

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

Festive lights can be seen twinkling through windows and naughty & nice lists are carefully being checked twice, which can only mean that Autumn term has finally come to a close. We've shared so many unforgettable moments this term including our recent fabulous Christmas events which brought so much cheer to everyone that attended. The success of these activities is a testament to our incredible school community and the support we receive from staff, parents, students and their families. Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

Don't forget you can track Santa on Christmas Eve using the NORAD Track Santa site so you can see how his deliveries are going and get some sneaky geography learning in by seeing where abouts in the world he is!

<https://www.noradsanta.org/en/>

Our Times Table Challenge returns in January so please encourage your children to practice ready for their Year group tournament for the chance to win a medal and be crowned Champion!

And finally, everyone at Mayflower would like to wish you a happy, healthy, peaceful Christmas and New Year filled with warmth, laughter and joy. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th January.



Attendance for the Month of December

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| EYFS | 92.8% | Year 4 | 91.9% |
| Year 1 | 90.7% | Year 5 | 91.5% |
| Year 2 | 92.3% | Year 6 | 93.3% |
| Year 3 | 93% | Whole School | 92.1% |

Well done year 6!

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.

If you are struggling with attendance or punctuality, please contact Mrs. May-Erskine or Ms. Larue will be able to support



Mayflower House Points

Beach Hut



7868

Pier



7633

Lighthouse



7802

Port



7783



Democracy

Monthly Assemblies

We have had some meaningful discussions in our assemblies this month. Ask your child to tell you about the stories behind our assembly pictures and how they link to our British Values.



Rule of Law



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



Respect



Individual Liberty



Tolerance

The Mayflower Times Table Challenge is back!

Practise your Times Tables for a week by playing 'Garage' on TTRockstars then test your skills in your Year Group Tournament on the Friday.

Here are the dates for your Year group tournaments and the times tables you will be tested on.

Year 6: 05/01/26 – 08/01/26 (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12)

Year 5: 12/01/26 – 15/01/26 (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12)

Year 4: 19/01/26 – 22/01/26 (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12)

Year 3: 26/01/26 – 29/01/26 (2,5,10,3,4,8)

Year 2: 02/02/26 – 05/02/26 (2,5,10)

Year 2: 30/11/24 – 05/12/24 (2,5,10)

Who will win a medal and be crowned the 'Year Group Champion' before competing in the Whole school Ultimate Times Table Challenge on the 13th February 2026

Good Luck everyone!



Christmas Dinner Day

A big thank you to our catering team for producing a fantastic Christmas Dinner for our students and staff. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the dinner hall over the lunchtime with everyone having a good time and enjoying a delicious dinner!



Christmas Fayre

What a fabulous event! Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fayre. The children did a wonderful job of creating some wonderful things to sell and with the help of Bubbles and the Elves in the grotto, we raised an amazing £2440 for the PTA! Well done everyone!



Year 6 Mud Run

Recently, Year 6 took on the ultimate mud run challenge at Birch Hall. Everyone showed amazing resilience and teamwork, sliding through the mud and cheering each other on. Even the adults got in on the action with Team Snellveron narrowly defeating Team Whittford by just 3 seconds! Everyone had an amazing time, strengthening the virtues that will help them to shine on their residential trip in the summer term.

Well done Year 6!



School Choir Community Concert



We were thrilled to take part in the School Choir Community Concert at St Nicholas Church recently. Our young singers stood proudly alongside other fantastic school choirs, filling the church with joyful songs and wonderful harmonies.

The children worked incredibly hard in rehearsals and it truly showed – their voices lifted the Christmas spirit right up to the rafters!

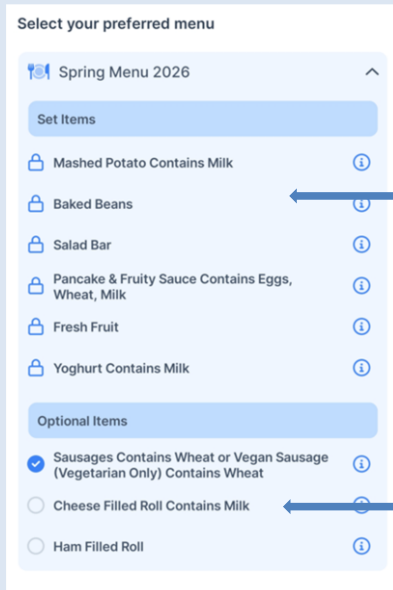
It was brilliant to see so many families, friends and community members coming together to celebrate the festive season. A huge well done to all of the talented children and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success – from the organisers to the staff and of course our amazing choir!

Spring Dinner Menu

Our menu for spring term has changed to enable you to have more choice. Dinners will now be £2.50 and you can now choose from a hot option, which includes a vegetarian option, or a cheese roll or ham roll which will come with salad and dessert. Please make sure you tick the option you would like when booking your dinners on MCAS.

