



Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 12th June 2026

Welcome Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week at Mapplewells. Our Year 4 children have approached their Multiplication Tables Check with great focus and determination, whilst our Year 1 pupils have worked incredibly hard during their Phonics Screening—both year groups have shown real resilience and should be very proud of their efforts.

The British weather has certainly made its presence known this week, with plenty of rain around! We remain hopeful that as we move further into the summer term, we will begin to see some brighter, warmer days ahead—just in time for all of our upcoming events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Read on for all things Mapplewells...

Attendance

Our current school attendance after 33 weeks is 97.2%. Our current attendance by class is:

Birch 99%

Elder 98%

Elm 97%

Hawthorn 98%

Hazel 97%

Juniper 97%

Maple 97%

Oak 97%

Pine 97%

Rowan 95%

Willow 96%

Well done to Birch class on their fantastic attendance this week! Let's keep striving to improve our attendance, to exceed that figure of 97.2%.



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 - Maddison

Birch - Anna

Elder - Stanley

Hawthorn - Jessica

Hazel - Noah

Maple - Jasper

Oak - Riley

Pine - Lucy Mae

Rowan - Lexi

Willow - Willow



Headteacher's 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 week's recipients of a Headteacher's Award are:

- **Theo** - for showing what it means to be a Mapplewellian; sharing and supporting his friends.

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

Action Needed – Children's Commissioner's Big Survey

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, would like to hear from children in every school and college, in every community, across the country. Without hearing from our pupils,

their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, Dame Rachel de Souza can take the voices of students directly to the centre of government. In her final survey, *The Big Future*, she wants to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today. She is asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future.

I am asking for your support in ensuring children from our school take part here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>



Year 4 Multiplications Check

We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children for the maturity, determination and resilience they have shown this week as they have completed their Multiplication Tables Check. They have approached the challenge with a positive attitude and a real sense of focus, demonstrating the hard work they have put into their learning throughout the year. Well done to all of Year 4—you should be very proud of yourselves and everything you have achieved.

Flying High Partnership Staff Awards

We are proud to be part of the Flying High Trust and are delighted to once again take part in the **Flying High Staff Awards**, which celebrate the dedication and impact of staff across our school community. Parents and carers play a key role in recognising the difference our team makes,

and we would love to hear from you. You can nominate a member of staff for one of the following awards:

- **Special Recognition Award:** For someone who quietly goes above and beyond, making a lasting impact without seeking recognition
- **Community Impact Award:** For someone who makes a meaningful difference in their local community and brings Flying High values beyond the school gates
- **Partnership Collaboration Award:** For someone who works across schools or teams to share, support and strengthen our partnership
- **Empowering Children Award:** For someone who inspires and enables children to thrive—academically, socially and emotionally

If a member of staff has supported your child, gone the extra mile, or made a positive difference to your family, please consider submitting a nomination using the link below. Your kind words mean a great deal and help celebrate the fantastic work of our Mapplewells team.

Flying High Partnership Staff Awards 2026 – Nominate Now! – Fill in form¹

Online Safety

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Sports Betting Online

Sports betting has become increasingly visible across apps, websites, social platforms and sports coverage, making it easier for young people to encounter gambling messages before they are old enough to take part legally. This guide explores how betting content can appear through adverts, influencers, tipsters, friends, gaming spaces and even adult accounts.

It also highlights the risks of impulsive spending, chasing losses, ‘free bet’ offers and the way gambling can become normalised around sport. With practical advice on starting calm conversations, spotting warning signs, setting safer digital boundaries and finding support, the guide helps parents and educators approach the topic with confidence.

¹<https://forms.office.com/e/taN0jcPEKn>



Summer fair

As you will be aware our famous summer fair will be returning this year on Friday 3rd July 3.30-5.30pm. Can you help? To make the day a success, we are in need of items.

- Screw top wine bottles
- Bottle gift bags

The success of our events is reliant of the generosity of our volunteers who we appreciate so much. Therefore if you are able to help set up or help on a stall during the fair please come and see Miss Christie or send her a message on DOJO, your help will be greatly appreciated.

15 hours funded childcare places for 3 & 4 year olds

All three and four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of funded nursery education for 38 weeks of the year. Some 3 to 4-year-olds are eligible for 30 hours of free childcare a week. Check if you're eligible and find out how to apply².

Details about our Nursery/F1 provision can be found in our prospectus -

<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=159&type=pdf> or check out the posts on our dedicated instagram page @mapplewellseyfs

We have funded early education places available from September 2026. Registration forms are available on our school website

<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=44> or from Reception.



²<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working>

Year 5 residential

Last week Year 5 enjoyed a busy and exciting residential, taking part in weaselling, sky ropes, cargo nets and a night walk. Camping in tents during a thunderstorm was certainly a highlight, and the children approached every activity with confidence and determination.







Summer wear for summer fair - 19th June 2026

Friends of Mapplewells have organised a non uniform day on Friday 19th June 2026. This term, in lieu of a £1 donation, they are asking families to contribute an item towards a savoury hamper. These could include items such as crisps, chutneys, biscuits, olives, cider and beer or breadsticks for example. No nuts or perishable items please. Any donations can be handed to class teachers next Friday please.





2026-2027 Inset days

Please see below the inset days for next year:-

- Day 1 - 1st September 2026
- Day 2 - 2nd September 2026
- Day 3 - 26th July 2027
- Day 4 - 27th July 2027
- Day 5 - 28th July 2027

Term dates and other useful information can be found on our website -

<https://www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Useful+Information&pid=86&action=saved>



Adult Education and Training Opportunities

We have been working with West Notts College to provide career training, adult education and training opportunities for adults in our community. We are pleased to announce the first meeting will take place at **July 1st 5-6pm at Mapplewells**. Please complete the Forms if you would like to attend (this can be for you or a family member to get support), I'm offering it to our families first and then will be opening it up to the Ashfield area:

<https://forms.office.com/e/jWvHQhcz9b>

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Are you ready to take the next step in your career—or start a brand new journey?
WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU TAKE THAT STEP.

WHAT YOU'LL DISCOVER

- Flexible training programmes** designed to fit around your life
- Industry-recognised qualifications** to boost your confidence and employability
- Clear career pathways** to help you move forward—whether you're changing careers, upskilling, or returning to work

WHY ATTEND?

- Meet friendly staff in a supportive environment
- Gain advice tailored to you
- Take the first step toward a brighter future

BUILD A CAREER YOU'RE PROUD OF

Our expert tutors and advisors will be on hand to:

- Talk you through career options and progression routes
- Help you identify the right course for your goals
- Show how training can lead directly to new job opportunities and promotions

JOIN US!

We are working in partnership with West Notts College to provide opportunities and training for adults in our community.

Mapplewells Primary and Nursery School
Wednesday 1st July
5–6pm

YOUR POTENTIAL. OUR SUPPORT. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORMS.
We look forward to seeing you there!

No matter your starting point, West Notts College is here to support your journey every step of the way.

Key dates

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

Diary Dates	
2026	
June	
18 th June	Flying High Children's Awards
26 th June	Year 6 Leavers Photos & Class Photographs
July	
3 rd July	F1 trip to Matlock Farm Park
3 rd July	Summer Fair
6 th July	Sports Day (EYFS & KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon)
8 th – 10 th July	Year 6 residential
14 th – 17 th July	Year 6 Bikeability
16 th July	Summer disco
17 th July	Parent picnic
23 rd July	F2 trip to Bluebell Dairy
24 th July	Last Day of Summer 2 – non – uniform day
27 th July	INSET day

Mr Whittle

Head Teacher

Mr Latkowski

Deputy Headteacher