

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**

Learning. Equality. Achievement. Friendship.

Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

It has been lovely to hear about what the children got up to during their half term holidays. Hopefully they feel rested and ready for the final stretch before the summer holidays. As always, this half term is very busy with trips and parent events so please keep an eye on the dates for the diary. There will be more details to follow about timings for sports day and open afternoon in the coming weeks.

We are really excited about the progress in our new multi-purpose DT room in the old Fir classroom. Mr Gernon kicked things off by taking out the old pupil toilets ready to transform that space into a safe storage location. Then this week, during our afterschool meeting time, the teaching staff began the preparations for our weekend painting party, removing shelves, cleaning and filling holes. I want to thank the staff for offering up time during their weekend to come and redecorate the space. Thank you also to FoMT who managed to get a generous donation from Wickes to help supply this.

Today is also the final day to pre-order donuts from FoMT for Father's Day. Pre-orders will be available to collect on Friday 13th June, and they will also have a limited number for sale on the day. Link to pre-order: <https://forms.gle/urSxtw1yuk8wJFat7>

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 9th-Wed 11th June—Year 6 Residential Trip PGL
 Thur 19th June—Year 4/5 Camping Experience
 Mon 23rd June—Year 5 swimming lessons week
 Mon 30th June—Art Exhibition
 Wed 2nd July—Preschool Sports Day
 Wed 2nd July— Year 4 River Fieldwork
 Thur 3rd July—Sports Day
 Fri 4th July—Year 2 Woburn Trip
 Mon 7th July—Shuffle up day
 Thur 10th July—Parent Forum and School reports
 Fri 11th July—Open Afternoon and Proms on the Playground
 Tue 15th July—Rocksteady concert
 Tue 22nd July—Year 6 leaver's assembly
 Tue 22nd July—Reception trip to Farm
 Tue 22nd July—Last day of school year

Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

Carnival Update

Thank you to extra children who had volunteered to represent the school as part of the walking float for the carnival.

Unfortunately, we did not receive enough replies to make attending the event worthwhile and therefore will not be taking part this year.

We would love to be involved next year if we can.



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Promoting Writing at Home

At school, we often see the wonderful creativity and imagination our pupils bring to their writing in school. We know that a love for writing can unlock so many doors for children, not just academically, but also in developing their communication, critical thinking, and emotional expression. One of the most powerful ways to foster this love is by encouraging writing for pleasure at home. This isn't about homework or perfect spelling; it's about making writing an enjoyable, meaningful, and self-driven activity. Here are some simple and effective ways you can help your child become a joyful writer:

1. Make Writing a Natural Part of Everyday Life:

- Shopping Lists & To-Do Lists: Get your child to help write the weekly shopping list or a list of jobs around the house. Even if it's just drawing pictures initially, it gets them thinking about purpose.
- Notes & Messages: Encourage them to write thank you notes, birthday cards, or even little "thinking of you" notes to family members.
- Labels & Signs: If you're organising, let them label boxes or create signs for their bedroom door.
- Diary or Journal Keeping: A simple notebook can become a treasured space for children to record their thoughts, feelings, and daily adventures. It doesn't have to be perfect; the act of writing is what matters.



2. Provide Tools and a Comfortable Space:



- A "Writing Station": This doesn't need to be fancy! A dedicated drawer or box with paper (lined and unlined), pencils, pens, crayons, felt-tips, and a small notebook can be incredibly inviting.
- Variety of Materials: Let them experiment with different coloured pens, sparkly gel pens, or even chalk on a blackboard outside.
- Comfort: Encourage them to write wherever they feel comfortable – at a table, on the floor, or even snuggled on the sofa.

3. Be a Positive Role Model and Enthusiastic Audience:

- Write with them: Let your child see you writing – whether it's a letter, an email, or even just your own shopping list.
- Listen and Celebrate: When your child shares their writing, be genuinely interested. Ask open-ended questions like "What happens next?" or "Tell me more about this character." Focus on the ideas and effort, not just the mechanics.
- Display Their Work: Pin up their stories, poems, or drawings on the fridge or a noticeboard to show them how proud you are of their efforts.



5. Connect Writing to Reading:

- Discuss Books: Talk about the stories you read together. "How do you think the author made you feel sad/happy/scared?" "What would you change about the ending?"
- Write Fan Fiction: If your child loves a particular book or character, encourage them to write their own adventures for them.

Remember, the goal is to make writing a joyful and natural extension of your child's play and imagination. Every scribble, every note, and every creative story is a step towards becoming a confident and lifelong writer.

Happy Writing!

Fir Class June 25

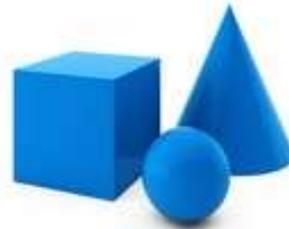
Expressive Arts and Design

This week some of us have started to design our own vegetable and fruit salads. We have been discussing the benefits of eating healthy and the types of foods that we can eat plenty of, and those that we should eat in moderation. After designing our salads we will move on to making, and eating them— yum!



Maths

We have been continuing to look at 2D and 3D shapes this week. We can spot 2D shapes within pictures and within 3D shapes, and we can describe their properties.



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Literacy

We have learned all of our sounds and tricky words now, and we are challenging ourselves to write sentences independently. We have been focusing this week on polysyllabic words, and breaking them down into their syllables in order to help us to write them. Can you work out the polysyllabic words from the pictures below?



Understanding the World

In our Forest Schools sessions children will be going on bug hunts around the school grounds. They will be learning to look closely, and use scientific equipment such as magnifying glasses and pooters.



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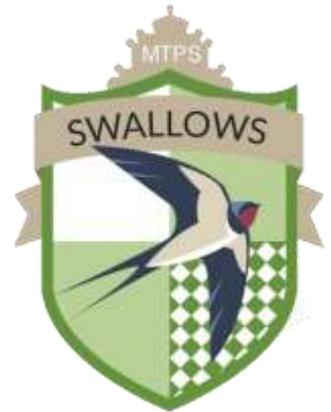
Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... great effort in all lessons...



Fir: Aria	Yew: Jacob	Aspen: Riley
Rowan: Lenny	Poplar: Emma	Juniper: Mason
Elder: Luke	Well done to you all!	★

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 269 Robins 147
Doves 196 Ravens 207
Kingfishers 161 Swallows 293

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

Monthly Values Awards:

For showing Trust and Honesty

Poplar: Lily-Rae

Yew: Lana

Fir: Effie

Elder: Noah

Aspen: Sully

Rowan: Oliver

Juniper: Maja



Attendance Awards

Week beginning 3rd June 2025

The best attendance award is presented to Rowan class for most improved this week.

Class Attendance Percentages for the whole year.

Mulberries 90%	Fir (YR) 95%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 95%
Rowan (Y3) 97% ★	Poplar (Y4) 96%
Juniper (Y5) 97%	Elder (Y6) 96%

In lieu of our Dads n Lads gift shop...

***WE ARE SELLING KRISPY
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£ 1.50 for one

£ 8 for 6

£ 12 for 12



BOOKING CLOSES 6th JUNE

***No bookings after this date to ensure they
arrive in time for Father's Day***



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CARNIVAL & OUR OWN
SUMMER FETE

CAN YOU HELP US?

**WE NEED
DONATIONS**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING
TO HELP US WITH OUR UPCOMING
FRIENDS OF MAPLE TREE STALLS.
GIFTS FOR OUR GAMES, SUCH AS:
PARTY BAG FILLERS, BOUNCY BALLS
ETC.

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