(You may need to update your app if you cannot see the options)

App Version

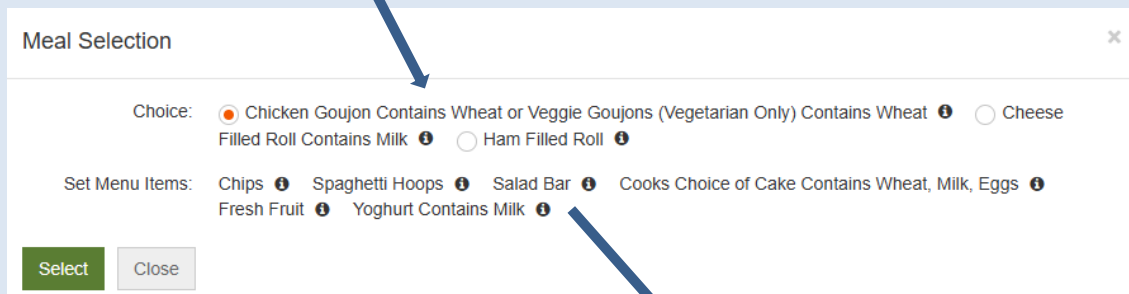


Vegetables and desserts that come with the meals

Please tick your choice of meal. (Hot Option or Filled Roll)

Web Version

Please tick your choice of meal. (Hot Option or Filled Roll)



Vegetables and desserts that come with the meals

Week 1

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Sausage Contains Wheat Vegan Sausage Contains Wheat | Pizza Contains Wheat and milk | Roast of the Week Veggie Roast | Filled Wraps Tuna - Contains Fish Cheese - Contains Milk Wafer Thin Ham Wafer thin Chicken | Chicken Breast Nuggets Contains Wheat Vegetable Nuggets Contains Wheat |
| OR | OR | OR | OR | OR |
| Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) |
| Mashed Potatoes | Warm Pasta | Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli | Herby Diced Potatoes | Chips |
| Baked Beans Salad Bar | Corn on the Cob Salad Bar | Yorkshire Pudding Contains Wheat and milk Gravy | Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Spaghetti Hoops Salad Bar |
| Pancakes & Fruity Sauce Contains Wheat, Egg and Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Cooks Choice of Biscuit/Cookie Contains Wheat, Egg and Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Artic Roll Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Raspberry Ripple Mousse Contains Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Cooks Choice of Cake Contains Wheat, Egg and Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk |

Week 2

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Fish fingers Gluten Free Vegetable Fingers Contains Wheat | Chicken Goujons Contains Wheat Veggie Goujons Contains Wheat | Roast of the week Quorn Grill Contains Wheat | Beef Bolognese in Tomato Sauce Veggie Bolognese in Tomato Sauce | Hot Dogs Contains Wheat Veggie Dogs Contains Wheat |
| OR | OR | OR | OR | OR |
| Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) | Filled Roll Contains Wheat (Cheese Contains Milk, or Ham) |
| Sauté Potatoes | Egg Noodles Curry/Sweet & Sour/BBQ Sauce | Roast Potatoes Carrots Green beans | Pasta Garlic Bread | French Fries Sweetcorn |
| Peas Salad Bar | Salad Bar | Yorkshire Pudding Contains Wheat and milk Gravy | Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar | Salad Bar |
| Mini Donuts with Strawberry Sauce Contains Wheat, Egg and Milk and Soya Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Iced Sponge Contains Wheat and Egg and Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Ice Cream Pot Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Fruit Jelly or Angel Delight Contains Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk | Cooks Choice of Biscuit/Cookie Contains Wheat, Egg and Milk Fruit Yoghurt Contains Milk |

Diary Dates



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| 5th January: | First Day of Spring Term |
| 16th February: | Half Term |
| 23rd February: | Back to School |
| 26th February: | Group School Photographs |
| 5th March: | World Book Day |
| 10th March: | Parents Evening |
| 11th March: | Parents Evening |
| 30th March: | Easter Holiday |
| 13th April: | Back to School - First Day of Summer Term |

**Christmas Virtual
Balloon Race 2025**

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**Design your
balloon and
watch it race
across Lapland!**

12pm, 25th December
Scan to enter



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local charity this Christmas.**

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**10 January
to 22 February
2026**



Winter Reading Challenge

Children across Essex are being challenged to read and get creative at their local library this winter!

Explore our Pawfessionals' amazing careers as you progress through the challenge.

Choose from twelve fun activities to complete. For each one, you'll get a sticker! Complete six, and you'll receive a certificate and get to enter our prize draw for the chance to win some incredible goodies!

Plus, you can join in with themed events and activities at the library!








Find out more about how to take part in this free activity on our website: libraries.essex.gov.uk

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Maxine

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