Mapperley Plains Primary School

MPPS bulletin

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12/10/26	**13/10/26**	**14/10/26**	**15/10/26**	**16/10/26**
Next week		F1 Bees Stay and Read 08:50–09:20 Year 4 Stone Age day Bestwood Lodge	Year 3 Stone Age day Bestwood Lodge Parents' Evening 15:40–18:30 Eco-Club: No Plastic Day	Celebration Assembly 09:10 (invitation only) Parents' Evening 15:40–18:30	INSET day School closed to children
	Cheerleading Club (F1-Year 6)	Gardening Club (Years 5-6)	Parents Evening No Clubs	Parents Evening No Clubs	INSET DAY No Clubs
Half term: Monday 19 to Friday 30 October **Children return on Monday 2 November**					
Following Week	**02/11/26**	**03/11/26**	**04/11/26**	**05/11/26**	**06/11/26**
	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 1 & 2	Yr 5/6 Bikeability Level 2	
	Cheerleading Club (F1–Year 6)	Gardening Club (Years 5–6)	Drama Club (F1–Year 6)	Eco Club (KS2) Languages Club (Years 3–6)	Summers in Time Dance (F1-Y6)

A Message from Mr Summers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning has extended beyond the classroom this week. Year 3 and 4 took part in Bikeability on Monday, Year 1 and 2 visited Perlethorpe on Thursday and our Foundation 2 children have their Big Red Bus experience today. Each brings a different opportunity to explore, practise skills and make connections with what children are learning in school.

Our values have a place in these experiences too. Asking questions, encouraging one another and persevering with something unfamiliar are practical ways for children to be curious, show kindness and strive to be their best. Thank you to the staff and adults who have organised and supported this week's activities. Staff have also continued professional development around relationships and behaviour. Our aim is to help children feel understood, know what is expected of them and receive consistent support when they find things difficult. This work sits alongside our focus on teaching and learning, because children need to feel secure and included to make the most of their education.

Next week's Parents' Evenings, on Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 October, will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and how they are getting on more widely. We want these conversations to be useful: recognising achievements, identifying next steps and listening to what you notice at home. Please see the booking reminder below.

Thank you for your support throughout this half term. I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

School News Information

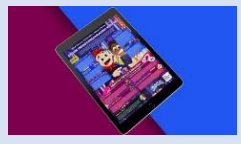
Many families will already know Adele Bastow from her work in the school office. I am delighted to share that she has now been appointed as our School Business Manager, taking on wider responsibility for finance, premises and the day-to-day operation of the school. Adele already plays a hugely important part in life at Mapperley Plains and this new role reflects the experience, knowledge and commitment she brings to the school. I know she will continue to make a real difference in her new position.

We have also welcomed Teigan Haslam to the team as a Teaching Assistant. Teigan is beginning to get to know the children, staff and routines across school and we are really pleased to have her with us. I am sure families will join me in giving her a warm Mapperley Plains welcome.

We also have some governance news. Thank you to everyone who showed an interest in our parent governor vacancy. The nomination process has now concluded and, as a ballot was not required, Mohsin has been elected as our new Parent Governor. We look forward to welcoming him to the governing body and to the contribution he will make by bringing a parent perspective to its work.

We are currently recruiting two Midday Supervisory Assistants / Play Team Members to join our lunchtime team from November. The roles are for 7.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 11:45–13:15, with one permanent post and one fixed-term maternity cover post. We are looking for caring, reliable people who enjoy working with children and can help make lunchtimes safe, inclusive and enjoyable. Previous school experience is not essential as training and support will be provided. The closing date is Monday 2 November at 12 noon. Further details and application information are available on the Vacancies page of our school website.

What Parents/Carers need to know about encouraging reading *(click link to find out more)* Family Support



With reading for pleasure in decline, this practical guide offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books. From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers.

Inspiring learners. Shaping futures.

MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
42	Tue	13/10/26	08:50–09:20	F1 Bees Stay and Read
42	Tue	13/10/26	All day	Year 4 Stone Age day: Bestwood Lodge
42	Wed	14/10/26	All day	Year 3 Stone Age day: Bestwood Lodge
42	Wed	14/10/26	All day	Eco Club – No Plastic Day
42	Wed	14/10/26	15:40–18:30	Parents' Evening
42	Thu	15/10/26	09:10	Autumn 1 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
42	Thu	15/10/26	15:40–18:30	Parents' Evening
42	Thu	15/10/26		Last day before half term
42	Fri	16/10/26	All day	INSET day: school closed to children
October Half Term 19/10/26–30/10/26				
45	Mon	02/11/26		Children return to school
45	Mon	02/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Levels 1 and 2
45	Tue	03/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Levels 1 and 2
45	Wed	04/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Levels 1 and 2
45	Thu	05/11/26	All day	Years 5–6 Bikeability: Level 2
45	Thu	05/11/26	16:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
45	Fri	06/11/26	All day	Diwali Day
46	Thu	12/11/26	10:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
46	Thu	12/11/26	16:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
47	Mon	16/11/26	All day	Anti-Bullying Week begins / Odd Socks Day
47	Tue	17/11/26	10:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
47	Tue	17/11/26	16:00	Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters
47	Fri	20/11/26	Morning	Flu vaccinations
51	Tue	15/12/26		Cinderella: whole school pantomime

MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
51	Fri	18/12/26	09:10	Autumn 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
51	Fri	18/12/26		Last day of autumn term
Christmas Break 21/12/26–01/01/27				
1	Mon	04/01/27		Children return to school
4	Fri	29/01/27	All day	INSET day: school closed to children
6	Mon	08/02/27	All day	Ramadan Starts
February Half Term 15/02/27–19/02/27				
8	Mon	22/02/27		Children return to school
10	Fri	12/03/27	All day	Eid Day
Easter Break 26/03/27–09/04/27				
15	Mon	12/04/27		Children return to school
18	Mon	03/05/27	All day	Early May bank holiday: school closed
Summer Half Term 31/05/27–04/06/27				
23	Mon	07/06/27	All day	INSET day: school closed to children
23	Tue	08/06/27		Children return to school
30	Wed	28/07/27		Last day of summer term
Summer Break From 29/07/27				

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.

Inspiring learners.
Shaping futures.