



# Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 30th January 2026

## Welcome Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

**This week we were delighted to receive a letter recognising Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School for achieving some of the strongest outcomes nationally for our pupils in 2024/25.** The message highlighted the hard work of our children, the dedication of our staff and the support of the community noting that our school's success reflects high ambition and a strong commitment to ensuring every child thrives. This recognition is something our whole community can be proud of. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Read on for all things Mapplewells...

A message from  
Bridget Phillipson




Dear Mr Whittle,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Your sincerely,  


**Bridget Phillipson**

Secretary of State for Education

## Attendance

Our current school attendance after 18 weeks is 96.97%. Our current attendance by class is:

Birch 96%

Elder 95%

Elm 97%

Hawthorn 97%

Hazel 97%

Juniper 97%

Maple 96%

Oak 97%

Pine 96%

Rowan 95%

Willow 97%

Well done to Elm, Hawthorn, Hazel, Juniper, Oak & Willow class on their fantastic attendance this week! Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to reach that figure of 97%.



## Stars of the week

SUCCESS Stars of the Week! Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their Class Teacher as 'SUCCESS star of the Week'. The children received their certificate in SUCCESS assembly today.

Ash - Ebony

Birch - Charlotte

Elder - Ava

Elm - Mabel

Hazel - Caleb

Juniper - Oliver

Maple - Emily

Oak - Bella

Pine - Jake

Rowan - Sofia

Willow - Alfie



## Headteacher Awards

Each week, I will be presenting Headteacher's Awards to children who have been nominated by staff for a variety of reasons — from producing amazing work, going above and beyond, to simply demonstrating what it means to be a wonderful Mapplewellian. These awards celebrate the values we hold dear and recognise the exceptional efforts of our pupils. We'll proudly share the names of our award winners in each edition of the newsletter, so keep an eye out for these special celebrations!

This weeks recipients of a Headteacher's Award are:

- **Jasmine, Nella, George and Axel** – for showing great independence and focus in their phonics learning, consistently trying their best and challenging themselves.
- **Kaison** – for working extremely hard and developing an excellent understanding of fractions.
- **Caleb and Flora** – for demonstrating outstanding phonics skills and a strong understanding of their learning.

Well done to all our winners - we are so proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work.

## Spring 2026 Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our Spring Parents' Evenings on 17th & 18th March 2026.

Appointments will be allocated for 10 minutes per child and give you the valuable opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's progress, to ask any questions that you may have and for the teachers to explain how you can support your child with their learning at home.

You can book a meeting on Arbor under 'Guardian Consultations'. Meetings will be available to book from **6pm on Wednesday 4th February 2026**.

Should you have any queries please contact the Office.



## School Photos

A photographer from Jane Stapleton Photography will be in school on Wednesday 11th February to take individual photographs of the children.

- If you wish to have a family photograph taken of brothers and sisters who have a sibling that is not yet in school, we will commence photos at 8.30am. The photos will be taken in the school hall, please form a queue at reception.
- If your child is in afternoon F1 and has younger siblings, then you are welcome to visit with children that are not in school at 1.30pm to have photographs taken. The photos will be taken in the school hall, please form a queue at reception.
- If you wish to have a family photograph taken of brothers and sisters in school, we ask that you complete this survey - Individual and sibling group photographs - Wednesday 11th February 2026 – Fill out form<sup>1</sup>

Every child will have an individual photograph taken, so unless you wish for a family photograph there is no need to complete the survey. **Family group photos will only be taken if the survey is completed requesting one**, please make sure your request is made by **10am on Wednesday 4th February 2026**.

Should you have any queries please contact the Office.



Online Safety

What Parents and Carers Need to know About Mental Health Misinformation Online

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<sup>1</sup><https://forms.office.com/e/NhvxlZrjSc>



As you can see from the pictures, the children were incredibly fast and really gave their all in all of the different activities! ❤️





## Holiday clubs

Mansfield Town Football Club have some clubs available for February half term. See posters below for details.



**£22.50 PER DAY | AGES 5-13**

**HOLIDAY CLUBS**

**FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> | 8:30AM - 4:00PM**

- ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES
- BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING
- FUN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT



**SCAN TO BOOK NOW!**

[www.mansfieldtownct.net/holiday-camps](http://www.mansfieldtownct.net/holiday-camps)

Lunch is NOT provided, participants need to bring a packed lunch, suitable outdoor clothes, and a refillable water bottle. If you have a holiday camp voucher, please get in touch via the email before booking.

For more information, contact: [Stephen.Clayton@mansfieldtownct.net](mailto:Stephen.Clayton@mansfieldtownct.net) | 07719 203130



# HALF TERM AT MANSFIELD TOWN!

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**HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
£22.50 PER DAY | 8:30AM - 4:00PM

**FOOTBALL CAMPS**  
£17.50 PER DAY | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

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## 2026 Ashfield Family Wellbeing Roadshow event

Our friends at Ashfield Wellbeing Centre are providing this activity day Kirkby Leisure Centre. There will be a range of stalls to support with children's mental health and a whole range of other activities during February half term..



## U11's National Girls Football Tournament

Last week, these girls from Year 5 and 6 represented Mapplewells at the U11's National Girls Football Tournament hosted by Mansfield Town

Although we didn't win our group, the girls played amazingly and Coach Stu was impressed with their dedication and teamwork!



## NSPCC Number Day 2026

Join the mega maths fundraising day! Next Friday is the NSPCC number day. We are Dressing up for Digits again! Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). You could even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1 and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. If you would like to donate please visit - donate<sup>2</sup> or call their team on 020 7825 2505<sup>3</sup>.

### **Why your support matters**

Half a million children suffer abuse or neglect a year in the UK. That means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18.

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<sup>2</sup><https://secure.nspcc.org.uk/?dontype=monthly>

<sup>3</sup>[tel: 020 7825 2505](tel:02078252505)







## Key dates

Please keep updated with our key dates as we will add to this over the coming weeks.

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
<b>2026</b>	
<b>February</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Young Voices
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Individual Pupil Photos
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day of Spring 1 – non-uniform day
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET day
24 <sup>th</sup> February	First Day of Spring 2
<b>March</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Parents' Evening
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Parents' Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Spring 2 – non-uniform day
<b>April</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer 1
16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 residential
27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 residential
<b>May</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	LCH Charity Colour Dash
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Last Day of Summer 1 – non-uniform day
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET day
<b>June</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	First day of Summer 1
1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 5 residential
1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplications Checks
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Photos & Class Photographs
<b>July</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 residential
14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bikeability
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Summer 2 – non – uniform day
27 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day

Mr Whittle

Head Teacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher