

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 4th April 2025



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

And just like that the Spring term is done! It is always a time of such drive and focus and having met with teachers to discuss the children in their classes over the last couple of weeks, it is clear to see that progress is good across the school. It is the term when the children are so settled and their confidence starts to show and their maturity develops - there has been a huge amount to celebrate this term and it was lovely to see so many of them in bright colours for non-uniform day in our Celebration assembly this morning to acknowledge what they have achieved.

It was also great to see so many of you at the Mulberries Easter Drop-in session on Wednesday and the Reception and KS1 Easter assembly yesterday (standing room only). I hope you enjoyed listening to their wonderful singing - it really did put a smile on my face and kept my head bobbing for the rest of the day!

I want to take the opportunity to thank staff for all their hard work this term; the effort they put in to go the extra mile so that the children are making the most of their opportunities is first rate - the children are fortunate to have such dedicated staff and without doubt they all deserve some well earned rest this Easter.

I hope you all have a good holiday - we will see you when the new term starts on Wednesday 23rd April.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 4th April – Last day of term
 Tue 22nd April—INSET day
Wed 23rd April—First day of term
 Fri 25th April—FoMT Chocolate Bingo Night
 Wed 7th May—Class photos
 WB 12th May—Year 6 SATs week
 Thur 15th May—School Census day
 Fri 16th May—FoMT Break the rules day
 Thur 22nd May—Parent Forum
 Friday 23rd May—Last day of half term.
 Mon 2nd June—INSET day
Tues 3rd June—First day of half term
 Tue 22nd July—Last day of school year

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

Rules Before and After School

Please may we remind parents and carers that children should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the school grounds at all. They should also not be playing any ball games during these times.

This is to ensure that everyone can move around the site safely without being hit by a ball or knocked over.

Where staff notice this happening, parents will be asked not to bring these items on to the school site.

It is parents and carers responsibility to supervise their children until they have safely entered the school building.

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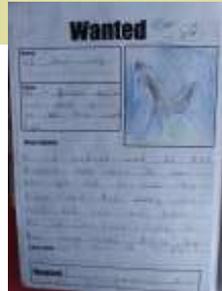
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Spring term in Yew class

English

In English we have been learning about Traditional Tales, we have focussed on The Three Little Pigs. We have drawn a wanted poster for the big bad wolf, created a story board and finally we wrote our own version of the story.

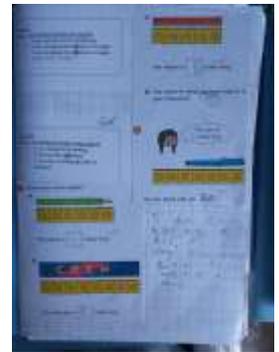


Maths

In maths we have been learning about place value up to 50, following this we have begun learning about height, weight, mass and capacity. We have used scales and lots of non-standard measures such as paperclips and cubes.

Science

We have been looking at the change in the seasons, we have identified the differences around us, how the days have become longer and what happens in nature. We have also looked at how the weather changes through the seasons. We investigated the amount of rainfall over a week, using a rain gauge to collect the rain fall and measuring this daily; it was a surprisingly dry week.



History

In history we have been learning about toys from the past and how they compare to the toys we play with now. We have found that some toys have not changed very much and are still popular today.



PSHE

This term we have been talking about emotions and how it is important to recognise these, not just in ourselves but in others too. We have had lots of class discussions, drawn our feelings and created mind maps.



Geography

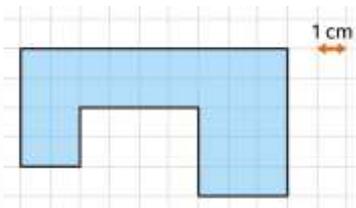
We are learning about how the weather can be different in other parts of the UK. We learnt about the different symbols used to show different weather and watched a weather report. We then made our own weather map.

Rowan's Week

English—Rowan have been dissecting traditional tales, identifying their features and writing their own versions of well known stories with a specific focus on building tension and excitement.



Maths —Our Maths focus this week has been on measuring length. We have looked at subtracting lengths, as well as introducing perimeter—what it is, how to measure it and how to calculate it different ways.

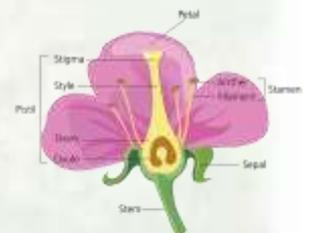


PE —We finalised our Dance unit with our own country dance routines performed to the class. We used a variety of canon and unison as well as experimenting with formations to make our dances more interesting.



