

Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEAD

Thank you to all families who attended our parent picnic last week. I was surprised that the weather held out for us but even more overwhelmed by how many people joined us to celebrate our 25th anniversary. It is truly lovely to see our community come together. The Mulberries children who were unable to join us outside enjoyed creating a large display for their window. Has anyone else noticed how their hedgehog changes through the seasons?

Speaking of community, thank you to our parent forum reps, who attended the first meeting of the year yesterday. We are missing representative from Mulberries, Reception and Year 4. If any parents would like to represent their class please let me know by emailing teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com

The most important part of our school community are our children and we value their opinions. Over the last few weeks, all pupils have been taking part in a survey to give us their views on school. Also, at the start of the term they applied the value of democracy by voting in their Pupil Parliament representatives for the year. We look forward to working with them to hear the pupils views.

<u>Pupil Parliament</u>	
Year 1 -	Effie and Kobi
Year 2 -	Annie and Agamjot
Year 3 -	Riley and Matthew
Year 4 -	Aaron and Briar-Rose
Year 5 -	Dexter and Moni
Year 6 -	Mason and Maja



I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss Hyde

Macmillian Bake Sale

A HUGE thank you to Pupil Parliament and Year 6 who supported the organisation and running of our Macmillan Cake Sale on Friday 26th.

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought scrummy cakes and treats.

Together we raised a whopping **£204.96** for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.

Many of us will have some experience of this wonderful charity and know how appreciated this money will be to them.



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Thank You!

FOR COMING TO OUR PARENT PICNIC



All photos can be found [here in a google album.](#)

Please note that these photos are for parents and carers use only. Please do not post any child to social media without their parents permission.

Fir Class:

Fir have been testing their balancing skills within their fundamental movement skills unit. They have developed their balances whilst stationary then progressing to on the move. Their focus being control. They have also looked at running and stopping as well as different ways to change direction and how speed can impact our ability to do this.

Aspen Class:

Aspen are also working through a Team-work unit. They have begun by working in small teams to complete challenges with a focus on following instructions and considering actions carefully /making a plan before taking action. The progression from this was to listen to one of the group member's ideas with an emotional objective of being confident to contribute.

Poplar Class:

Poplar are currently focusing on two units; orienteering and Dodgeball which focuses on the skills of throwing, catching and dodging as well as tactics for game situations. The children have begun to learn the vocabulary associated with map reading and have been using games to develop this.

Elder Class:

Elder Class have been trying their hands at OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities). They have begun developing their social and emotional skills through communication within a team to discuss strategies to challenges and placing trust in each other. Their collaboration then is directed to effectively evaluating their performances as a team and identifying areas for improvement.

Yew Class:

This week, Yew Class have been working through their Teamwork Unit. This is heavily based on social and emotional goals but also incorporates many physical challenges and games to provide a setting for their development. The children have begun the year learning to cooperate with one partner before moving onto a team of multiple students. A real focus of this is listening, talking and sharing.

Rowan Class:

Rowan's Autumn 1 unit has been football. The children have identified attacking and defending as roles within the game and then focused on specific attacking and defending skills such as passing, moving off the ball, shooting and marking.

Juniper Class:

Juniper have begun the year with football and are continuing to develop their skills learnt. They have been running drills and playing games that involve passing and receiving the ball under pressure, moving into space, communication within their teams and moving the ball towards the goal.

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at
Maple Tree

This month's Value is THANKFULNESS!

Year 5 are thankful for...

My friends and school.

The nice area I live in.

A short walk to school.

The kind teachers and the peaceful environment.

Lunch that has been prepared for me.

The time I get for myself.

My large group of friends because they help in every way possible.

The equipment we use.

Living with an amazing family.

The amazing support from staff.

The staff that spread values into us and make us happy when we are sad.

The lunch staff who work very hard to make us food.

Everything in the world because it all amazing.

Raising money for charities.

Giving Back Scheme

We are once again asking parents and staff to acknowledge children that 'go beyond' when it comes to demonstrating values. We have pared back the criteria for the beginning of this year to three areas. If you feel your child has shown these values beyond school, then I would love to hear from you. Send a brief reason and pic if possible to Ms. Cassidy at teacher@mapletreepriamaryschool.com

Values Champion

Each month, staff choose one child from their class to be our Values Champion. This is a child who goes above and beyond to show the value of the month. Our next champion will be chosen at the end of October. They will be the child we believe has shown outstanding thankfulness. During the following month they proudly display their champions trophy by their side.

Place Value

We begin every new year revisiting and learning new concepts in place value. The understanding of what each digit is worth is one of the foundations in mathematical understanding. This understanding begins in early years with number sense and concepts like knowing the oneness of one. Moving on through the years they work with larger numbers. Finally, completing their primary years learning using negative numbers and powers of 10. We use lots of manipulatives (physical resources) to support learning of this very important concept.



