

If you know someone who struggles to access the newsletter, please let us know so we can help them.

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 Tuesday 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.

We have a couple of new faces on our staffing team this year, we welcome Miss. James who is an LPSA Apprentice working in The Cove and Mr. Keeys who is our Sports Coach Apprentice. Do say hello if you see them and welcome them to our Mayflower family.

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 any 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!

And finally, don't forget that now is the perfect time to join our wonderful **Mayflower Lottery!** The cost of one ticket is £2.50 and it is automatically drawn at the end of each month by Funding wall with 40% of the funds in the pot won by one of you. All the profits we generate will contribute towards the much-needed renovation of our EYFS playground so by buying a monthly ticket, you are not only in with a chance to win but you will also be playing a vital role in enhancing our children's provision. Scan the code below for more info or click on the link.

<https://www.fundingwall.org/.../mayflower-members...>



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.



Please make sure that you let us know why your child is not in school so it does not go down as an 'unauthorised absence'. This includes giving 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 school absence, you will find a guide on MCAS in 'School Letters'.

Please come and speak to Mrs. May-Erskine 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 8 th September	Year 1	9am
Monday 8 th September	Reception	1pm
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 2	9am
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 3	9am
Wednesday 10 th September	Year 4	9am
Thursday 11 th September	Year 5	9am
Friday 12 th September	Year 6	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.

Don't forget our pre-loved uniform shop is also open. 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



Wednesday 10th September 9am – 10am

Come and meet our ELSAs at the start of the new academic year
To find out what they do and how they can help.

Open to everyone!

New Classes for September 2025

Year	Class name	Teacher	Class LPSAs	Targeted Support	Other LPSAs
EYFS	RLT	Miss. Timms	Mrs. Tedder <i>HLTA</i> Miss. Humphrey		Mrs. Knight <i>Speech and Language</i> Mrs. Smith <i>ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader</i> Ms. Parker <i>ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader</i> Mr. Whittingham <i>Sports Coach</i> Mr. Key <i>Sports Apprentice</i>
	RHS	Miss. Smith	Mrs. Evans		
Year 1	1BC	Miss. Stephens	Mrs. Tallown <i>HLTA</i>		
	1MG	Miss. Garlick / Mrs. Simmonds	Mrs. Bennell		
Year 2	2JW	Mrs. Wilkinson	Mrs. Gooding <i>Play Leader</i>		
	2BC	Mr. Childs	Mrs. Bowers (<i>Cover Support</i>)		
Year 3	3CC	Mr. Curry	Miss. Chopping <i>HLTA</i>		
Year 4	4SB	Miss. Bowers	Mrs. Pearson (<i>Cover Support</i>)	Miss. Gow	
	4KK	Miss. Knight	Mrs. Garner <i>HLTA</i>		
Year 5	5TA	Mrs. Allday / Mrs. Simmonds	Mrs. Curry	Mr. Deller	
	5AL	Mrs. Lloyd	Miss. Calvert		
Year 6	6CH	Mrs. Haveron / Mrs. Crawford	Miss. Hall Mrs. Powell <i>HLTA</i>		
	6SS	Mr. Snelling			
The Cove		Mrs. Black		Miss. James Miss. James (<i>Apprentice</i>) Miss. Badham	

Term Dates 2025/26

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025									
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa			
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4							1		1	2	3	4	5	6				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31							
													30																	
January 2026							February 2026							March 2026							April 2026									
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa			
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30						
May 2026							June 2026							July 2026							August 2026									
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa			
						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6							1	2	3	4							1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29					
31													30	31						30	31									

■ School Holidays ■ Bank Holidays
■ Non-Pupil Days ■ Y6 SAT week

Diary Dates

- 2nd September:** First Day of Term
- 8th September:** Meet the Teacher Year 1 at 9am
- 8th September:** Meet the Teacher Reception at 1pm
- 9th September:** Meet the Teacher Year 2 & 3 at 9am
- 10th September:** Meet the Teacher Year 4 at 9pm
- 10th September:** ELSA Coffee Morning 9 - 10am – Open to everyone!
- 11th September:** Meet the Teacher Year 5 at 9am
- 12th September:** Meet the Teacher Year 6 at 9am
- 1st October:** Individual School Photographs
- 6th October:** SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm
- 15th October:** Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
- 16th October:** Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
- 22nd/23rd/24th October:** Non-Pupil Day



DOLPHIN DERBY

**The Wacky Walton-on-the-Naze
beach races**

**7th September 2pm
Meeting at the Colonnades, by
Walton Pier to sign up.**

- **Marine life costume competition:**
- **Prizes for the most creative sea creature costume made from recycled materials.**
- **Adults and kids races**
- **Prizes for race winners**
- **Fun for all the family**
- **Learn about your local marine environment**

for further details email janestewart.artist@gmail.com



**Funded by
UK Government**

Join us for

ENGLISH SUPPORT GROUP



Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(Starting from Tuesday 16th September)

The Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 3PL

We are looking for new students to join a free conversational English support group, which is led by volunteers.

Online learning also available during Summer holidays.

For more information or to register your interest please contact:

lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk or 07547 104507

