



May Park Primary School
"Nurturing Curiosity; Cultivating Creativity"
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7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful half term, and it is lovely to welcome you all back to school. We are now full-on rehearsing for the singing and performing ready for the end of term festivities. Our two Religious festivals this term are Hannukah and Christmas so we will let you know how you can get involved.

Volunteering:

We urgently need reading volunteers across the school so if you'd like to come in and help, please let the office know.

We also have the first of a large batch of trees and shrubs ready to plant up a Native British Hedge around the perimeter of much of the school to encourage wider biodiversity. These have been organised by our lovely PTA so a huge thankyou to them for organising. If you'd like to help us with planting, please see the office staff!

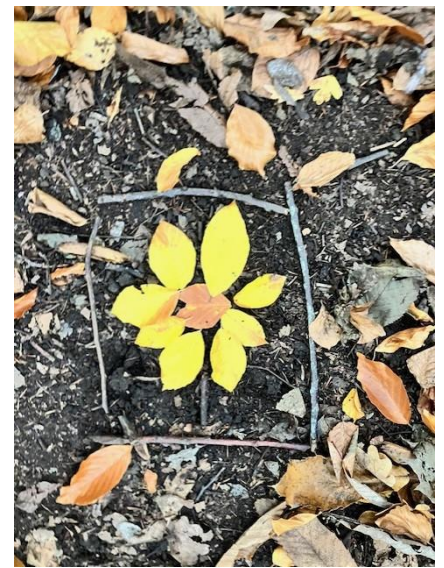
Mrs. Emma Tovey
Principal

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Forest School

This week we've been enjoying experiencing all the autumn weather and colours in our woodland.

The younger years have made some lovely art inspired by 'Dear Zoo' and 'The Tiny seed'. Older years have thought about the concept of transient art and made some life-sized people out of natural materials and some leaf mandalas.



Nursery

Nursery were making some natural art after listening to Dear Zoo. They enjoyed collecting natural resources and working together as a group. Then they made their own artwork by gathering resources independently and were very proud of their work.



Reception

The children in Reception have been learning about firework safety. We listened to a story about a girl who went to a firework safety show. Fireman Fred told her about the firework safety rules.

The children then reminded Mr Collins and Mrs Clay so they could use indoor sparklers safely.

Then we all held lights and pretended to be fireworks lighting up the sky.



Year 1

Welcome back for Term 2!

In RE this term, we are learning about Judaism. We learnt all about 'good deeds' and how we can help people to feel better through doing our own good deeds. We learnt the word 'Mitzvah' and how this describes a good deed that Jewish people do to please God.

In Mathematics, we have been exploring numbers up to 100! We have been counting up to 100 and have used tens frames to build and represent numbers in tens and ones. We have also been looking at 100 squares and trying to spot patterns such as 'the ones are increasing but the tens stay the same'. In Mastering Number, we have been looking at the vocabulary 'more' and 'fewer'. We have been looking at different representations of number and using this vocabulary to describe what we can see.

In Scientists, we have been learning about the seasons with a focus on Autumn. We learnt that the leaves change colour and fall from the trees and that animals collect and store food during Autumn, ready for Winter. We then went on an Autumn walk to try and spot signs of

Autumn around us. We found lots of beautifully coloured leaves that had fallen off of their trees!

