Mayflower Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to you all as we start another 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.

We have a new face on our staffing team this year, we welcome Miss. Farrow who is our new Year 1 teacher. Do say hello if you see her and welcome her 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.uk/.../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 Miss Bowers 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.

Welcome back to Mayflower Primary School.

It is with enormous excitement and pride that I begin my journey as your Headteacher.

Having had the privilege of being part of the Mayflower community as Phase Lead and Deputy Headteacher, I already know what makes this school so special. It is a school built on warmth, kindness, relationships and a genuine belief in every child. I have seen first-hand the care and dedication of our staff, the wonderful character of our children and the incredible support of our families. I feel incredibly fortunate to now have the opportunity to lead our school into its next chapter.

As we begin the new academic year, there will be opportunities for you to meet your child's teacher and find out more about what they can look forward to in their new year group. I have also introduced an opportunity for families to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team, alongside our Welfare and Safeguarding Manager, PLACEs Team and SENCo.

I hope these informal opportunities will become a regular part of life at Mayflower. I want our families to know that our doors are open, that your voice matters and that we are always willing to listen. Strong schools are built on strong partnerships, and I truly believe that when families and school work together, our children flourish.

My promise to every child at Mayflower is simple: I will work tirelessly to create a school where every child feels **safe, seen, valued and listened to**. A place where children are encouraged to be curious, to challenge themselves, to celebrate their successes and to learn from their mistakes. Most importantly, I want every child to know that they belong here and that they have the potential to achieve wonderful things.

I am passionate about ensuring that our children receive an education that opens doors, builds confidence and gives them the foundations they need to thrive. But I am equally passionate about the people who make that education possible.

Our staff work incredibly hard to nurture, inspire and care for your children every day. Their wellbeing, development and professional journey matter enormously to me. I want Mayflower to be a place where our staff feel valued, supported and encouraged to grow, because when our staff thrive, our children thrive too.

We are, and always will be, one team.

Whatever our role — child, parent, teacher, support staff or leader — we all share the same ambition: to give every child the very best possible start in life**.**

I am excited about what we can achieve together. There will be challenges, there will be opportunities and there will undoubtedly be moments that make us incredibly proud. But I am confident that, by continuing to listen to one another, support one another and keep our children at the heart of every decision, we can make Mayflower an even stronger, happier and more successful school.

Thank you for placing your trust in us.

Here’s to a wonderful new chapter for Mayflower Primary School — one filled with opportunity, kindness, ambition and success.

I cannot wait to see what we can achieve together.

With very best wishes,

Ms A Larue
Headteacher

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.

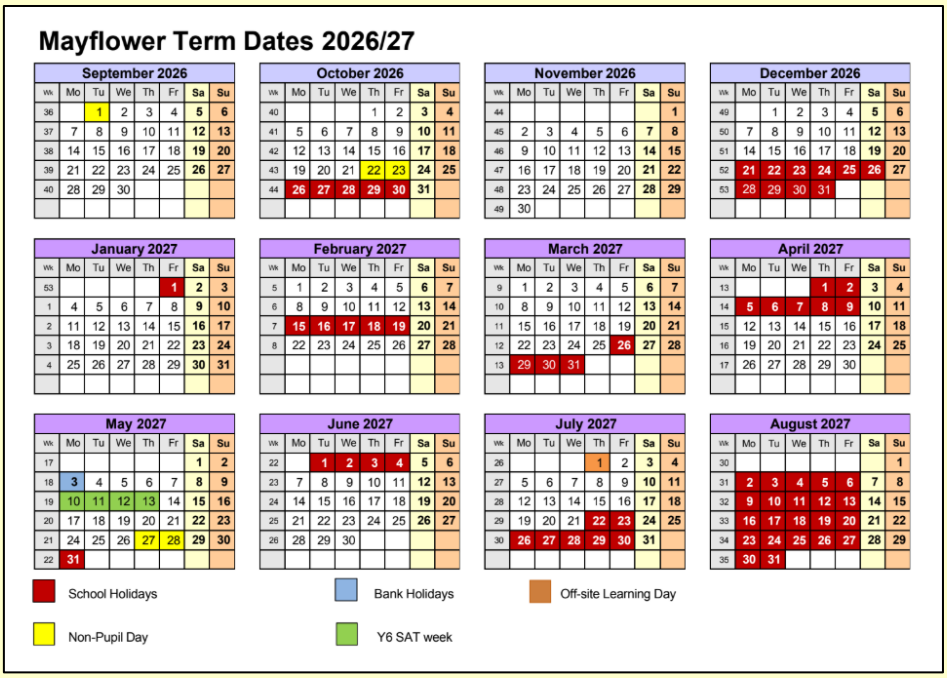
Monday 7th September	Year 1	9am
Tuesday 8th September	Year 2	9am
Tuesday 8th September	Year 3	9am
Wednesday 9th September	Year 4	9am
Wednesday 9th September	Leadership	9am
Thursday 10th September	Year 6	9am
Friday 11th September	Year 5	9am

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

You also have the opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership Team on Wednesday along with Our Senco, Miss Oddi, Mrs Tallowin, Mrs Smith and Miss Parker. Do come along and say hello and have a cup of tea.

New Classes for September 2025

Year	Class name	Teacher	Targeted support	Class LPSAs	Other LPSAs
EYFS	RMG	Miss. Garlick		Miss. Humphrey Mrs. Evans Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Knight Speech and Language Sally Smith ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader Yvonne Parker ELSA, Forest School & Play Leader Jake Whittingham Sports Coach
	RHS	Miss. Smith			
Year 1	1ES	Miss. Stephens		Miss. Calvert	
	1LF	Miss. Farrow		Miss. Hall	
Year 2	2JW	Mrs. Wilkinson		Mrs. Gooding Play Leader	
	2BC	Mr. Childs		Mrs. Bowers (Cover Support)	
Year 3	3CC	Mr. Curry		Mrs. Powell (HLTA)	
	3TA	Mrs. Allday		Ms. Allston	
Year 4	4KC	Mrs. Crawford		Miss. Chopping (HLTA)	
Year 5	5SB	Miss. Bowers	Miss. Gow	Mrs. Pearson (Cover Support)	
	5AL	Angela Lloyd		Mr. Deller	
Year 6	6RH	Mrs. Haveron / Mrs. Simmonds		Mrs. Tedder HLTA	
	6SS	Mr. Snelling		Mrs. Garner HLTA	
The Cove		Mrs. Black		Miss. James Miss. James (Apprentice) Miss. Badham	



Diary Dates

2nd September:	First Day of Term
7th September:	Meet the Teacher Year 1 at 9am
8th September:	Meet the Teacher Year 2 & 3 at 9am
9th September:	Meet the Teacher Year 4 at 9am
9th September:	Meet the Senior Leadership Team
10th September:	Meet the Teacher Year 6 at 9am
11th September:	Meet the Teacher Year 5 at 9am
17th September:	OPAL Celebration Afternoon
30th September:	Individual School Photographs
14th October:	Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
15th October:	Parents Evening – 5-minute settling in appointments
22nd/23rd October:	Non-Pupil Day