Mapperley Plains Primary School

MPPS bulletin

Friday 13 November 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Next 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 and 16:00			Flu vaccinations Morning
Following week	**23/11/26**	**24/11/26**	**25/11/26**	**26/11/26**	**27/11/26**
		Little Wandle parent session 15:45 – 16:45			
Clubs 16–20 Nov	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)

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Message from Mr Summers

There have been some thoughtful moments across Mapperley Plains this week, alongside the learning, play and friendships that make our school such a special community.

Wednesday's Remembrance Day gave us an opportunity to pause and reflect on service, sacrifice and peace. I was particularly proud of the respect children showed and the care with which they approached these conversations. Helping children understand why we remember also gives us an opportunity to consider how we treat one another today. Kindness, understanding and the choices we make each day are meaningful ways for children to connect these bigger ideas to their own lives.

We have also enjoyed welcoming prospective Foundation families into school again this week. It is always a pleasure to share Mapperley Plains with families taking that first important step towards choosing a school for their child. These visits remind us how much children grow during their time here: from finding their feet and making their first friendships to becoming increasingly confident, independent and ready for new challenges. Thank you to our children and staff for the warm welcome they give visitors and for sharing the everyday life of our school with such pride.

Behind the scenes, staff have been looking closely at children's writing together, celebrating progress and discussing what will help each child move forward. Taking time to share work and agree expectations helps us build consistency across classes, so that children receive the teaching, support and encouragement they need to do their best.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the information about our PSHE and RSHE parent consultation and share their views. The consultation has now closed and we appreciate your contribution. Working in partnership with families matters to us, particularly as we help children learn about relationships, wellbeing and keeping themselves safe.

Looking ahead, Anti-Bullying Week begins on Monday with Odd Socks Day. This is a simple, cheerful way to celebrate individuality, alongside a message we want children to hear throughout the year: everyone deserves to feel safe, included and valued. We will be encouraging children to speak up when something is wrong, listen when someone shares a concern and ask a trusted adult for help. Every child should know that their worries matter and that they will be taken seriously.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the many ways you help our school community thrive. I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

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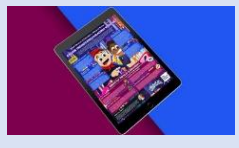
Information

This week we welcomed our OPAL reviewer for the final review of our play provision. We'll be sharing the result soon, but we can give you a little hint from the feedback!

Our OPAL Mentor Wendy, described the play on offer as "incredible", highlighting how engaged the children were and the calm atmosphere alongside so much activity. From den building and dressing up to drumming and exploring on wheels, children were finding their own ways to play, create and enjoy their lunchtime. There was particular recognition that this is everyday life at Mapperley Plains. Thank you to our play team, staff and families for helping make it happen. Look out for the final announcement and a chance to celebrate together soon.

What Parents/Carers need to know about Advertisements Aimed at Children

Family Support



From sponsored posts and influencer promotions to adverts hidden within games and videos, children encounter online advertising almost everywhere. But can they always tell when they're being sold something? With children particularly susceptible to persuasive marketing, it's important to understand how adverts can influence their choices, expectations and spending habits – often without them even realising. This guide explores the risks of advertising aimed at children, including misleading claims, unrealistic beauty standards, inappropriate promotions and pressure to make purchases.

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MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
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	Wed	18/11/26	18:00	Full Governing Body meeting
47	Fri	20/11/26	Morning	Flu vaccinations
48	Tue	24/11/26	15:45 – 16:45	KS1 Little Wandle parent session
50	Tue	08/12/26	09:45–10:45	KS1 Nativity Play – more information to follow
50	Tue	08/12/26	13:45–14:45	F1 and F2 Nativity Play – more information 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	09:45–10:45	F1 and F2 Nativity Play – more information to follow
50	Thu	10/12/26	13:45–14:45	KS1 Nativity Play – more information 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 (information 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 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	09:00	Spring 1 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
February Half Term 15/02/27–19/02/27				
8	Mon	22/02/27	All day	Children return to school
12	Thu	25/03/27	09:00	Spring 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)

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MPPS Diary Dates

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
12	Fri	26/03/27	All day	School closed – Good Friday
Easter Break 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	Year 4 Castleton residential (information 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 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 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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