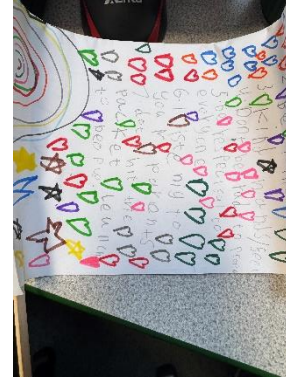
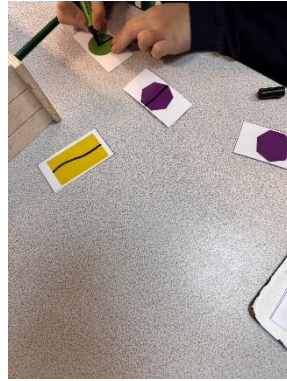
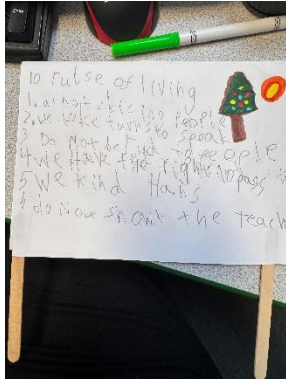
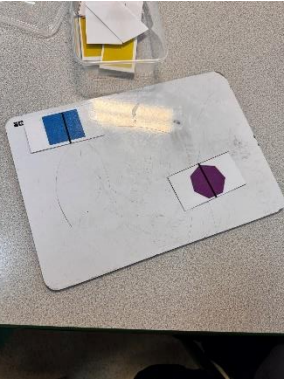


Year 2

In year 2, we've been learning about 2-D shapes and what a vertical line of symmetry looks like. The children even drew their own shapes and challenged themselves by drawing horizontal lines of symmetry.

As a part of our PSHE topic this term, we're focusing on celebrating differences, so we have decided to make a scroll with 10 rules of living on them.

Great first week to term 2!



Year 3

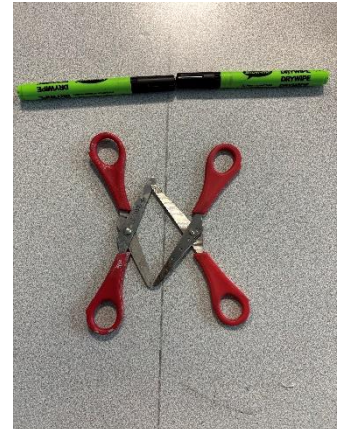
We have had a great start to Term 2. Our new book in Authors is called "Winter's Child" and we have been writing descriptive poems using prepositions to describe the snowy mountainside scene. Our new Science topic is all about Forces and we were investigating pushes and pulls today. In D&T we talked about the Digital Revolution and looked at Mrs Finch's old analogue telephone and typewriter, we talked about how technology is changing our world!



Year 4

We have started our new enquiry, Mountains and have been labelling the parts of a mountain. We have been investigating symmetry in shapes and pattern in Maths and started our new book 'Greek Myths' in Authors.

Please remember to sign up on MCAS for the cinema trip on the 14th November. So far I only have 15 out of 32 replies.



Year 5

This week, year 5 have started their new writing text of 'Beowulf'. This term, we will be developing skills to write a story based on similar themes from the book. We have also started our learning about Antarctica in Geography and Forces in Science.

This term, we will be working towards our Winter Concert in Music.

Key dates:

- 19th November: Wicked cinema trip
- 17th December: Winter Concert

Year 6

Year 6 have settled back into school after all the excitement with Diwali and the Black History Month activities last term. We have completed our unit on World War Two and will be moving onto a geography unit. The children have worked very hard on long division and now we are doing some geometry.

Please note: children can order Leavers Hoodies on Class Dojo. Cinema permission forms can also be found on MCAS.



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Resource Base

Narnia Class:

It has been lovely to welcome back Narnia class and I hope everyone had a lovely half term! This week our book has been all about fireworks for Bonfire Night! Narnia class have been answering questions about the story, recognising and matching characters and writing sentences about the story. We have particularly loved watching different firework shows in the morning!

This term in PE we are learning gymnastics. We have been practising how to safely move apparatus with a friend and how to jump safely onto benches.

Please can I remind you, if you have not yet given permission and payment for the cinema trip on Wednesday 12th November, please do so by Friday 7th November. Any problems or question please come and speak to me.

