



May Park Primary School
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5th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited about our upcoming cultural events to celebrate Iftar and Chinese New Year. We are inviting people from the whole community to our Iftar round the world event on 25th February at 5 p.m. Please see the office for tickets.

Also, on 25th February we will be having a visit from Bristol University Chinese Society with their workshop and amazing lion dance.

A big well done to all our parents and carers who are following the absence procedure. We are really showing an improvement, and I can say that we have made a significant increase on last year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma Tovey'.

Mrs. Emma Tovey
Principal

Forest School

It's been 'The Big Schools Birdwatch' this week- we've enjoyed spending time focusing on the different birds in our woodland. So far, the highlights have been year 1 spotting a sparrow hawk and reception counting 27 pigeons at one time!

Why not go out and see which birds you can spot with your child?



Nursery



Nursery are enjoying learning about Chinese New Year this week. Miss Wong has been very kind and brought in many Chinese decorations and crafts for our children. We have been listening to and learning lots of Chinese New Year songs too. We will learn to eat noodles using chopsticks.

Reception



I'm sure you have all been very concerned about the baby dinosaurs we hatched last week. Great news, the mummy dinosaur saw our wanted posters and came to collect her babies. We didn't actually see her, but she left us a lovely note and a present, baby dinosaurs for us to look after and take home.

This week we are re-telling the story of the little green dinosaur and making story maps to help us remember the story.

Year 3

In English Year three finished retelling "Stone Age Boy" and have begun a unit to write a Report about the Stone Age using sub-heading and bullet points etc. In Maths we are learning how to use the column method for addition and subtraction. We are finishing our castles this week in D&T, we worked brilliantly in our teams to produce castles using cardboard boxes and making our own cones for roofs.

Our whole class reading book "Planet Omar" links well with our RE topic about Islam, where we are learning about what it means to be a Muslim.



Year 4



In science we explored what happens to our food. We ground the food in the mouth with saliva before churning it in the stomach with the stomach acids. Nutrients were removed in the small intestine before the waste exited the body. The children had lots of fun during this hands-on disgusting digestion lesson.



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Year 6

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded 'Good' level Modeshift STARS accreditation. This shows that our school has made a real commitment to active travel, and we are helping more children to have an active, healthy and environmentally friendly start to each day.



Resource Base

Lilliput Class:

Lilliput class has been exploring a new story this week called '10 things I can do to save my planet' and the students have been very excited to learn about recycling. In Geography we 'visited' different places around the world and explored different landscapes using our sensory trays! In Art we made a collage of all the 'healthy' foods we eat to keep our planet sustainable.

Narnia Class:

This week in Narnia we have been learning the words up and down. The children have loved playing with the parachute and using stomp rockets that fly up and down.

In Maths we have started looking at 3D shapes. We have focused on a cube, cuboid and pyramid and followed modelled instructions to create these shapes using playdough and sticks.

In Geography we have been looking at human features. Narnia learned that shops, houses and schools are human features. We then explored different small world plays including farms and bridges.



Atlantis Class:

In Atlantis Class, we have been focusing on the story '*Clean Up!*'. This story touches on the themes of environmentalism and being aware of the effects of people's actions on the planet. The story focuses on the litter, and how to make our local environment a better and safer place.

In Maths we are focusing on the shape; 2D properties and how to best describe, compare and classify them. In Science we are focusing on rocks and soils, and how they are a key part of our local planet

Safeguarding

This year's Children's Mental Health Week is 9-15 February, the theme is 'This Is My Place'.



For young children, feeling that they belong is not just about happiness - it is about feeling safe, protected and valued. When children know they have trusted adults, predictable routines and spaces where they feel listened to, it supports their mental health and helps keep them safe. A strong sense of belonging helps children feel confident to speak up, ask for help and share worries before they become overwhelming. Children who feel secure in their relationships at home and school are better able to manage emotions, build healthy friendships and cope with challenges. Feeling included and accepted also reduces vulnerability, as children are more likely to seek support if something does not feel right.



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Support for children and families If you ever have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing or need advice or support, the following organisations offer trusted guidance for parents and children:

Place2Be Provides mental health support in schools and practical advice for parents on children's emotional wellbeing.

Young Minds Offers a dedicated Parents' Helpline, resources on children's mental health and guidance on supporting children through worries, anxiety and big emotions.

NSPCC Provides advice and support around safeguarding, keeping children safe and what to do if you're worried about a child.

Anna Freud Centre Shares evidence-based resources to help parents understand and support children's mental and emotional development.

Childline A free, confidential service for children and young people who need someone to talk to. It can be reassuring for children to know support is available beyond home and school.

If you are worried about your child, it's always best to seek support early. You can also speak directly to school staff if you have concerns - working together helps ensure children feel safe, supported and secure.

Attendance

You must call the absence line before 9am every day to report your child's absence for illness and appointments. It's a 24-hour line and a message can be left at any time on

0117 9030075 option 1

Just to remind all parents we have an attendance email address to report all children's absences, holiday enquiries, absence request forms and any proof of appointments.

mppattendance@maypark.excalibur.org.uk



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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 flight tickets and any other supporting documents.

Admissions

If you know anyone interested in a school place from nursery age to year 6, please get them to email our admissions email address below. I am happy to offer tours and support with the admission's application process.

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.