Millions	Hundred Thousands	Ten Thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones	Tenths	Hundredths	Thousandths	Ten Thousandths	Hundred Thousandths	Millionths
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Maths at Maple Tree

How Can I Support My Child's Learning in Maths?

We get asked this question by parents and carers a lot.

The greatest support you can give to your child, is helping them learn their times tables facts. I cannot stress enough the importance of knowing these facts—we use this knowledge in just about every area of maths and then in lots of our every day jobs.

By the end of year 4, children are expected to be 'fluent' in the tables facts to 12 x 12. In June, they will take the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Fluent means answering a question in 6 seconds or less. We teach the children facts, but the importance of repeated practise is essential.

There are many brilliant resources you can use at home. However, just chanting and asking questions is more than enough. You can see a MTC presentation from 2022 on our [website](#) .

All children from year 3 have access to TTRS. Using TTRS supports the use of a keyboard to answer questions and the children love the chance to beat their friends and improve their Heatmap. KS1 have access to Numbots which supports their foundational knowledge of table facts.

If you have any questions about maths, please contact me, Ms Cassidy, through teacher@mapletreepriaryschool.com

Keyrings in school

At Maple Tree, while we appreciate the excitement and thrill of carrying keyrings and other attachments on bags, we are asking that they **no longer** come into school. Their presence is causing difficulties amongst our children and families and is not enhancing the learning.



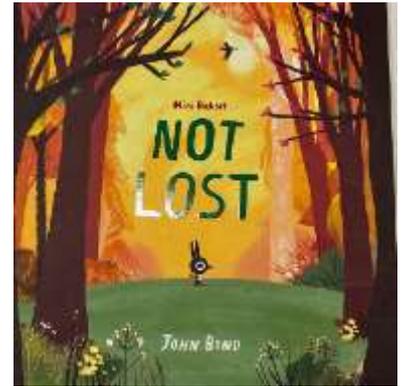
We would like all bags to have them removed and to come back free of them from Monday 6th October. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that no toys should be sent in or placed in bags, unless agreed with the class teacher, SENco or for special person.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



Rowan's Week

English—Rowan have been focusing on the narrative “Mini Rabbit Not Lost”. They have been developing their ability to convey mood and atmosphere by showing the reader through describing the senses—showing not telling.



Maths —Our Maths focus has continued to be Place Value. We have looked at estimating numbers on a number line, and comparing numbers up to 1000 as well as ordering numbers up to 1000.

a) These numbers are in order.
One digit is missing from each number.

4 _ 5	46 _	_ 58
smallest		greatest

What could the missing digits be?

PE —We are coming to the end of our football unit and have been pulling all the skills we have been learning, as well as tactics visited, in order to apply them in small games.



Geography —Geography has led us to investigate how and where mountains are formed. We have learnt that most mountain



ranges are formed at plate boundaries and we have identified several ranges on maps of the world.

Science—This weeks lesson has had us investigating different rocks and their properties. This has enabled us to classify them into different groups and help us understand how scientists identify and classify different groups.



Headteacher Awards

This week the awards are for...

being a good friend and for listening to others!

Fir: Albie Ellis	 Yew: Charlie Lily	Aspen: Georgia Jack
Rowan: Emily Felicity	Poplar: Kady Kimberly	Juniper: Henry Olive
Elder: Leah Darcey	 Well done to you all!	

This week's
House Winners



Congratulations!

Weekly totals:

Buzzards 320	Robins 180
Doves 130	Ravens 199
Kingfishers 213	Swallows 159

Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Mon 13th Oct—Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip
 Tue 21st Oct – Parents evening 4-6pm
 Thur 23rd Oct – Parents evening 4-7pm
 Fri 24th Oct – Harvest Assembly (Year 3-6) 9:15am
Fri 24th Oct—Last day of half term.
 31st Oct—Deadline for applications to Secondary School (Y6)
Mon 3rd Nov—First day of half term
 Mon 3rd Nov—FoMT Disco
 Fri 14th Nov— Reception and Year 6 height & weight screening
 Fri 14th Nov—Anti-bullying open afternoon 2:30pm
 Fri 14th Nov—Charity non-uniform day
 Mon 17th, Tue 18th, Wed 19th Nov—Reception Phonics drop ins
 9:10-9:30am
 Wed 26th Nov –Book Fair opens
 Thurs 27th Nov—Grandparents' breakfast
 Term dates for **2025-2026** can be found [here](#).

Attendance Awards

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

Class Attendance Percentages for the whole year.

