

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 21st March 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

As we rush headlong into the final two weeks of term, I want to remind you of some of the events we have still to come. On Tuesday morning, 25th March, our SENDCo, Mrs Roy is hosting a coffee morning for parents of children with SEND to have an informal catch up and 'get to know you'. This then leads into a workshop run by a neuro-specialist on Understanding Girls with ADHD and Autism which you are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. Your child does not need to have a formal diagnosis and indeed we hope there will be some useful strategies and takeaways for those who attend. If you are interested, please let Mrs Roy know through the SEND@mapletreprimaryschool.com email.

Mulberries are having an Easter drop-in on Wednesday 2nd April from 9-10am and the Reception and KS1 Easter assembly is on Thursday 3rd April with parents warmly invited to join us at 9.15am for this event too. In between these we also have our Spelling Bee (the final is Thursday 27th March) and Rocksteady are holding their concert in the last week of term too. So much going on!

We had a really positive Parent Forum meeting yesterday too; one of the things that was discussed was our need for help across the school with painting the woodwork on the back playground. Last year a few parents kindly volunteered and then the weather turned very wet! As we are now hopeful that brighter and warmer days are ahead, if you feel you could happily share an hour or so of your time at some point to help paint the huts and fences at the start of the summer term, please email to teacher@ and we will contact you to arrange a convenient date and time. We are very much looking forward to sprucing up the playground for the children.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Safety Update

This week we have had a report from parents/carers of a suspicious individual in the park after school, suspected to be taking photographs of the children. We urge parents and carers to call 101 if they have any similar concerns and to let us know so that we can keep a log and inform parents.

Following this, the children in years 5-6, who walk to and from school unsupervised, have been reminded about how to keep themselves safe and what should they do if they have any concerns.



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Values at Maple Tree Primary School: Citizenship Awards

'Giving Back Scheme—Values Beyond School'

You will be aware that at Maple Tree we pride ourselves on being a Values Accredited school. We achieved this accreditation in 2019 from Values Based Education.

As a values school, we are always looking for ways in which our children show values on a daily basis. This might be as simple as using kindness—holding a door open for others, co-operation—working together on class work, or courage—preparing for moving onto the next year group. The children are celebrated for demonstrating their values during Celebration Assembly, with house points or acknowledged within the class room.

We have introduced a new values 'scheme' in which we involve you to help us recognise and acknowledge the values shown at home and in the wider community. We know that children who demonstrate values continue to do so in their adult life. This could also be in volunteer (altruistic) work they undertake in the community or pursuing a caring career.

All you need to do is email me (Ms Cassidy) via teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com with the subject heading, 'giving back scheme' and give me a brief explanation of how your child demonstrated a value and which value was shown. For example, they might join a club, they may do some volunteering or have their hair cut for charity—this would be showing values in the community. However you think they have gone above and beyond, I want to hear about it!

Children will be celebrated for their achievements during Key Stage assemblies. They will have the chance to earn extra house points which will contribute to the overall score of each house. Values in the home earn them a Bronze award—5 housepoints, in the community, a Silver award—10 housepoints, beyond the community, a Gold award—15 housepoints and a Platinum award—sustained overtime will earn them 20 housepoints. If you have any photos/certificates etc. I would also love to see these. We will display these on our community display.

I am really looking forward to hearing from you all about your amazing children and the fabulous things they do to demonstrate their values.

