

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

What a busy month it has been! September has just flown by and the weather has definitely taken an autumnal turn so do make sure children have their wet weather gear in school so they can take full advantage of our outside space. We have lots of exciting events coming up so please check Dojo and MCAS for updates so you don't miss out.

Thank you to all those parents who came to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, I hope you found them useful in supporting your children through this academic year. If you were unable to attend, you can find the presentations on the school website under Year groups.

Next September seems a long way off but if you have a child in year 6, now is the time to apply for their secondary school place. The closing date is the 31<sup>st</sup> October which is not far away. All applications should be made online at [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) And if you have or know a child starting school next September, don't forget our week of open days from the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Spread the word!

A reminder that Parents' Evenings are on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of October. These are 5-minute appointments about how your child has settled in to their new class. Please book your appointment through MCAS.

Our Firework extravaganza is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, tickets are now available to buy on MCAS. £5 per person in advance or £6 on the door. Pre-school children are free. All the usual stalls will be there. Look out for more information as we get closer to the event.



### Attendance for the month of September

EYFS - 91.8%	Year 4 – 95.9%
Year 1 - 95.8%	Year 5 – 94.9%
Year 2 - 95.6%	Year 6 – 94.6%
Year 3 - 96.4%	Whole School – 95.1%

Well done year 3!

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 Miss Carmen or Ms. Walker who will be able to support you.



### Harvest Assembly Donations

This year we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army who provide food parcels through their 'Heart' drop-in sessions on a Friday from 10am -1pm. Any donation would be very welcome but they are particularly in need of:

Biscuits, tins of fruit, custard, rice pudding, anything dessert, pasta sauce and veggie meals like macaroni cheese, veggie chilli/curry etc.

Children can bring them in to class or you can drop them off at the main office. Please bring in your donations by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.



## School Uniform Reminders

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://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/mayflower/UploadedDocument/62eeb90819f046adbadf2965f212a4e7/mayflower-school-uniform-policy-2020\\_1.pdf](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/mayflower/UploadedDocument/62eeb90819f046adbadf2965f212a4e7/mayflower-school-uniform-policy-2020_1.pdf)

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

### Pre-Loved Uniform 'Shop'

Although our pre-loved uniform shop has lost its home for the time being, it is STILL 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.

If anyone has any coat hangers, they could let us have or even a spare clothes rail, then that would be really appreciated.

## Reading Volunteers

### Are you keen to support our pupils? Do you have an hour or so to spare?

Our merry band of volunteer readers has reduced from 7 down to 3 so we are looking for some more reading volunteers to support our children with their reading at school. As a volunteer, you could do something incredible and change a child's prospects by giving them time to practice this lifelong skill and help them develop their skills and confidence, give a child one-to-one attention and be a role model.

Children really benefit from this dedicated time and it boosts their self-esteem and confidence as well as their reading.



If you are interested, please contact the school office.



## Diary Dates



<b>4<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	Individual School Photos
<b>17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	Parents Evening; 5 minutes 'settling in' appointments
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	Harvest Assembly <b>1:30</b>
<b>23<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October:</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November:</b>	<b>Fireworks Event!!</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November:</b>	Open days for Prospective Parents of new EYFS children (September 2024 intake) More details to follow.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	EYFS Nativity Performance <b>2pm</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	EYFS Nativity Performance <b>10am</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	KS1 Nativity Performance <b>1.30pm</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	KS1 Nativity Performance <b>9.30am</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	KS2 Carol Concert at the school <b>1.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:</b>	Last day of term for pupils; break up for Christmas (early finish 1pm)

THE MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTS

# FIREWORK NIGHT

*Spectacular*

3  
NOVEMBER  
2023

GATES OPEN  
AT 5PM  
GATES CLOSE  
AT 6.45PM

FIREWORK FINALE  
AT 7PM

£5

ENTRY FEE

£6

ON THE GATE

UNDER 4'S FREE

*HOT FOOD  
AND  
DRINK*

*STALLS  
AND  
GAMES*

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON MCAS, SELECTED DAYS AFTER SCHOOL AND  
ON THE GATE ON THE NIGHT. CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED.