Mulberries* 93%	Fir (YR) 97% 
Yew (Y1) 97%	Aspen (Y2) 99%
Rowan (Y3) 95%	Poplar (Y4) 97%
Juniper (Y5) 97%	Elder (Y6) 98%

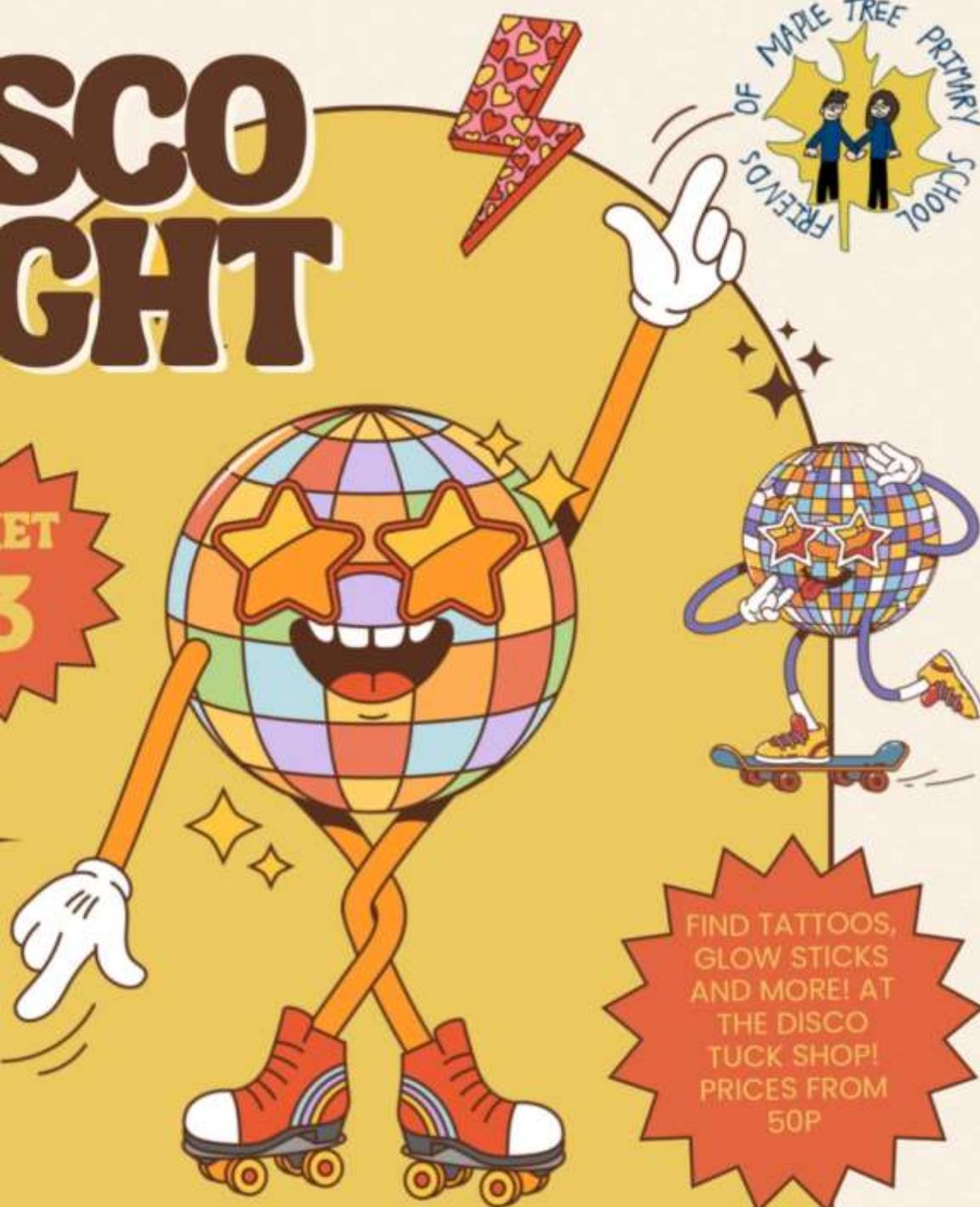
*Attendance is not statutory in Mulberries.

DISCO NIGHT



MONDAY 3RD NOV

**TICKET
£3**



**FIND TATTOOS,
GLOW STICKS
AND MORE! AT
THE DISCO
TUCK SHOP!
PRICES FROM
50P**

**Mulberries/
Reception**
4pm-4:45pm
(Parents required to stay)

YR 1/ YR 2 / YR 3
5pm-6pm

YR 4/ YR 5 / YR 6
6:15pm-7:15pm

Tickets can be purchased via the QR code or form in the office.

For any questions, please contact:
fomtprimary@gmail.com





October holiday club !

Monday 27th - Friday 31st

8am - 4pm

**£28 per / per day .
(discounts available for siblings)**



New children will need to register with kids club.

If your child/children are 3-11 years old, come and join in with the fun activities that holiday club offer .

To book your child/children's space please email

mapletreekidsclub@gmail.com

Activities for all age groups to enjoy !

Spooky biscuit making , toffee apples, indoor/ outdoor football, dancing, badminton, wii games, messy activities, scavenger hunt and much more.



**Have fun with your friends, and
make new friends.**