D&T—Our termly lessons have culminated in our finished products—Ancient Egyptian wesekh. We used applique and cross-stitch to decorate our collars as well as running stitch to attach ribbons so we could wear them.

Science—This weeks science lesson took us outside to dissect a flower and learn about the parts of the flower and their functions, as well as to practice making scientific sketches and observations of different leaves.



The past two weeks have been the

Great British Spring Clean!



In school children have been improving our outside areas, including the main playgrounds, reception playground, field and staff room courtyard. Children have litter picked, cleared spaces and weeded areas ready for planting.

Some children extended this to their local outside areas too.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..always being positive!



Fir: Zac	Yew: Charlie	Aspen: Roman
Rowan: Imogen	Poplar: Harrison	Juniper: Ronnie
Elder: Scarlett	Well done to you all!	★

This term's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 224	Robins 182
Doves 152	Ravens 272
Kingfishers 152	Swallows 206

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

stars of the Week!

For amazing effort in PE.

Yew: Georgia

Aspen: Emily

Rowan: Briar-Rose

Poplar: Harry

Juniper: Jake

Elder: Lottie

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 31st March 2025

The best attendance award is presented to:
Juniper class this week for best this term!

Mulberries 90%	Fir (YR) 95%
Yew (Y1) 96%	Aspen (Y2) 96%
Rowan (Y3) 97%	Poplar (Y4) 97%
Juniper (Y5) 98% ★	Elder (Y6) 95%



ROUNDERS AND CRICKET CLUB

WITH MISS CORNFOOT

KS2

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 29th April- Tuesday 20th May

£4 a session with booking through parentmail

Pupils come in PE kits
Pick up from the playground

KS2 FENCING CLUB

LIMITED PLACES



Begins: Tue April 29th
every Tue 3.30 - 4.30pm

FUN, SAFE and AWESOME!
Come and experience something new!

Need:
A drinks bottle and a desire to learn new skills.
All equipment is provided (foam swords and masks).

To Book:
Please use Parentmail
£3 a session

Location:
Hall - pick up from external double doors.



Gardening Club



Come along and get your hands dirty learning how to grow your own food.

Years 1-6 Limited to 12 children.

£2 a session. Please use parentmail to book your place.



Bring in spare clothes/shoes that are okay to get dirty and you may want to bring gardening gloves too!

Pick up from the playground.

When?
Starting WB 26th March for a 7 week block.

• 26th March	• 23rd April	• 7th May
• 2nd April	• 30th April	• 14th May

Wednesdays
3:30-4:30pm

Please note that this club is being run by a grandparent volunteer and is being overseen by school. All costs will go towards equipment for the club minus a small administrative fee.

FRIENDSHIP AND CAMARADERIE

KS1 MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

WHERE:
OUTSIDE ON THE PLAYGROUND OR FIELD
COLLECT FROM ROWAN

NEED:
WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHES AND A DRINKS BOTTLE

BEGINS: THURSDAY 24TH APRIL
EVERY THURS. 3.30PM -4.40PM

TO BOOK: £3 A SESSION - PLEASE BOOK THOUGH PARENTMAIL.





PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'

Birth to 5 years

YOUR TIPS FOR A HEALTHIER SCREEN TIME

'Studies have shown that too much screen time can cause babies and toddlers to **learn fewer words** and have **slower language development**. Excessive use of screens is also being strongly linked to **behavioural difficulties** in very young children.'



0 - 24 months



2 - 5 year olds



Bigger is better



Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.



Try a cuddle or a game



Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 NO screen time between birth - 24 months except for video chatting with family and friends.

2 30 MINS screen time. Children aged 2 - 5 years old should not be on screens for more than 30 mins per day.

3 BIGGER screens. If your child is ~~used to~~ **used to** play a short game ~~to use~~ **to use** a larger screen like a tablet or computer screen. These cause less visual strain than a phone.

4 AVOID using a device to settle your child down. Evidence shows this makes their anger and frustration worse in later life. **Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle.**

5 *SLEEP HYGIENE. Under 5s should not use a screen for at least **2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME**, to aid their natural sleep pattern.

*SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.

Accepted by NHS England
Mental Health Leads



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS

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SCAN ME

family



CHOCOLATE BINGO

Friday 25th April
doors open at 4:30pm,
eyes down at 5pm

BYOB



£5 per person
£8 per person with hot food

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

