

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 13th June 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD

It has been lovely weather today and it is forecast for this to continue into next week; we are keeping our fingers crossed that it will be dry for the year 4 and 5 school camp out on Thursday. We also hope that the weather holds out for the Sandy Carnival happening tomorrow. FoMT have their own stall so why don't you pop down to the old Sandye Place site and say hello?

When the weather is hot, we relax our uniform policy to allow the children to untuck shirts and take off ties. Please continue to send your child into school with their hat and water bottle. If they need sun cream to be reapplied through the day, please see the office for the necessary form.

Unfortunately Mrs Bainbridge has been unwell and I am leading the school in her absence, with support from the key stage leaders and governing body. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. With this in mind, I would like to remind parents and carers about the best ways to contact the school to ensure that your message gets to the correct person when needed.

- **Office email ([office@mapletreepriamaryschool.com](mailto:office@mapletreepriamaryschool.com))**—this is overseen by Mrs Varley and Mrs Fowler and is used by everyone. Please use this email to report any absences (unless you are using study bugs), ask questions about events or trips and to give messages about pick up and drop off. Please note that this inbox is checked at different times of the day, so a phone call is best for anything urgent.
- **Office phone (01767 699806)**—Please use this to report absences, report urgent messages or to speak to a member of staff. Sometimes it is easier and nicer to talk to someone!
- **Teacher email ([teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com](mailto:teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com))**—this is overseen by myself and Mrs Bainbridge and is a direct contact for both of us, but also the way to contact the class teachers. This is a good way to share confidential information. It is only checked before the school day begins and a few times a day, so please don't use this for any urgent messages.
- **SEND email ([SEND@mapletreepriamaryschool.com](mailto:SEND@mapletreepriamaryschool.com))**—this is your direct line to Mrs Roy our SENDco and is only overseen by her. Please use this to discuss anything SEND related but please note that her working days are only Mon-Wed.

We work hard to ensure that our communication meets the needs of our families and appreciate your support with this. Thank you to our parent forum representatives, who met with me before half term. I will send out the minutes of this meeting with this newsletter. I also wanted to let you know that for the rest of the term, the newsletter will be sent out every other week, so please look out for the next newsletter on Friday 27th June.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

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**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**Monday  
30<sup>th</sup> June**



**ARTWORK IS  
AVAILABLE  
TO BUY FOR  
£8 – CASH ONLY**

# exhibition

**This is your chance to buy an  
original framed piece of artwork!**

**Exhibition in hall at 3.30pm**



## Sports Day

**Wednesday 2nd July : For Mulberries only from  
9:30am-10am.**



**Thursday 3rd July: For reception to year 6 from 9:30am - 11.30am.**

Please ensure that your child comes to school on this day in their PE kit, and if possible, wearing the colour t-shirt of their house. It is important that the children bring in a sunhat, water and have sun-cream applied for this morning. Please note there will be limited shade for spectators.

*In the case of poor weather, this event may need to be cancelled.*



**NSPCC**  
Speak out. Stay safe.  
**programme**

This week and next the children will have all watched an online assembly from the NSPCC. Years 2, 5 and 6 also have a workshop on Monday 16th with NSPCC staff. With the help of their mascot Buddy, the Speak out Stay safe programme covers topics like bullying and abuse - without using any scary words or adult language. Children learn about the different types of abuse in a child-friendly and age appropriate way, so they can get help if or when they need it. We help them identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend. And they learn about [Childline](https://www.childline.gov.uk), and how it can support them. If you want to know more, watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jolOr4E-9PQ&t=2s>

# History during the Summer term at Maple Tree

In Reception the children have been looking at the differences and similarities between *places*. A focus of this has been looking at photos of places from the past. They have incorporated English by writing sentences based on their own personal past events.

In Year 1 they have been learning about *explorers*, such as Christopher Columbus and Dame Ellen MacArthur. The children have learnt about where they travelled and when. They have also learnt why being an explorer is important and how their discoveries **have impacted today's world.**

In Year 2 the learning has been centered around the *monarchy*. The children have needed to understand what is meant by monarchy and how our monarch has changed over the last few years. They have been discovering the variety of roles and responsibilities of the King. They have also been finding out about the many stages of the coronation and the historic meaning for these,

In Year 3 the children are learning about *Ancient Rome* and have been looking at the myth of Romulus and Remus that has been told to describe how Ancient Rome was founded. They have discussed the story and learnt how this has impacted symbology connected to the modern day city of Rome as well as the Ancient civilisation with the same name. They have been exploring the ruins and buildings that remain of the ancient civilisation and deciding what their purposes were.

In Year 4 the children have been investigating who were Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. They have learnt how they lived and will soon be looking at how Christianity spread across Britain and the consequences on Britain because of the invasions. One of the key figures and monarchs the class will be exploring is Alfred the Great.

