

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



**MAPLE TREE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Climbing the branches of success

## Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2023

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The end of term is always very full on and this week has been no exception: Year 2 were treated to perfect weather and perfectly behaved animals (and children!) during their trip to Woburn yesterday and have been so full of what they saw - it sounds like they had a brilliant day!



Mulberries celebrated Pirate Day yesterday and I managed to join them just as they had unearthed the treasure having followed a series of complicated clues - they looked brilliant in their outfits and had had an amazing time- there was such excitement in the air!

Year 6 have also had a busy week and I am in no doubt that they will look back at their last week at Maple Tree with fond memories. They have grown into fine young people who are ready to take the next steps in their education as they move onto secondary school. The skills that they will take with them will prepare them for all that comes next, including their culinary skills and teamwork which they demonstrated earlier this week in the preparation of a 3-course meal as part of their work in Design and Technology.

However, all other classes across the school also have much to be proud of this year, I have seen such fine examples of academic achievement along with the display of our school values on a daily basis and the behaviour across the school remains good too - when I tell our pupils that they are the best it is meant - but these things do not happen without support and as such I wish to pass on my heartfelt thanks to:

- the **staff** at Maple Tree - you have prioritised the children over all this year and have given them the best of what they need. You are amazing and I am grateful to you all for your hard work this year.
- the **governors**, thank you for your continued commitment during this year. We appreciate the support and guidance you give us along with the time that you spend on school business on top of your own busy lives. A special mention to Carly Mowbray and Jenny Thompson who are stepping down this year - your support and expertise has been greatly appreciated.
- the **FoMT** and for the committee's efforts this year - we have had some lovely events this year and appreciate the time that goes into arranging these to raise money to support the children.

I also want to thank **parents** for all your support this year - your children are the reason that Maple Tree is the fab place that it is. Your help is appreciated in supporting your children at home, in attendance and participation in events etc.

And finally, it would be wrong not to commend our fabulous **children** who make our jobs easier than they may otherwise be! All in all, it has been a great year with a tremendous amount of hard work throughout but the results reflect the effort and progress that has gone in.

So all that remains is for me to wish you all a very lovely Summer and we will see you in September!

### SEND Report

Our [SEND report](#), which is published annually, is now on our website if you wish to find out more about how we assess the children to provide them with the correct provision. Should you have any questions, please do contact our SENDCo, Mrs Pond, in September.

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## Our Approach to Uniform

It has been wonderful seeing the children wearing their Maple Tree uniforms with pride this academic year. We encourage all children to wear uniform at Maple Tree, as we believe that it creates a sense of belonging and identity for the children. We would like to start next academic year off with all the children in the correct uniform; please speak with the office if you have any financial concerns and we will endeavor to support you when we return in September.

### Clothing

All the children are expected to wear navy trousers, shorts or skirts with a royal blue knitted jumper or cardigan. In Mulberries only, we also accept navy joggers or leggings. From Reception to Year 2 the children wear white polo shirts under their jumpers whereas from Year 3 up the children wear white shirts with a clip on tie. Across the school, yellow or blue checked summer dresses are allowed in the warm weather. All children should be wearing smart black school shoes: no heels, trainers or strappy sandals allowed. Velcro fastenings are much appreciated in the younger years where pupils can't yet tie their own laces.

Our PE kit consists of: a yellow t-shirt, navy shorts, plain navy/black jumper and joggers and trainers for outdoor activities. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the day that they have PE or a PE club, as this maximises the learning time and decreases the amount of lost uniform.



### Jewellery

For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery in school. If your child has pierced ears, then please make sure that they only wear studs in school. A child may wear a watch, but the school cannot accept responsibility for it and we do not allow smart watches to be connected to the internet while at school.

### Hair and nails

We prefer that long hair is tied back during the school day and this will be enforced in subjects like PE and food technology for health and safety reasons. No large hair decorations (bands, bows etc) are allowed. Hair colours should be natural and there should be no patterns or tracks shaved in. Fingernails should not be painted.



### Other

During the winter, coats must be supplied to allow your child to play outside in the colder weather with hats, scarves and gloves being optional. Equally, sun hats should be supplied in the summer and children should bring in a water bottle everyday.

### Ordering:

All uniform can be ordered [here](#), but we do accept uniform bought from other sources as long as they are the correct colours. Ties and Water bottles can be ordered via Parentmail or from the school office. **We do, occasionally, have second-hand uniform sales. Please enquire in the school office about this.**

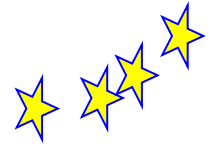
### Follow up:

If the children are not in correct uniform, in the first instance, teachers will have an informal conversation with the parents on pick up/drop off (or phone call) to discuss expectations. Personal circumstances are considered and there is support from the school available, if needed. After this, teachers will send home a pre-written letter, outlining the correct uniform procedure from their key stage leader.

To find out more details on our school uniform rules, please see our [website](#).



# Leavers 2023



It is always sad when we have to say goodbye to our pupils, but we know, that having worn the Maple Tree uniform, they will be able to be friends with anybody, will work incredibly hard and be whatever they want to be, so we wish lots of luck to the children leaving us this year.

**Year 6:** Summer Isla Leigh Isabella Robert Timmy Amelie Tommy Megan Brendan Samuel James Tyler Jack Aidan Rosalie Daisy Victoria M Ryan Morgan Olly Evie Tegan Elin Amanda Georgia Cora Richie Victoria Z

We also wish those children who are leaving from other year groups to attend schools outside of our catchment area a successful transition and hope that you all settle into your new schools - you will be missed.

We also say goodbye and good luck to:

**Mr Renzi** - thank you for all you have done for the children and staff at Maple Tree. You have had such a positive impact on the many children you have taught since you started and on the staff you have supported in various capacities - you will be much missed. We wish you all the best as you start your new job.

**Miss Wren** - thank you for everything - you have made such a difference to the lives of the children you taught and staff you worked with - we will all miss you and wish you all the very best for the future.

**Miss Andrews** - we wish you all the best in the next exciting chapter as you leave to have a family!



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Friday 1st September** INSET Day

**Monday 4th September** INSET Day

**Tuesday 5th September** Term starts for Reception to Year 6 (staggered starts for Reception as per separate letter)

**Tuesday 5th/Wednesday 6th September** School visits for Mulberries

**Thursday 7th September** Mulberries start back

**Monday 23rd October** Half term holiday

**Tuesday 19th December** Last day of the Autumn term

**Wednesday 20th December** INSET Day

Term dates for next academic year can be found [here](#).