Mapperley Plains Primary School

MPPS bulletin

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Next Week	**05/10/26**	**06/10/26**	**07/10/26**	**08/10/26**	**09/10/26**
	Yr 3/4 Bikeability Level 1	EYFS F2 Admission tour for 2027 starters		Y1/2 Perlethorpe Visit	F2 Big Red Bus
Following Week	**12/10/26**	**13/10/26**	**14/10/26**	**15/10/26**	**16/10/26**
		F1 Bees 8:50 – 9:20 Parents stay and read Y4 'Stone Age Day' Bestwood Lodge Visit	Y3 'Stone Age Day' Bestwood Lodge Visit Parents' Evening	Celebration Assembly Aut 1 (Invitation only) Parents' Evening	Whole School INSET Day
After School Clubs	Cheerleading Club (F1-Y6)	Gardening Club (Y5/6)	Drama Club (F1-Y6)	Eco Club (KS2) Languages Club (Y3-6)	Summers in time Dance (F1-Y6)

A Message from Mr Summers

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another full week at Mapperley Plains, with children now well into the rhythm of the autumn term.

On Wednesday, children across school took part in our drumming workshops. It was great to see the concentration, enthusiasm and enjoyment as different classes had their turn throughout the day. Experiences like this add something different to the school week and give children opportunities to learn and take part together beyond their usual classroom lessons.

Alongside this, staff have continued our work on strengthening the teaching of writing across school. A key part of our work this year is making sure children experience consistently strong teaching as they move through Mapperley Plains. It has been encouraging to see that work beginning to translate into classrooms and into the expectations we have for children's learning.

We are now heading into the final couple of weeks before half term and there is still plenty to come. Next week, Year 3 and 4 have their Bikeability sessions, we welcome prospective Foundation families for our first admissions tour and Year 1 and 2 head to Perlethorpe. These are part of a busy run of opportunities for children before the half-term break.

One of the things I have particularly noticed as the term has progressed is children becoming more settled and confident in their new classes. There is a growing sense of routine across school and it is good to see children taking greater responsibility for themselves, their learning and one another.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

Goodbye Mrs Boyle

Information

We also said a very sad goodbye this week to Clare Boyle, who has been part of Mapperley Plains for an incredible 30 years. Over that time, Clare has given so much to the school and to generations of children and families. She has been a much loved member of our team and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role.

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Pickard, who has joined the Mapperley Plains team. We hope she will be very happy with us and know that our children and families will make her feel very welcome.

Autumn Parents' Evening

Information

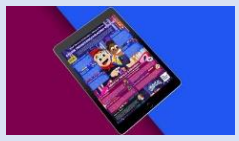
We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October. Appointments run from 3:40pm to 6:30pm on both evenings.

An electronic booking form has now been sent out for you to select your appointment. We are sorry that the booking process is a little different this time. We have had some challenges with our usual system and the MPPS website, so we have had to use an alternative approach. Thank you for bearing with us and we look forward to seeing you.

What Parents/Carers need to know about Looksmaxxing

(click link to find out more)

Family Support



Looksmaxxing encourages people particularly young boys to 'improve their appearance' through everything from grooming, skincare and exercise to far more questionable techniques. As this trend becomes increasingly visible on social media, this guide explores how appearance-focused content can affect boys' confidence, self-worth and body image, while exposing them to misleading or potentially dangerous advice.

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MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
41	Mon	05/10/26	All Day	Yr 3/4 Bikeability - Level 1
41	Tues	06/10/26	10:00	EYFS Foundation Admission tour for 2027 starters
41	Thurs	08/10/26	All Day	Y1/2 Perlethorpe Visit
41	Fri	09/10/26	All Day	F2 Big Red Bus Trip
42	Tues	13/10/26	8:50 – 9:20	F1 Bees – Parents stay and read
42	Tues	13/10/26	All Day	Y4 'Stone Age Day' Bestwood Lodge Visit
42	Weds	14/10/26	All Day	Y3 'Stone Age Day' Bestwood Lodge Visit
42	Weds	14/10/26	15:40 – 18:30	Parents' Evening
42	Thurs	15/10/26	15:40 – 18:30	Parents' Evening
42	Thurs	15/10/26	09:10	Celebration Assembly Autumn 1 (Invitation only)
42	Thurs	15/10/26		Last Day of the Term (2 week half term)
42	Fri	16/10/26	All Day	INSET Day
October Half Term 19/10/2026 - 30/10/2026				
45	Mon	02/11/26		First Day Back
45	Mon	02/11/26	All Day	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2
45	Tues	03/11/26	All Day	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2
45	Weds	04/11/26	All Day	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2
45	Thurs	05/11/26	All Day	Bikeability Level 2 Yr 5/6
46	Thurs	12/11/26	10:00	EYFS Foundation Admission tour for 2027 starters
46	Thurs	12/11/26	16:00	EYFS Foundation Admission tour for 2027 starters
47	Mon	16/11/26	All Day	Anti Bullying Week / Odd Socks
47	Tues	17/11/26	10:00	EYFS Foundation Admission tour for 2027 starters
47	Tues	17/11/26	16:00	EYFS Foundation Admission tour for 2027 starters
47	Fri	20/11/26	AM	Flu Vaccinations

51	Tues	15/12/26		Cinderella – Whole School Pantomime
51	Fri	18/12/26	09:10	Celebration Assembly Autumn 2 (Invitation only)
51	Fri	18/12/26		Last Day of the Term (2 week Christmas Break)
Christmas Break 21/12/2026 - 01/01/2027				
4	Fri	29/01/27	All Day	INSET Day
February Half Term 15/02/2027 - 19/02/2027				
Easter Break 26/03/2027 - 09/04/2027				
Summer Half Term 31/05/2027 - 04/06/2027				
23	Mon	07/06/27	All Day	INSET Day
30	Weds	28/07/27		Last Day of the Term
Summer Break From 29/07/2027				

Safeguarding at Mapperley Plains

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the school on 0115 964 9360 or safeguarding@mapperleyplains.notts.sch.uk. If a child is at immediate risk of harm, contact the Police on 999.

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