1st May 2026

Weekly Bulletin

Mapperley Plains Primary School

Next week	Monday 4/5/26	Tuesday 5/5/26	Wednesday 6/5/26	Thursday 7/5/26	Friday 8/5/26
School Events	Bank Holiday	Bluebell & Buttercup Parent Event Swimming (Y5)		Clover Parent Event	
After School Clubs		Gardening Club (Y5/6)	Drama Club (F1-Y6)	Languages Club (KS2) Year 5/ 6 Boys Football	Summers in time Dance (F1-Y6)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across the school, there has been a strong focus on learning beyond the classroom. Children have been making the most of Forest School, developing their curiosity, independence and teamwork through hands-on experiences. It has also been fantastic to see purposeful play and learning continuing at break and lunchtime, with children using equipment responsibly and demonstrating our values of being kind, curious and striving to be their best.

This week, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed Urban Hockey taster sessions, providing a great opportunity to develop new skills, work collaboratively and experience a different sport. The enthusiasm and positive attitudes shown by the children were excellent, and it was a pleasure to see them representing the school so well.

In assembly, Picture News focused on how we support others, exploring new technology designed to help people with dementia live more independently. Children reflected thoughtfully on the role of kindness, respect and inclusion, and discussed the question: "What is the best way to support people who need extra help?"

Finally, I would like to say a thank you to the children for the fantastic projects linked to 'The Big Beyond'. It has been a real highlight to see the quality of work produced (and more importantly) the conversations and interactions these have inspired. Children have shown genuine curiosity and pride in their learning.

We hope you are able to enjoy some time together as a family this bank holiday weekened. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week, ready to continue building on this positive momentum.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind.
Be curious.
Be my best.

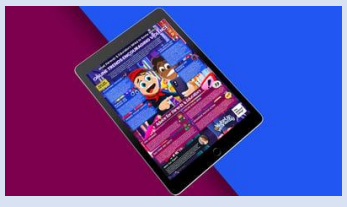
INSET Days (2026/2027)

Tuesday 1 September 2026
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Friday 16 October 2026
Friday 29 January 2027
Monday 7 June 2027

The full academic year calendar is available here

Before School Expectations

Before school, staff are available on the playground to welcome children and ensure a calm and positive start to the day. This is a meet and greet time, helping children settle and supporting a smooth transition into school. During this time, responsibility for children remains with parents and carers until the start of the school day and classroom doors open. We also ask that children do not use OPAL equipment before school, including areas such as the construction zone, tyres and loose parts provision. This helps us ensure the equipment is used safely, appropriately and under proper supervision during planned playtimes and lunchtimes.



What Parents and Carers need to know about Group Chat

This guide outlines the risks of group chats for children (which includes peer pressure, inappropriate content, and exclusion) and provides practical safety tips.

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Diary Dates

Date	Description	Timings	New Date
04.05.26	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed		
05.05.26	Bluebell & Buttercup - Parent Event	Info on Dojo	
07.05.26	Clover Parent Event	Info on Dojo	
11.05.26	Yr 6 SATS Week	Mon - Thurs	X
15.05.26	School Class Photos		
08.05.26	PTA – Family Quiz Night	17.30 - 19.00	X
19.05.26	Yr 3 and 4 Parent Event	Info on Dojo	
21.05.26	House Challenge		
22.05.26	Celebration Assembly	Invitation Only	
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	Yr 6 Residential parents meeting	15.45 - 16.15	X
16.06.26	Yr 6 Swimming Starts		
19.06.26	Drumming Performance		
22.06.26	F2 New starters Stay and Play	TBC	X
23.06.26	Yr 3 and 4 Sports Day	09:30	X
24.06.26	Yr 5 and 6 Sports Day	09:30	X
25.06.26	Yr 6 Induction Day (Arnold Hill Spencer Academy)		
25.06.26	Celebration Afternoon tea	2.30pm Invitation Only	X
26.06.26	Yr 6 Induction Day (Arnold Hill Spencer Academy)		

30.06.26	F1 Sports Day	9-10.30	
01.07.26	Yr 6 Walesby Residential		
07.07.26	F2 Sports Day	9-10.30	
13.07.26	KS1 Toy Workshop	TBC	
13.07.26	KS2 Performance Yr5/6 and Sycamore	09:30	
14.07.26	KS1 Toy Workshop	TBC	
14.07.26	KS2 Performance Yr 5/6 and Elm	09:30	
15.07.26	KS2 Performance Yr 5/6 and Chestnut	09:30	
16.07.26	KS1 Sports Day Yr 1/2	TBC	
17.07.26	MHST Workshop - YR1	TBC	
17.07.26	PTA Summer Fair		
23.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly	09:30	
23.07.26	Yr 6 Leavers Disco	16:00	
24.07.26	Celebration Assembly	09:10 (Invitation only)	
25.06.26	F2 New Starters Stay and Play	TBC	X
27.07.26	Last day of the term		
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