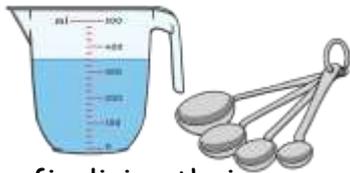
In Year 5 the class have been learning about *Henry VIII* from portraits and written records and making deductions about his wives. Then evaluating his marriage requirements in the context of the Tudor period. The children are beginning to explore sources reliability and select the relevant evidence required from sources to write an eyewitness **account of Elizabeth I's Worcester Progress.**

In Year 6 the children have been learning about the *Sikh Empire*. They have been exploring how the Sikh Empire was established looking at maps and timelines, describing the impact of Sikh beliefs on the society during that time and considering the significant of Lahore. This unit of learning aims to prepare the children for the challenges of Key stage 3 History.

# Rowan's Week

## Maths:

Rowan have been finalising their learning of capacity and volume as well as beginning a new unit on fractions (adding, subtracting and reasoning with fractions).



## History

We have explored the myth of Romulus and Remus and its connection to the formation of Rome as well as investigating the ruins and intact buildings that remain of Ancient Rome, asking questions about what these can tell us of the Ancient Roman Empire.

## Music:

Jazz has been our topic of choice within Music. Rowan have been learning about Ragtime music; they have begun to understand what off-beat means and how to sing and clap a syncopated rhythm for a ragtime-style song.



## PE:

The children have begun two, new units of P.E. this half-term: *Athletics* and *Netball*. Within netball, they have focused on the rules around footwork and landing in order to pivot and be ready to pass. They have also learnt 3 basic passes: chest/bounce and shoulder pass. The children developed these skills throughout a variety of drills and games.



## D&T

This week's focus has been on creating Father's day cards for our male role models. We have used paper and scissors to generate personalised cards that will also act as a keepsake as a memory of how small, sweet and innocent we once were... 😊

## Science

Science has been all about light—developing their understanding of reflection and its importance in choosing materials for specific purposes such as being able to be seen at night or in dangerous environments such as building sites / roads.

## English:

Rowan have been writing their own instruction texts for potions with a variety of different outcomes—ability to fly/turn into a dragon/ turn your sibling into a chicken nugget... They have been developing their understanding of instruction texts as well as putting their grammatical learning into practice—expanded noun phrases with interesting/ quirky quantifiers, subordinate clauses, relative clauses, figurative language etc.



## **Tiny Happy People is now part of BBC CBeebies Parenting:**

From June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 Tiny Happy People has a new home [‘CBeebies Parenting’](#) which is a brand extension of BBC CBeebies, aimed at parents and carers of children aged 0-6.

[‘CBeebies Parenting’](#) is a one-stop-shop offering support, advice and resources to parents and carers at all stages of their early parenting journey, from parent-to-be, all the way up to when their child starts primary school, when BBC Bitesize support starts.

CBeebies Parenting builds on the great resources from BBC Tiny Happy People and the reach of CBeebies means more families can benefit from the wider range of content.

The web experience on Tiny Happy People remains the same aside from the new CBeebies Parenting branding and will continue to share evidence-based advice and create content with experts working in the fields of health, education, speech, language & communication. Professionals, volunteers and organisations using/sharing Tiny Happy People within their workplace will still be able to access all resources as usual, existing URL’s, QR codes and any links to the original website will remain the same.

### **New Content:**

Check out new content on the website supporting parents / caregivers with tips and advice on how to respond to the different ways children communicate.

[Tiny Happy People - Tips and advice for children's speech and language](#)

The launch of CBeebies Parenting kicks off with a brand-new podcast titled ‘Parenting Helpline’ hosted by celebrity mums Holly Hagan-Blyth and Charlie Hedges. The podcast gives parents the chance to ask their burning questions and get help with their parenting dilemmas from a new expert each week, including advice from Dr Ranj Singh, Dr Martha Deiros Collado, Dr Lynsey Hookway and many more, covering everything from birth and pregnancy, fussy eating and difficult night-times through to money worries and parental relationships. Parenting Helpline is now available on BBC Sounds.

[BBC Sounds - CBeebies Parenting Helpline - Available Episodes](#)

### **For more information see the CBeebies Parenting Press Release:**

[CBeebies Parenting launches as BBC Children's first dedicated parenting community](#)

### **Web links to content & resources:**

[CBeebies Parenting](#)

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

# Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for...

...for trying hard when things are tough.



<b>Fir:</b> Frank	<b>Yew:</b> Harry	<b>Aspen:</b> Max
<b>Rowan:</b> Zachary	<b>Poplar:</b> Sienna	<b>Juniper:</b> Mauro
<b>Elder:</b> Ronny	Well done to you all!	★

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 234      Robins 242  
Doves 243          Ravens 241  
Kingfishers 240      Swallows 240

# Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- Mon 14th July—Year 3 Verulamium trip
- 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](#).

## Attendance Awards

Week beginning 9th June 2025

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

Class Attendance Percentages for the whole year.

<b>Mulberries</b> ★	<b>Fir (YR)</b>
91%	95%
<b>Yew (Y1)</b>	<b>Aspen (Y2)</b>
96%	95%
<b>Rowan (Y3)</b>	<b>Poplar (Y4)</b>
96%	96%
<b>Juniper (Y5)</b>	<b>Elder (Y6)</b>
97%	95%



# SUMMER FETE

FRIDAY

4th July

• RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINK •  
• CAKES • SHOPPING STALLS •

ON THE PLAYGROUND 3:30-5:30