mathematics, we have studied fractions, shape and angles, and consolidated our understanding of telling the time to the nearest minute on both analogue and digital clocks. Please continue to encourage your child to practise this important skill over the summer holiday.

In English, we have written exciting narratives inspired by the Roman invasion of Britannia. We have also thoroughly enjoyed our Mr Men project, during which we researched the original books and cartoons, created our own characters, published our own stories and shared them with children in Year 2. The highlight for many of us was bringing our characters to life by making them out of clay!

Our class novel this half term has been The Magician's Nephew from The Chronicles of Narnia. We will be celebrating our enjoyment of this wonderful story by watching The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe before the end of term.

In Science, we have been learning about light. We now understand that darkness is simply the absence of light. We have explored shadows by tracking them throughout the day, investigating how they change when moved closer to or further from a light source, and even creating our own shadow puppet shows.

What a Wonderful Year 3!

We have had a fantastic year and have made many wonderful memories together.

Some of the highlights have included our visits to Butser Ancient Farm, St Nicholas Church and

Fishbourne Roman Palace, as well as welcoming exciting visitors into school, from ZooLab to Harold the Giraffe.

Many pupils have particularly enjoyed French, practical Science lessons and Music sessions with our specialist singing teacher. While we all loved rehearsing and performing our Class Assembly, we think the most popular activity of the year was undoubtedly Bikeability!

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. They have worked hard, shown enthusiasm for their learning and grown in confidence throughout Year 3.

The Year 3 Team would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a wonderful summer break and the very best of luck as the children begin their exciting Year 4 journey.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team



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Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Summer 2 and another fantastic school year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate all that Year 5 has achieved. It has been a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, creativity and growth, and we could not be prouder of the children.

This term, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Secrets of a Sun King*. The children were captivated by the story and engaged in thoughtful discussions, sharing their ideas and developing their understanding of the text.

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Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break.

Have a fantastic summer! Year 5, you have been amazing, and we are so incredibly proud of you. We hope you enjoy a wonderful break and make lots of special memories with your families.

Warmest wishes,

The Year 4 team



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The Year 5 Team



As we have now reached the end of the academic year, the last leg of our children's time in primary education, it's an emotional time as we reflect, not only on the past year, but on the past several years. As we prepare to send our children off on their next stage of their education, we look back proudly on an extremely busy half term of learning, fun and transition.

Of course, the big events of the last half term have been; our Lion King production, the preparation of which brought us truly together as a team – learning our lines, building the staging, scenery, making costumes, choreographing the dance moves, learning the songs and then, the performance, bringing tears to the eyes of our parents, relatives and wider audiences. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in putting the production together, including our drama and performing arts staff and students in the seniors. The Year 6 residential visit, to PGL Marchants Hill, saw our attending children literally experience new highs and build new and life-long memories with their peers and friends. We've also had the pleasure of our final primary sports day, our leaver's assembly - showcasing our best memories of our primary years at Mayfield - and our leaver's BBQ, welcoming our families to all the above events to share them with them.

In our learning, real highlights have been our continuation of our expert French lessons, taught by Madame Humphries, and the finale of us using our skills in speaking French to taste and evaluate different French foods, along with having the benefits of some externally provided expert tennis coaching this half term.

In reading, we explored the themes of identity and self-belief; reading *Dare to be You* by Matthew Syed. We reflected on the importance of being ourselves, our unique qualities and traits and how we build up our resilience and confidence. We then went on to read *Oliver* by Charles Dickens, taking us back to the 19th century and following the early life and fate of Oliver, believed to be an orphan, without family, working in an English workhouse, before running away and falling into criminal hands, before eventually realising his



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true family background and wealth.

In writing, we applied the skills of persuasive writing; writing a letter based on our previous reading of *The Island* by Armin Greder. We then wrote an extended narrative with a moral/dilemma, followed by writing short speeches for our leaver's assembly.

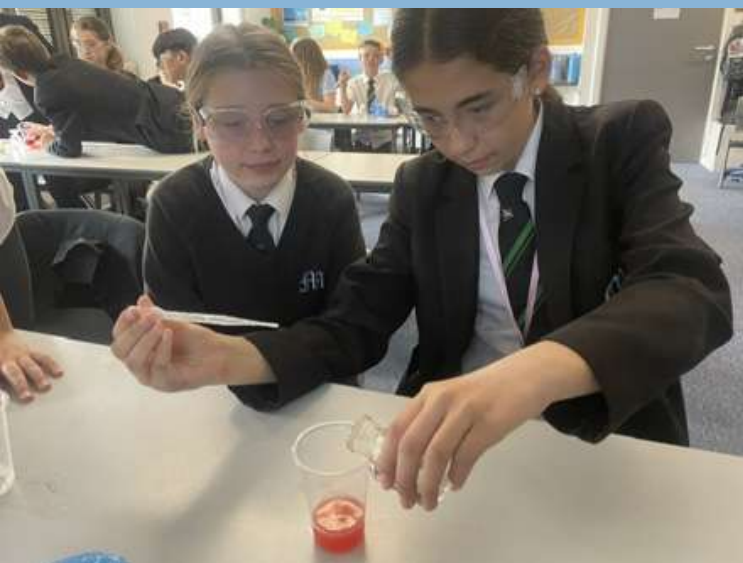
In maths, we continued to develop our skills in calculation and apply these to real life problems. In Science we learnt about how the heart works, how blood moves around our body, along with the transportation of water and the function of the kidneys. In Geography, we developed our map reading skills, using six figure grid references, digital maps and carrying out orienteering.

In RSE, we learnt about growing and changing, how our bodies and minds change during puberty and how the body changes and prepares for reproduction. In RE, we studied the theme; pondering time.

We have been incredibly proud of all of our children this year and we will really miss them as they transition to the next stage of the learning, whether that be at Mayfield or elsewhere; we wish them the best of luck and just ask them to continue with their excellent attitudes and personalities. We also thank you, wholeheartedly, for your support throughout the last year.

Thank you and have a lovely summer. With the best of wishes,

The Year 6 Team



Notices



Congratulations Jersey!

A big congrats to Jersey from Year 10 for coming **FIRST PLACE** in the World Dance Champions 2026 hosted in Dublin. People from all over the world come to compete, so this is an astronomical achievement. We are super proud of Jersey. Well done!

Sparsholt College Open Days

Sparsholt College is introducing a series of Foundation Open Events for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). These events provide a calm and welcoming opportunity for students and families to explore the college and learn about Foundation Learning programmes for young people aged 16–24 who may need additional support with confidence, social skills, independence and learning.

Event dates:

- Saturday 19 September 2026
- Saturday 6 December 2026
- Thursday 22 April 2027

The events are open to students currently in Years 10 and 11, helping families begin planning for post-16 education and supporting smooth transitions. If you are interested in attending the September event, please register your interest using the link below:

<https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/foundation-open-events-booking-form/>

Bookings are not yet open, but families who complete the expression of interest form will be contacted as soon as places become available.



Primary School Parent Hub

Open to Parent/Carers of children and young people with additional needs attending any infant/junior or primary school across Portsmouth.

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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 soon. Have a lovely Summer holiday!

School Calendar

First day back after Summer Holidays: Thursday 3rd September 2026

October Half-Term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

First day back after October Half-Term: Monday 2nd November 2026

INSET Days

1st September 2026

2nd September 2026

4th December 2026

4th January 2027

18th January 2027

19th March 2027

2nd July 2027

More dates are to follow in September.



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