Weekly Bulletin

Week beginning: Monday 12 January 2026

The week at a glance:	**Monday** 12/1/26	**Tuesday** 13/1/26	**Wednesday** 14/1/26	**Thursday** 15/1/26	**Friday** 16/1/26
Whole School Events				Lucky Plate Day	Year 5/6 Cross country 1.30-3.00pm (See letter for more info)
Break Times Lunch Clubs	OPAL	OPAL	OPAL	OPAL	OPAL
After School Clubs	Cheerleading			Languages	Summers in Time Dance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. We hope you and your families had a joyful and restful break. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope you will be very happy with us at Mapperley Plains.

As this is my first week as Head Teacher, I would like to thank you for the very warm welcome I have received from children, staff and families. It is already clear that this is a wonderful school and it has been a pleasure to see how well the children have settled back into routines and learning this week.

I would also like to thank families for their understanding and support with the snow today. A huge shout out to Craig Bromley for clearing the site which enabled the school to open safely.

The start of a new year is always an exciting time, full of opportunities for learning, growth and fresh goals. This term, children will be engaging in a range of stimulating lessons and activities designed to build on their progress and support both their academic and personal development.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement at home plays a vital role in helping children feel confident, motivated and ready to learn. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the term ahead. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, in full uniform and ready for learning. Further information about key dates, events and expectations for this term will be shared shortly. Please also continue to check ClassDojo regularly for updates and reminders.

We wish everyone a happy and successful term and look forward to all that the coming weeks will bring.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Head Teacher

Dates for Your Diary

13.01.26	Reception 2026 New Starter Tour - 9.30	
16.01.26	Year 5/6 Cross country	New Date
23.01.26	Year 3/4 Times Tables Rockstar Day	New Date
28.01.26	Year 6 SATS Parents meeting - 15.45	New Date
13.02.26	Last day of the term– 1 week	
	February Half Term (16.02.26 – 20.02.26)	
23.02.26	INSET DAY – School Closed	
24.02.26	All pupils return to school	
03.03.26	Usborne Book Fair	
26.03.26	Last day of term – 2 weeks	
27.03.26	INSET DAY – School Closed	
	Easter Holiday (30.04.26 – 10.04.26)	
13.04.26	All Pupils Back in School	
15.04.26	Year 4 Castleton Residential	
04.05.26	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed	
22.05.26	Last day of term – 1 week	
	Half Term (25.05.26 – 29.05.26)	
01.06.26	INSET DAY – School Closed	
02.06.26	All pupils return to school	
01.07.26	Year 6 Walesby Residential	
27.07.26	Last day of the term	



Parking Considerations

We would like to remind everyone to be considerate to local residents on Hazel Grove at the start and end of the school day. We have received reports of driveways being blocked and litter being left in gardens and on paths.

Please avoid blocking driveways, ensure children keep off private property and take litter home. By working together and modelling respectful behaviour, we can help keep school journeys safe and positive for everyone.

Reading Volunteers Needed

We are looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to support reading in school. Volunteers will listen to children read, help build confidence and encourage a love of books. No teaching experience is required. A willingness to support children and enjoy reading together is all that is needed. Guidance and support will be provided.

If you are able to spare some time during the school week and would like to make a positive difference, please contact the school office for further information.

Nuts in School

Please be aware that we have several children in school with nut allergies. We therefore ask that children do not bring nuts or foods containing nuts into school in packed lunches or snacks.

Names on Uniform

Everyone looks very smart in their school uniform. Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named, particularly sweatshirts and cardigans.

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