Ms. Cassidy

Values Lead



Values Beyond the Classroom—Giving Back Scheme

Charlotte attends a gymnastics class after school. She has achieved a few badges for her floor work but this week she achieved her Silver Medal for her Apparatus work. Charlotte really enjoys her gymnastics and has really improved over the year. She is very pleased with her medal and certificate Her achievement of this award is showing the values of Determination and Perseverance.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tue 25th Mar—SENDco Coffee Morning and training
Thur 27th Mar—Spelling Bee Final
Tue 1st April – Rocksteady concert
Weds 2nd April - Mulberries drop-in 9-10am
Thur 3rd April – Easter assembly (R+KS1) 9.15am
Fri 4th April – Last day of term
Tue 22nd April—INSET day
Wed 23rd April—First day of term

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

SWITCHED ON!

for every journey



This week, KS1 and 2 took part in National Rail's live lessons 'Switched On for Every Journey', learning how to stay safe on rail journeys and when near railway lines. Years 1 and 2 learnt the importance of staying with an adult when travelling by rail, to understanding the key rail safety signs, what a level crossing does and how to behave around the rail environment.

In years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the children built on knowledge of rail safety, the live lesson aimed to develop good judgement and decision-making skills, learn to identify potential dangers as well as spot risky behaviours in others.

Everyone designed a stay safe poster, encouraging everyone to be sensible and think near the railway.



Easter Story Trail

The detailed hand-painted scenes and actors helped to bring the story alive and for the children to understand the significance of the different Holy days.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 had a beautiful day to walk to the Baptist church to learn more about the Easter story. After a warm welcome, the children were lead through some of the key scenes of the what happened to Jesus and were told stories of the significant people.



On Thursday, Dr Bike came to Maple Tree and serviced over 25 bikes. He replaced several brake cables and brake blocks, making the bikes safer. He also advised our budding cyclists if parts are wearing or need replacing soon. It was most appreciated and we wish everyone safe and happy cycling!



What have Year 5 been up to this term?

ENGLISH

We have been reading greek myths and have written prologues. We are currently thinking about using dialogue as a tool to entice our audiences.

We have multiplied and divided using different strategies. We have used multiplication and division to find fractions of quantities.

MATHS

SCIENCE

We have investigated how humans grow and change over time. We have also looked at life cycles of mammals, amphibians and insects.

We have designed clothing inspired by the Ancient Greeks and then created clothing.

ART AND DESIGN

DT

We are currently making pop-up books.

COMPUTING

We have been learning about coding and how the Mars Rovers communicate their findings back to Earth.

MUSIC

We are learning about EDM, looping and remixing.

PE We have been creating rock and roll dance moves.

We have been exploring what the Ancient Greeks did for us.

HISTORY

We are gaining knowlege of deserts and if we want to live in one.

GEOGRAPHY

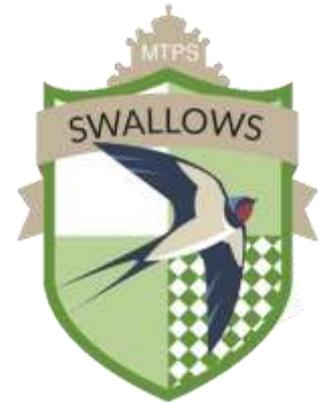
Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for... ..being a calming influence!



Fir: Lily Bell	Yew: Isla	Aspen: Albert
Rowan: Fletcher	Poplar: Harper	Juniper: Reuben
Elder: Georgia	Well done to you all!	

This week's House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 308	Robins 304
Doves 319	Ravens 315
Kingfishers 289	Swallows 373

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

stars of the Week!

For amazing work in RE this week!

Yew: Florence
Aspen: Freddie
Rowan: Sam
Poplar: Ralph
Juniper: Leah
Elder: Ronny

Attendance Awards

Week beginning 17th March 2025

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

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

COFFEE MORNING

WITH MRS ROY (SENDCO)

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF
CHILDREN WITH SEND

An opportunity to get to
know each other and
have an informal chat.



Tuesday 25th March
9.00-9:30 am
School Hall

Please confirm your attendance by emailing
SEND@mapletreepriamaryschool.com
by Monday 17th March.

Followed by a workshop run by neurospecial:

Tuesday 25th March
9:30-11am
School Hall

UNDERSTANDING GIRLS
WITH ADHD & AUTISM
Workshop



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

