Mapperley Plains Primary School

# MPPS bulletin

Friday 6 November 2026

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| **Next week** | **09/11/26** | **10/11/26** | **11/11/26** | **12/11/26** | **13/11/26** |
| | | | Remembrance Day | Foundation admissions tours 10:00 and 16:00 | RSHE consultation closes 16:00 |
| **Following week** | **16/11/26** | **17/11/26** | **18/11/26** | **19/11/26** | **20/11/26** |
| | Anti-Bullying Week: Break the Silence Odd Socks Day | Foundation admissions tour 10:00 | | | Flu vaccinations Morning |
| **Clubs** | 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–Year 6) |

## A Message from Mr Summers

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been good to welcome everyone back after half term and see children quickly reconnect with their classes, friends and familiar routines. There has been plenty happening across school this week, but what has stood out most has been the way children have returned ready to get involved, take responsibility and make the most of the opportunities around them.

Years 5 and 6 have spent much of the week taking part in Bikeability. Learning to cycle safely brings together much more than the practical skill itself: children have had to listen carefully, judge situations, persevere when something feels difficult and build confidence as the week has progressed. These are exactly the sorts of experiences where our values become visible in what children actually do.

Today has also given the whole school an opportunity to learn more about Diwali. Our RE Day has encouraged children to explore beliefs and traditions, ask thoughtful questions and develop their understanding of the different ways people celebrate and express their faith. Giving children opportunities to be curious about the wider world, while learning to listen respectfully to others, is an important part of their education at Mapperley Plains.

The change in season is very noticeable now too and we continue to make good use of our outdoor spaces throughout the school day. Play, movement and learning outdoors remain an important part of school life, even as the weather becomes colder. Please help us by making sure children have a named coat with them each day so that they can continue to enjoy these opportunities comfortably.

Looking ahead, next week includes Remembrance Day, our Foundation admissions tours and Children in Need on Friday. Our PSHE and RSHE parent consultation also closes at 16:00 on Friday 13 November, with the information and feedback form available on the school website. The following week begins with Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day on Monday 16 November.

Thank you for your support during this first week back. It has been a full and positive return to school and I hope you and your families have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

*Mr P Summers*
**Headteacher**

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

## Play Team update

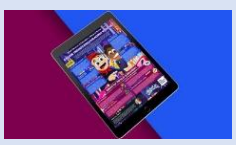
Information

After seven years at Mapperley Plains, we are saying goodbye to Sara Soekhlal, who has been part of our Midday Supervisory Assistant and Play Team. Sara has been a familiar and caring presence at lunchtimes for many children over the years and we would like to thank her for the contribution she has made to school life. We wish her all the very best for the future. We have recently been recruiting new members of our lunchtime Play Team. The recruitment process is still ongoing and we will share an update with families once it has concluded.

## What Parents/Carers need to know about Mobile Phones

*(click link to find out more)*

Family Support



Mobile phones are a major part of young people's lives, but growing concerns about their impact on mental health, learning and wellbeing have prompted tighter restrictions. From classroom distractions and excessive screen time to cyberbullying and harmful online content, this guide examines the potential risks and explores what the evidence tells us about smartphone use.

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# MPPS Diary Dates

| Week | Day | Date | Timings | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 46 | Wed | 11/11/26 | | Remembrance 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 |
| 46 | Fri | 13/11/26 | 16:00 | PSHE and RSHE parent consultation closes |
| 47 | Mon | 16/11/26 | All day | Anti-Bullying Week begins:<br>Break the Silence / Odd Socks Day |
| 47 | Tue | 17/11/26 | 10:00 | Foundation admissions tour for 2027 starters |
| 47 | Fri | 20/11/26 | Morning | Flu vaccinations |
| 48 | Tue | 24/11/26 | 15:30 | Little Wandle parent session (details to follow) |
| 50 | Tue | 08/12/26 | 9.45 - 10.45 | KS1 Nativity Play – More info to follow |
| 50 | Tue | 08/12/26 | 13.45 - 14.45 | F1 and F2 Nativity Play – More info to follow |
| 50 | Thu | 10/12/26 | All day | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 50 | Thu | 10/12/26 | All day | Christmas Dinner Day |
| 50 | Thu | 10/12/26 | 9.45 - 10.45 | F1 and F2 Nativity Play - More info to follow |
| 50 | Thu | 10/12/26 | 13.45 - 14.45 | KS1 Nativity Play - More info to follow |
| 51 | Tue | 15/12/26 | All day | Cinderella: whole-school pantomime |
| 51 | Thu | 17/12/26 | 10:30–12:00 | Choir visit to Parry Court (info to follow) |
| 51 | Fri | 18/12/26 | 09:00 | Autumn 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only) |
| 51 | Fri | 18/12/26 | All day | Last day of autumn term |
| **Christmas Break**<br>21/12/26–01/01/27 | | | | |
| 1 | Mon | 04/01/27 | All day | Children return to school |
| 3 | Wed | 20/01/27 | All day | Year 6 visit to the Holocaust Centre |
| 4 | Fri | 29/01/27 | All day | INSET day: school closed to children |
| 6 | Fri | 12/02/27 | TBC | Spring 1 Celebration Assembly (invitation only) |
| **February Half Term**<br>15/02/27–19/02/27 | | | | |

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| Week | Day | Date | Timings | Description |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Mon | 22/02/27 | All day | Children return to school |
| 12 | Thu | 25/03/27 | 09.00 | Spring 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only |
| 12 | Thu | 26/03/27 | All Day | School Closed – Good Friday |
| **Easter Break**<br>26/03/27–09/04/27 | | | | |
| 15 | Mon | 12/04/27 | All day | Children return to school |
| 18 | Mon | 03/05/27 | All day | Early May bank holiday: school closed |
| 18 | Wed | 05/05/27 | Wed-Fri | Y4 Castleton residential (info to follow) |
| 19 | Mon | 10/05/27 | Mon-Thu | KS2 SATs Week |
| 21 | Fri | 28/05/27 | TBC | Summer 1 Celebration Assembly (invitation only) |
| **Summer Half Term**<br>31/05/27–04/06/27 | | | | |
| 23 | Mon | 07/06/27 | All day | INSET day: school closed to children |
| 23 | Tue | 08/06/27 | All day | Children return to school |
| 30 | Tue | 27/07/27 | TBC | Summer 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only) |
| 30 | Wed | 28/07/27 | All day | Last day of summer term |
| **Summer Break**<br>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.

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