17th April 2026

Weekly Bulletin

Mapperley Plains Primary School

Next week	Monday 20/04/26	Tuesday 21/04/26	Wednesday 22/04/26	Thursday 23/04/26	Friday 24/04/26
School Events		Swimming (Y4) 6 out of 6 week block			
After School Clubs	Cheerleading (F1-Y6)	Gardening Club (Y5/6)	Drama Club (F1-Y6)	Languages Club (KS2)	Summers in time Dance (F1-Y6)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been a really positive first week, with children returning ready to learn and quickly settling back into routines. There has been a strong sense of purpose across the school.

Across school, learning has started well. In EYFS, children have been exploring new topics through hands on experiences, including learning about life cycles. In Key Stage 1, children have begun their science learning around plants, while in Key Stage 2, new topics have launched with enthusiasm, including geography work on rivers and mountains. It has been great to see children engaged and curious in their learning.

There have also been some fantastic wider opportunities this week. Year 4 have had a brilliant residential visit to Castleton, showing teamwork, resilience and excellent behaviour throughout. Thank you to the staff who supported this visit. In Year 5 and 6, the World Fair was a real highlight, with children proudly sharing their learning and speaking confidently about their work. Thank you to all families who supported this.

In assembly, Picture News encouraged children to think about the question: "What makes a great place to live?" Children shared thoughtful ideas and reflected on what matters most in our communities. We have also continued to recognise the positive attitudes and effort shown by children this week. It has been pleasing to see children demonstrating our values of being kind, curious and striving to be their best.

It was extremely exicitng to introduce Mrs Smith, our new SENCO, to the children this week. She has already spent time in classrooms and around school, beginning to build relationships and understand the needs of our children.

Thank you for your continued support. It has been a strong start to the term and we look forward to the weeks ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Head Teacher

Be kind.
Be curious.
Be my best.

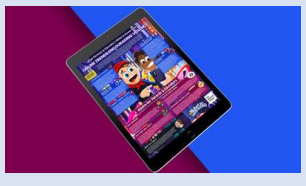
School Comms

Our new system is now up and running. All balances for Lunch Club, activities and wraparound care should now be visible on your School Comms account, and payments can be made as usual. If you haven't already done so, please sign out and sign back in to reset your account. If you notice anything missing or incorrect, please contact the school office and we will do everything we can to assist you. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

PTA Family Quiz Night

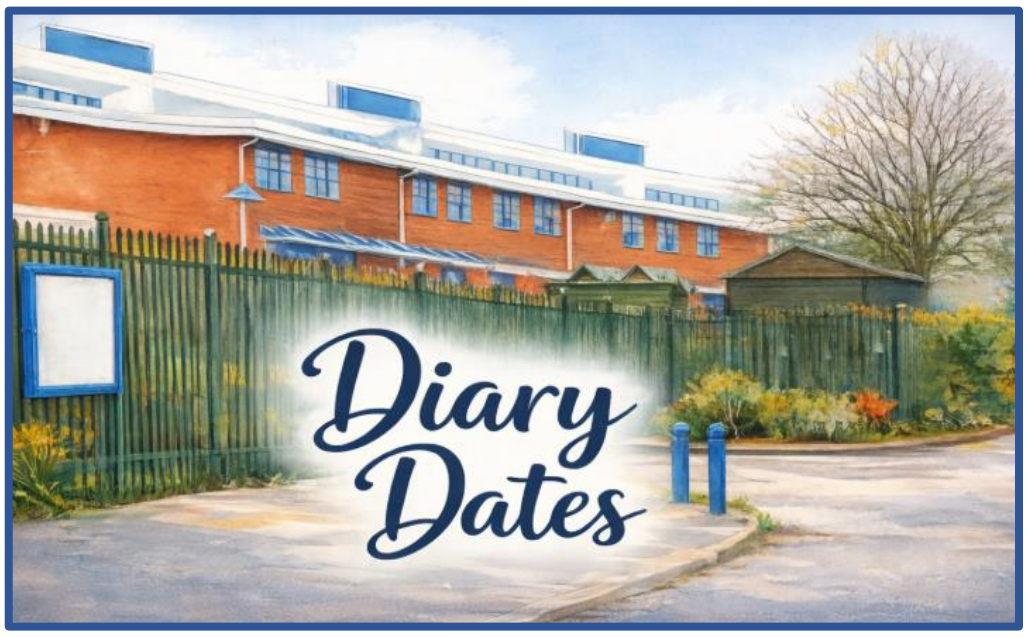
The PTA are excited to host the Family Quiz night taking place on Friday 8th May. You can now purchase tickets using the following link

Tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. A ticket is required for each person attending, although under 3s can join for free and do not need a ticket. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Date	Description	Timings	New Date
04.05.26	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed		
28.04.26	Year 5 swimming	6 week block	
11.05.26	Year 6 SATS Week	Mon - Thurs	X
15.05.26	School Class Photos		
08.05.26	PTA – Family Quiz Night	17.30 - 19.00	X
22.05.26	Last day of term		
May Half Term 25.05.26 – 29.05.26			
01.06.26	INSET DAY – School Closed		
02.06.26	All pupils return to school		
04.06.26	Year 6 Residential parents meeting	15.45 - 16.15	X
16.06.26	Year 6 Swimming Starts		
22.06.26	F2 New starters Stay and Play	TBC	X
01.07.26	Year 6 Walesby Residential		
25.06.26	F2 New Starters Stay and Play	TBC	X
27.07.26	Last day of the term		

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