Mapperley Plains Primary School

MPPS bulletin

Friday 27 November 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week at a glance	**30/11/26**	**01/12/26**	**02/12/26**	**03/12/26**	**04/12/26**
		Reception tour 10:00 and 16:00		International Day of Persons with Disabilities Food Forum: 13:00–14:30	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 09:45–10:15
Following week	**07/12/26**	**08/12/26**	**09/12/26**	**10/12/26**	**11/12/26**
		Nativity performances KS1: 09:45; F1/F2: 13:45		Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner F1/F2: 09:45; KS1: 13:45	
Clubs 30 Nov–4 Dec	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)
Named waterproof coat and wellies for outdoor play. Outdoor play information Please check with your child's class teacher before sending in toys or other items from home including 3D printed items. Please keep anything with sharp points or edges at home.					

A Message from Mr Summers

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for Tuesday's Little Wandle training. I really appreciate you making time at the end of a busy day to find out more about reading. School and home each have a part to play in helping children become confident readers. The session and the presentations now available on our website give us a shared starting point for those conversations.

There is something very special about a child beginning to read a book for themselves. A familiar word becomes easier to recognise or a sentence starts to sound more fluent. Those small steps deserve encouragement. Reading the same book again can be an important part of that progress so please do not worry if your child brings home a book they already know well. Time to enjoy a story together matters too, whether your child reads to you or settles down to listen.

If you could not attend on Tuesday, you can still find the Year 1 and Year 2 presentations on our phonics page. Please ask your child's teacher if there is anything you would like us to explain or demonstrate. A quick question about a sound, a book or how much help to give is always welcome. Thank you for the encouragement you give at home and for helping us understand what reading is like for your child beyond the classroom.

Next week's disability awareness activities will bring another important part of school life into focus: making sure everyone can take part. We will be thinking about difference and the adjustments that can help children feel included. With performances and celebrations approaching, please let your child's teacher know in advance if there is something that would help them manage a busy or unfamiliar occasion. Knowing about a worry early gives us time to talk it through with you.

December is nearly here and there are some lovely occasions to look forward to together. The main dates are in Week at a glance and the diary on page two. The Nativity start times are now confirmed in the diary on page two. Please check class messages for booking arrangements. I hope you and your families have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr P Summers
Headteacher

Be kind. Be curious. Be my best.

Little Wandle: reading support to use at home

The November Year 1 and Year 2 parent presentations are on our phonics page. They are there to revisit after the training or to read if you were unable to join us.

Keep reading practice calm and encouraging. Rereading a familiar practice book helps children build fluency. Sharing a different book together gives you time to enjoy a story, talk about the pictures and explore new words. If you are unsure which book is for reading practice or for sharing, please ask your child's teacher.

Find out more on our website: phonics and reading presentations

Grand Theft Auto VI: a guide for families

Grand Theft Auto VI is rated PEGI 18 and is not suitable for children. Children may still see clips or livestreams even if they do not play it. The National College guide explains the risks and offers practical ideas for checking age restrictions and spending settings. It can also help you start a conversation about what your child has seen. Parental controls do not make an adult-rated game suitable for younger children.

Find out more on our website: GTA VI guide and online safety advice

Safer cycling as the evenings get darker

As the evenings get darker, please check that your child can be seen when cycling. Use working white front and red rear lights after dark, check reflectors and add reflective clothing or accessories. A correctly fitted cycle helmet is important too. Please talk together about looking carefully at junctions, giving pedestrians space and choosing a route that suits your child's experience. We will reinforce road safety with the children in assembly. Independence grows through practice and clear boundaries. Please help children understand how to enjoy it safely.

Find out more on our website: road safety and keeping your child safe

MPPS Diary Dates

Yellow = new or updated since the 20 November bulletin.

Week	Day	Date	Timings	Description
49	Tue	01/12/26	10:00 and 16:00	Reception tour for September 2027 starters
49	Thu	03/12/26	All day	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
49	Thu	03/12/26	13:00–14:30	Food Forum – Sunflowers
50	Tue	08/12/26	KS1 – 09:45 F1/F2 – 13:45	Nativity performances
50	Thu	10/12/26	All day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
50	Thu	10/12/26	F1/F2 – 09:45 KS1 – 13:45	Nativity performances
51	Mon	14/12/26	Morning	F1 Class Christmas Party
51	Tue	15/12/26	All day	Cinderella: whole-school pantomime
51	Tue	15/12/26	13:30-14:30	F1 Stay and Play
51	Tue	15/12/26	Afternoon	Yr 1- 2 Class Christmas Party
51	Wed	16/12/26	09:00-10:00	F1 Christmas Crafting Parent Event
51	Wed	16/12/26	Afternoon	F2 Class Christmas Party
51	Thu	17/12/26	Afternoon	Yr 3-4 Class Christmas Party
51	Thu	17/12/26	Morning	KS1 Toy workshop
51	Thu	17/12/26	13:30-14:30	F1 Stay and Play
51	Thu	17/12/26	10:30–12:00	Choir visit to Parry Court (information to follow)
51	Fri	18/12/26	Afternoon	Yr 5-6 Class Christmas Party
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
2	Fri	15/01/27	All day	Reception applications close for September 2027
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	Time TBC	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
9	Mon	01/03/27	All day	Secondary school offer day
Year 4 swimming (Tuesdays)			14:15–15:00	2, 9, 16 and 23 March; 13 and 20 April 2027
12	Thu	25/03/27	09:00	Spring 2 Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
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
15	Fri	16/04/27	All day	Reception school offer day
Year 5 swimming (Tuesdays)			14:15–15:00	27 April; 4, 11, 18 and 25 May 8 June 2027
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 (10–13 May)
21	Mon	24/05/27	Mon–Wed	Year 6 PGL Caythorpe Court residential (24–26 May)
21	Fri	28/05/27	Time 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
Year 6 swimming (Tuesdays)			14:15–15:00	15, 22 and 29 June 6, 13, 20 and 27 July 2027
30	Tue	27/07/27	Time 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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