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Welcome Back!



A warm welcome to you all as we start another fun filled year at Mayflower! It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces on Wednesday and the school was a buzz with excitement as the children found their new classrooms and got to know their teachers. A warm welcome to our new Reception parents, it can be daunting saying goodbye at the gate but you were all amazing and we look forward to getting to know you and your wonderful children as the term progresses.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while our building work is being done. The new windows are looking great and will make our classrooms much more comfortable in the winter. We are very lucky to have such a great set of builders who are working as fast as possible in getting the windows ship shape and looking their best!

We have a few new faces on our staffing team this year, we welcome Miss. Knight who is our new teacher in year 3 and two new sports coaches, Mr. Whittingham and Mr. Double. Do say hello if you see them on the gate and welcome them to our Mayflower family. We also give a warm welcome back to Miss. Garlick who has been on maternity leave and takes up the role of year 1 teacher.

We have lots of exciting things planned so keep an eye out on Dojo so you don't miss anything. Our door is always open if you have questions, worries or concerns. By working together, we can help our children thrive and achieve their very best. Here's to another wonderful year at Mayflower!



To report your child's absence, please contact the school by 8:30 am.

You can phone the main office on 01255 502444,
use your 'My Child at School' app or the school website.



With the new changes to the attendance Framework now live, it is vital that you let us know why your child is not in school so it does not go down as an 'unauthorised absence'. This includes making sure you give us proper details if your child is off sick. Remember that 10 sessions of unauthorised absence will unfortunately automatically trigger a fine and we do not want that to happen. If you need more information about the new changes, you will find a guide on MCAS in 'School Letters'. Please come and speak to Miss Carman or Ms Walker if you have any worries or concerns.

Attendance marks will be updated after lunch so don't worry if it's not the correct mark on MCAS in the mornings.



MEET THE TEACHER

We would like to invite you to meet your child's new class teacher next week! This is an annual event, where the teachers put together a short presentation with all the information you might need for the year ahead. It's a chance to put a face to a name (if you haven't already met), find out when PE days are and what to expect in your child's new year group.

Monday 9 th September	Year 1	9am
Tuesday 10 th September	Year 2	9am
Tuesday 10 th September	Reception	1pm
Wednesday 11 th September	Year 6	9am
Thursday 12 th September	Year 3	9am
Friday 13 th September	Year 4	9am
Friday 13 th September	Year 5	9am

These meetings are only planned to be 20 (or so) minutes long and are not intended to be an opportunity to discuss individual pupils.

Our new Reception (EYFS) parents have already had this meeting, back in July, but if you missed it, this is your opportunity to catch up! We look forward to seeing you next week!



School Uniform

It's always good to remind parents about school uniform expectations at Mayflower.

The Uniform Policy can be found on the website via this link:

<https://www.mayflower-pri.essex.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Please remember, trainers are NOT good as everyday school footwear; there is a leaflet all about appropriate footwear also on the website.

Our pre-loved uniform shop is now open for business! If you find you are in need of some uniform then please come in and ask either the office or Miss Walker, who can happily help you source something. We've got jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits, wellies, shoes, coats and polo shirts to get us started, for you to take what you need, or swap something too small for the next size up... (Donations on MCAS welcomed too!) Please feel free to take what you need and, if you can, make a small donation on MCAS. Alternatively feel free to swap a too-small pair of wellies (for example) and take the next size up.



Opening times: Mon-Fri 10:30 - 3:30

New Classes for September 2024

Year	Class Name	Teacher	Class LPSAs	Targeted Support	
EYFS	RLT	Miss. Timms	Mrs. Tedder <i>HLTA</i>	Mrs. Curry	Mrs. Knight (Speech and Language) Mrs. Smith Mrs. Parker (ELSA and Forest School) Mr. Whittingham Mr. Double (Sports Coach)
	RHS	Miss. Smith	Miss. Humphrey Mrs. Evans		
Year 1	1BC	Mr. Childs	Mrs. Bowers <i>Cover support</i> Mrs. Bennell		
	1MG	Miss. Garlick Mrs. Black			
Year 2	2JW	Mrs. Wilkinson	Mrs. Gooding-Matthews		
Year 3	3SS	Mr. Snelling	Miss. Chopping <i>HLTA</i> Mrs. Smith <i>Cover support</i> Miss. Gow	Miss. Gow Mr. Deller	
	3KK	Miss. Knight			
Year 4	4CC	Mr. Curry	Mrs. Pearson Miss. Hall		
	4SB	Miss. Bowers			
Year 5	5AL	Mrs. Lloyd	Miss. Calvert Mrs. Garner <i>HLTA</i>		
	5TA	Mrs. Allday			
Year 6	6CH	Mrs. Crawford Mrs. Haveron	Mrs. Powell <i>HLTA</i> Mrs. Tallwin <i>HLTA</i>	Ms. Allston	
	6ES	Miss. Stephens			

Mayflower Primary School Term dates 2024/25

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024											
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■ School Holidays

■ Bank Holiday

■ Non-Pupil Days

■ Y6 SAT Week

Diary Dates

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| 4th September: | First Day of Term |
| 9th September: | Meet the Teacher Year 1 at 9am |
| 10th September: | Meet the Teacher Year 2 at 9am |
| 10th September: | Meet the Teacher Reception at 1pm |
| 11th September: | Meet the Teacher Year 6 at 9am |
| 12th September: | Meet the Teacher Year 3 at 9am |
| 13th September: | Meet the Teacher Year 4 & 5 at 9am |
| 2nd October: | Individual School Photographs |
| 18th October: | Harvest Celebration |
| 22nd October: | Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments |
| 23rd October: | Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments |

