



May Park Primary School
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21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have been amazing - visiting the cinema and other trips this week and so many people have said how well behaved and polite they are. We are very proud of them. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Phonics forum on Tuesday and also coming in to watch how we teach phonics in KS1.

We are making huge progress with our attendance figures - thank you to all parents for their support in this. Traffic is bad at the moment so think about using our excellent breakfast club provision. Also remember the classrooms are open at 8.40 so your children can get some extra maths fluency practise in!!

Emma Tovey

Mrs. Emma Tovey
Principal

Nursery

This week our quality text was "Owl Babies". The children really loved reading the story and retelling it to their friends. There were three baby owls and that linked with our number of the week, which was three, so they were very good at counting to three and finding three things. They talked about who their favourite owl was and how to be brave when it is dark. They enjoyed making owls especially when using feathers. Ask your child what happened in the story.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning a new way of storytelling by using Tales Toolkit which uses children's ideas to take the story in different directions!

Our story this week was based around a 'Room on the Broom' theme, but we ended up with a witch called Jason, who was in a room that was so far they could not see! Unbelievably a dragon came along and lit up the room with fire breath. Luckily for us, we had a solution and made a spell that we threw at the dragon to make him fly away. We enjoyed making the story our own.



Year 1

Last week, Year 1 had a great trip to the cinema to watch 'Dogman'. All of the children were amazingly behaved - even after having to wait in the rain for a little bit. It was great to see how sensible, safe and well-behaved the children were out in public.



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In Forest School, we have been exploring all of the colours of Autumn. We used an Autumn colour wheel and found different objects such as leaves and sticks to match to the different colours.

In Authors, we have continued reading our current book 'Katie in London'. Whilst reading this, we have been looking at using capital letters for proper nouns. A proper noun is a specific name of a person, place or thing (such as King Charles, Bristol, Tesco). We have used this to write some sentences about different landmarks in London. We have really loved finding out lots of different facts about different places in London!

This week Year 1 have started practising our Christmas Performance - 'Angel Express'! We have started learning our lines and some great songs. We cannot wait to perform for you all on **Thursday 11th December!**

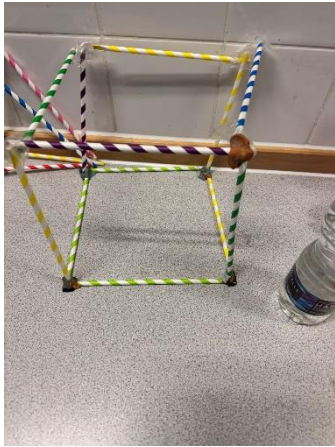
Year 2

We had a great time at the Cinema watching 'The Garfield Movie' on Thursday, the children have been very well behaved - it was a great treat!

In Maths, we've moved on to learning about 3-D shapes and the children have been making their own 3D shape using some straws.

In Re, we've been learning about the Christmas story and have been making our own finger puppets to re-enact the story.

Well done Year 2!



Year 4

The children really enjoyed our trip to the cinema. It was lovely when they all clapped at the end of the film when the hero emerged from under the dragon's wings.

In Science the children were exploring how to make a circuit with a light bulb and a buzzer.

Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard on fractions this week: simplifying, finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. We are also writing about cracking contraptions using all our Year 6 writing skills. After all this work, we celebrated with a lovely trip to the cinema.

Please remember Tokyo class have a trip on the 27th November.

Resource Base

Lilliput Class:

This week Lilliput have been focusing on their fine motor skills. The children took on the role of builders and dressed up to create different builds!

Lilliput were really engrossed in a cause-and-effect bucket time, involving bicarb of soda and vinegar creating an eruption!



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Narnia Class:

This week Narnia have been learning all about Hannukah. We played a traditional game called dreidel and decorated our own menorahs.

Narnia have been introduced to 2D shapes. We are learning to recognise and sort 2D shapes.

In the Forest, we made our own musical instruments using natural resources!

Atlantis Class:

This week we have begun to find out about the Jewish Festival of Hanukkah. Also, we enjoyed our own cinema trip in the classroom. We really loved using the popcorn machine. We continued our maths journey by learning about subtraction with First, Then, Now stories.

Additional Information

Winter Concerts

Please see below the dates for the winter events across the school:

- Tuesday 9th December – Bath Wriggly Nativity - Orchard
- Wednesday 10th December – Exeter Wriggly Nativity - Orchard
- Thursday 11th December - Year 1 Christmas play - Orchard 9:30
- Friday 12th December - Year 2 Winter concert - Orchard 9:30
- Monday 15th December - Year 3 Winter concert - Arboretum 9:30
- Tuesday 16th December - Year 4 Winter concert - Orchard 9:30
- Wednesday 17th December - Year 5/6 Winter concert - Arboretum 2:45pm

Baby & Toddler Group

Please see below information regarding the Baby & Toddler Group starting the 12th of January.



**MONDAYS
9-10.30AM
FROM 12TH
JAN**

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UP TO 3
YEARS
OLD**

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& CARERS
TO STAY WITH
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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.

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.