Safeguarding

Avon and somerset police. Your Eastville Beat team:



Inspector Chris Green
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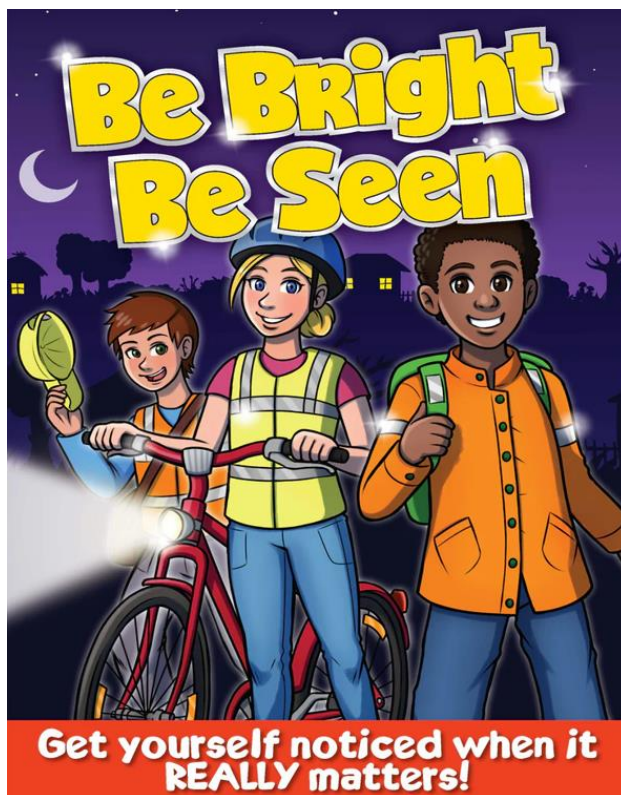
May Park Primary works closely with local services to stay aware of community issues that may affect our families.

Recently, concerns have been raised about:

- Road safety around school drop-off and pick-up times. Please park responsibly and use safe crossing points.
- Anti-social behaviour in some local parks and shops. We encourage families to speak with children about staying with a trusted adult and not engaging with strangers.
- Online safety – with many children accessing the internet and social media, it's important to know what your child is watching, playing, or sharing online.

If you are worried about something you see in the community, you can always talk to us or the named professionals on the attached poster.

Be Bright, Be Seen



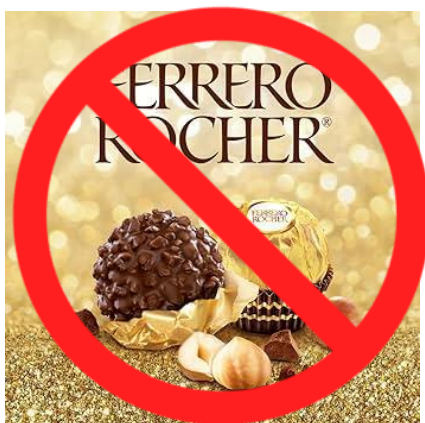
Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, we kindly remind you not to cycle or ride scooters beyond the school gate.

Thank you very much for your continued support in keeping our school safe.

Additional Information

Please be aware that we are a nut free school and children should not be bringing in any snack that contains or may contain nuts. Please see examples below of snacks that are NOT acceptable.



Attendance

Just to remind all parents we have a new attendance email address for all enquiries any proof of appointments, absence requests and to let us know of any absences -

mppattendance@maypark.excalibur.org.uk

Our absence request procedure is to collect a form from the school office at least 4 weeks before the absence and then email it to the above email address or hand it back into the office with any proof of the absence and any flight tickets.



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Admissions -

Our school is currently quite full which is fantastic news but if you know anyone who has children looking for a nursery or interested in an open day please get them to email our new admissions email address -

mppadmissions@maypark.excalibur.org.uk

Thank you all so much again and the Attendance team are always here if you need us.

School Office

School Office Opening Time are:

8am – 12pm

12pm – 12.30pm CLOSED

12.30pm - 4pm

Can we please remind all parents that the office is closed from 12.00pm - 12.30pm. So, if your child has an appointment and you need to collect could you please collect before 12.00pm and after 12.30pm.